Slovakia

Demographics

Population 5,459,643
Annual births 55,643
Children under 5 283,691 (5%)
Under-five mortality 6/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality 5/100,000
Low birthweight 8%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline no data

Young mothers (births by 18y) no data
Preterm births 6%
Under-five stunting no data
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

- 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

Nurturing care

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia
Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
Postnatal visits
Minimum acceptable diet

Healthy

Early initiation of breastfeeding
Exclusive breastfeeding

Nutrition

Early childhood education
Attendance in early childhood education
Playthings at home

Responsive caregiving

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

Comparative country data urgently needed

Children with functional difficulty

Children developmentally on-track

At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty