EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

North Macedonia

Demographics

- Population: 2,083,380
- Annual births: 21,827
- Children under 5: 111,883 (5%)
- Under-five mortality: 6/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 7/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 69%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 2%
- Preterm births: 7%
- Under-five stunting: 5%
- Inadequate supervision: 5%

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

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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

Countdown to 2030

Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

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