Early Childhood Development

Solomon Islands

Demographics
Population: 686,878
Annual births: 21,589
Children under 5: 103,156 (15%)
Under-five mortality: 20/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality: 104/100,000
Low birthweight: no data
Child poverty: no data
Violent discipline: 85%
Young mothers (births by 18y): 15%
Preterm births: 12%
Under-five stunting: 32%
Inadequate supervision: no data

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

Health
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 79%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 69%
- Postnatal visits: 69%

Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 79%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 76%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Early Learning
- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

Security and safety
- Birth registration: 14
- Positive discipline: 13
- Basic drinking water: 34
- Basic sanitation: 68

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
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

Detailed country data sources and footnotes can be found in the master database at NURTURING-CARE.ORG