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Demographics

| Population | 20,250,834 |
| Annual births | 823,027 |
| Children under 5 | 3,605,514 (18%) |
| Under-five mortality | 94/1,000 |

Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 562/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 53%
- Violent discipline: 75%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 37%
- Preterm births: 12%
- Under-five stunting: 27%
- Inadequate supervision: 32%

Young children at risk of poor development

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At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Risk by sex and residence

- Girls: 32%
- Boys: 40%
- Rural: 57%
- Urban: 43%

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- 63%: Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Children with functional difficulty

- no data

Children developmentally on-track

- 62%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

Facilitating environments

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International conventions

- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 64%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 40%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 3%

Responsive caregiving

- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety

- Birth registration: 87%
- Positive discipline: 96%
- Basic drinking water: 78%
- Basic sanitation: 39%

DETAILED COUNTRY DATA SOURCES AND FOOTNOTES CAN BE FOUND IN THE MASTER DATABASE AT NURTURING-CARE.ORG