Tunisia

Demographics
Population 11,818,618
Annual births 195,883
Children under 5 1,004,154 (8%)
Under-five mortality 17/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 43/100,000
Low birthweight 7%
Child poverty no data
Violent discipline 84%
Young mothers (births by 18y) 1%
Preterm births 9%
Under-five stunting 8%
Inadequate supervision 13%

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

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Security and safety
Birth registration 100%
Positive discipline 9%
Basic drinking water 96%
Basic sanitation 91%

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding 32%
Exclusive breastfeeding 14%
Minimum acceptable diet 55%

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