**Republic of Moldova**

### Demographics
- **Population**: 4,033,963
- **Annual births**: 39,360
- **Children under 5**: 202,520 (5%)
- **Under-five mortality**: 14/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<td>Maternal mortality</td>
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<td>Low birthweight</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Child poverty</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
<td>76%</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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### 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**
- Paid maternity leave (weeks):
  - None 14, 14 – 18, 18 – 26, ≥26

**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

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

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