**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

## Myanmar

### Demographics

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<th>Population</th>
<th>54,409,794</th>
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<td>Annual births</td>
<td>939,304</td>
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<td>Children under 5</td>
<td>4,508,556 (8%)</td>
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<td>Under-five mortality</td>
<td>45/1,000</td>
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### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<th>Maternal mortality</th>
<th>250/100,000</th>
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<td>Low birthweight</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Child poverty</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
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<th>Young mothers (births by 18y)</th>
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<td>Preterm births</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Under-five stunting</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>Inadequate supervision</td>
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### Risk by sex and residence

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Boys</th>
<th>Girls</th>
<th>Residence</th>
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<td>2005</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>2015</td>
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### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- Children with functional difficulty
- Children developmentally on-track

### 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

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 85%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 71%
- Postnatal visits: 59%
- Prenatal care: 58%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 85%

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 67%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 51%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 16%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 52%
- Playthings at home: 72%
- Children’s books in the home: 5%
- Attendance in early childhood education: 23%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 81%
- Positive discipline: 13%
- Basic drinking water: 82%
- Basic sanitation: 64%

### Comparative country data urgently needed

### Policies and Services

- None: 14 – 18 weeks
- Paid maternity leave (weeks)

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