**Somalia**

### Demographics

- **Population**: 15,893,219
- **Annual births**: 660,094
- **Children under 5**: 2,826,505 (18%)
- **Under-five mortality**: 117/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- **Maternal mortality**: 829/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: no data
- **Child poverty**: no data
- **Violent discipline**: no data
- **Young mothers (births by 18y)**: no data
- **Preterm births**: 12%
- **Under-five stunting**: 25%
- **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

### Risk by sex and residence

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- **Girls**: 142%
- **Boys**: 6%

### Health

- **Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women**: 24%
- **Careseeking for child pneumonia**: 79%
- **Antenatal care (4 or more visits)**: 32%
- **Postnatal visits**: 79%
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 23%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 5%

### Nutrition

- **Minimum acceptable diet**: no data
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 23%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 5%

### Early learning

- **Children’s books in the home**: no data
- **Playthings at home**: no data
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: 79%

### Responsive caregiving

- **Public information about ECD**: no data
- **Parental mental health**: no data
- **Parent support (groups, home visits)**: no data
- **Quality child day care**: no data

### Security and safety

- **Birth registration**: 3
- **Positive discipline**: no data
- **Basic drinking water**: 52
- **Basic sanitation**: 38

### Policies

- **None**: Paid maternity leave (weeks)
- **14 – 18**: Paid paternity leave (weeks)

### Facilitating environments

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.

### 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**