EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

**Ukraine**

### Demographics

- **Population**: 43,733,759
- **Annual births**: 395,731
- **Children under 5**: 2,113,850 (5%)
- **Under-five mortality**: 8/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 19/100,000
- Low birthweight: 6%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: 53%
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 4%
- Preterm births: 7%
- Under-five stunting: 23%
- Inadequate supervision: 7%

### 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

- **Girls**: Estimated in terms of % loss of annual adult wage
- **Boys**: Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

### 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

#### Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: 91%
- Children’s books in the home: 98%
- Playthings at home: 52%

#### Health

- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 92%
- Postnatal visits: 96%
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: 87%
- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 92%

#### Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 66%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 20%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 66%

#### Security and safety

- Birth registration: 100%
- Basic drinking water: 94%
- Basic sanitation: 96%

### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

### 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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