**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### Yemen

#### Demographics
- **Population**: 29,825,968
- **Annual births**: 874,561
- **Children under 5**: 4,115,306 (14%)
- **Under-five mortality**: 58/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

**Maternal mortality**: 164/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: no data
- **Child poverty**: 21%
- **Violent discipline**: 79%
- **Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 17%
- **Preterm births**: 13%
- **Under-five stunting**: 46%
- **Inadequate supervision**: 34%

#### Young children at risk of poor development

- **Risk by sex and residence**

#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

**Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage**

**Children with functional difficulty**

**Children developmentally on-track**

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### 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

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#### 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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**Nutrition**

- **Early initiation of breastfeeding**: 53%
- **Exclusive breastfeeding**: 10%
- **Minimum acceptable diet**: 15%

**Responsive caregiving**

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

**Comparative country data urgently needed**

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**Early childhood education**

- **Children’s books in the home**: 33%
- **Playthings at home**: 49%
- **Attendance in early childhood education**: 3%