State of Palestine

Demographics

- Population: 5,101,416
- Annual births: 144,176
- Children under 5: 692,913 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 19/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 27/100,000
- Low birthweight: 8%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 92%

Young mothers (births by 18y): 22%

Preterm births: no data

Under-five stunting: 7%

Inadequate supervision: 14%

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

- 0% to 100%

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- 23%

Children with functional difficulty

- no data

Children developmentally on-track

- 72%

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

Policies

- Paid maternity leave (weeks)
- Paid paternity leave (weeks)
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection

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

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

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