**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Paraguay**

**Demographics**
- Population: 7,132,530
- Annual births: 143,305
- Children under 5: 701,092 (10%)
- Under-five mortality: 19/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 129/100,000
- Low birthweight: 8%
- Child poverty: 2%
- Violent discipline: 61%

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

**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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**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 50%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 30%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 40%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 69%
- Positive discipline: 30%
- Basic drinking water: 100%
- Basic sanitation: 90%

**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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