# Early Childhood Development

## Nigeria

### Demographics

- Population: 206,139,587
- Annual births: 7,639,486
- Children under 5: 33,938,795 (16%)
- Under-five mortality: 117/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<td>Child poverty</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
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<td>Young mothers (births by 18y)</td>
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<td>Preterm births</td>
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<td>Under-five stunting</td>
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<td>Inadequate supervision</td>
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### Life Time Cost of Growth Deficit in Early Childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 64%

### Young Children at Risk of Poor Development

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

### 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

#### Policies

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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

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

### Facilitating Environments

- Early learning
  - Early stimulation at home
  - Playthings at home
  - Attendance in early childhood education
  - Children's books in the home
  - 63% of children

- Security and safety
  - Birth registration
  - Positive discipline
  - Basic drinking water
  - Basic sanitation

- Nutrition
  - Early initiation of breastfeeding
  - Exclusive breastfeeding
  - Minimum acceptable diet

- Health
  - Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
  - Careseeking for child pneumonia
  - Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
  - Postnatal visits

- Comparative country data urgently needed

### Count down to 2030

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health