**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Demographics**

Population: 31,255,435
Annual births: 1,152,670
Children under 5: 5,156,628 (16%)
Under-five mortality: 74/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 289/100,000
- Low birthweight: 14%
- Child poverty: 82%
- Under-five stunting: 14%
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- Violent discipline: no data
- Preterm births: 16%
- Under-five stunting: 42%
- Inadequate supervision: 33%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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

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**Support and services for early childhood development:**

**Nurturing care**

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**Facilitating environments**

**International conventions**

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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 69%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 41%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 13%
- 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: 55%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 76%
- Basic sanitation: 29%

**Policy interventions**

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**Children’s books in the home**

Children’s books in the home: 3%

**Children developmentally on-track**

- Boys: 90%
- Girls: 84%
- Rural: 61%
- Urban: 29%

**Children with functional difficulty**

- Boys: 95%
- Girls: 90%

**Children’s books in the home**

Children’s books in the home: 47%

**Early stimulation at home**

Early stimulation at home: 47%

**Careseeking for child pneumonia**

Careseeking for child pneumonia: 95%

**Postnatal visits**

Postnatal visits: no data

**Antenatal care**

Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 57%

**Responsive caregiving**

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**Early learning**

Early learning: 100%

- Children’s books in the home: 3%
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 95%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 95%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 57%
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Early stimulation at home: 47%

**Policies**

- None | 14 | 18 – 26 | ≥26 |
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- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection

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