**Early Childhood Development**

### United Kingdom

#### Demographics

- **Population:** 67,886,004
- **Annual births:** 771,427
- **Children under 5:** 3,924,490 (6%)
- **Under-five mortality:** 4,100

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

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<th>Threat</th>
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<td>Maternal mortality</td>
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<td>Low birthweight</td>
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<td>Child poverty</td>
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<td>Violent discipline</td>
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<td>Young mothers (births by 18y)</td>
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<td>Preterm births</td>
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<td>Under-five stunting</td>
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<td>Inadequate supervision</td>
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#### Young children at risk of poor development

- 2005: no data
- 2010: no data
- 2015: no data

At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

#### 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**
  - None
  - Paid maternity leave (weeks)
    - None

- **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

### Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Antenatal care: no data
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Responsive caregiving
  - Public information about ECD
  - Parental mental health
  - Parent support (groups, home visits)
  - Quality child day care

### Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: no data
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

### Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: no data
- Playthings at home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: no data

### Security and safety

- Birth registration: 100
- Positive discipline: 100
- Basic drinking water: 99
- Basic sanitation: 100

### Comparative country data urgently needed

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