**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Mauritania**

**Demographics**
- Population: 4,649,660
- Annual births: 152,868
- Children under 5: 689,874 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 73/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 766/100,000
- Low birthweight: no data
- Child poverty: 10%
- Violent discipline: 71%

- Young mothers (births by 18y): 22%
- Preterm births: 15%
- Under-five stunting: 23%
- Inadequate supervision: 34%

**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**

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 68%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 40%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 14%

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

**Security and safety**

**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

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**Countdown to 2030**

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