Sri Lanka

**Demographics**
- Population: 21,413,250
- Annual births: 326,419
- Children under 5: 1,660,410 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 7/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 36/100,000
- Low birthweight: 16%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

**Young children at risk of poor development**

**Risk by sex and residence**

**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**
- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- 24%

**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**

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

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**Health**
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
- Careseeking for child pneumonia
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits)
- Postnatal visits
- Early initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Minimum acceptable diet

**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

**Early learning**
- Early stimulation at home
- Playthings at home
- Attendance in early childhood education

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