EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Rwanda

Demographics
Population: 12,952,209
Annual births: 397,657
Children under 5: 1,885,105 (15%)
Under-five mortality: 34/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality: 248/100,000
Low birthweight: 8%
Child poverty: 68%
Violent discipline: no data

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

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Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding: 80%
Exclusive breastfeeding: 87%
Minimum acceptable diet: 18%

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

International conventions
• Convention on the Rights of the Child
• Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
• CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
• Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption