Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Demographics
Population
Annual births
Children under 5
Under-five mortality

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality
Low birthweight
Child poverty
Violent discipline

Young mothers (births by 18y)
Preterm births
Under-five stunting
Inadequate supervision

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
Exclusive breastfeeding
Minimum acceptable diet

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

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

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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Countdown to 2030
Women’s, Children’s & Adolescents’ Health

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

DETAILED COUNTRY DATA SOURCES AND FOOTNOTES CAN BE FOUND IN THE MASTER DATABASE AT NURTURING-CARE.ORG