**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Togo**

**Demographics**

- Population: 8,278,737
- Annual births: 268,061
- Children under 5: 1,220,060 (15%)
- Under-five mortality: 67/1,000

**Young children at risk of poor development**

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2005</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>2015</td>
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At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**

- Maternal mortality: 396/100,000
- Low birthweight: 16%
- Child poverty: 45%
- Violent discipline: 86%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 17%
- Preterm births: 13%
- Under-five stunting: 24%
- Inadequate supervision: 29%

**Risk by sex and residence**

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**Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood**

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: 56%

**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)
  - None
  - 14
  - 14 – 18
  - 18 – 26
  - ≥26

- Paid paternity leave (weeks)
  - None
  - 14
  - 14 – 18
  - 18 – 26
  - ≥26

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 48%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 64%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 12%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 83%
- Positive discipline: 7%
- Basic drinking water: 65%
- Basic sanitation: 16%

**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