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Demographics
Population 307,150
Annual births 8,838
Children under 5 42,080 (14%)
Under-five mortality 26/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Risk by sex and residence

Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

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

Health
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women
Careseeking for child pneumonia no data
Antenatal care (4 or more visits) 72%
Postnatal visits no data

Early learning
Early stimulation at home no data
Children’s books in the home no data
Playthings at home no data
Attendance in early childhood education no data

Nutrition
Early initiation of breastfeeding 86%
Exclusive breastfeeding 72%
Minimum acceptable diet no data

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

Security and safety
Birth registration 43%
Positive discipline 7%
Basic drinking water 91%
Basic sanitation 34%

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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Threats to Early Childhood Development
Maternal mortality 72/100,000
Low birthweight 11%
Child poverty 18%
Violent discipline 86%

Young mothers (births by 18y) 13%
Preterm births 13%
Under-five stunting 29%
Inadequate supervision no data

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

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

Not  Slightly Moderately Substantially
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)
✓ National minimum wage
✓ Child and family social protection
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