**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)**

**Demographics**
- Population: 28,435,943
- Annual births: 508,883
- Children under 5: 2,363,409 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 24/1,000

**Threats to Early Childhood Development**
- Maternal mortality: 125/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): 24%
- Preterm births: 8%
- Under-five stunting: 13%
- Inadequate supervision: no data

**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

**Nutrition**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 0%
- 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: 81%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 96%
- Basic sanitation: 94%

**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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