EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Saudi Arabia

Demographics
Population 34,813,867
Annual births 585,170
Children under 5 2,978,337 (9%)
Under-five mortality 7/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 17/100,000
Low birthweight no data
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data
Young mothers (births by 18y) no data
Preterm births 6%
Under-five stunting 9%
Inadequate supervision no data

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 |
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| ✔ 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 |

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding no data
Exclusive breastfeeding no data
Minimum acceptable diet no data

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women no data
Careseeking for child pneumonia no data
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) no data
Postnatal visits no data

Early learning
Early stimulation at home no data
Children’s books in the home no data
Playthings at home no data
Attendance in early childhood education no data

Security and safety
Birth registration no data
Positive discipline no data
Basic drinking water 100
Basic sanitation 100

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

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