**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

### Zimbabwe

#### Demographics
- Population: 14,862,927
- Annual births: 431,769
- Children under 5: 2,097,448 (14%)
- Under-five mortality: 55/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

**Maternal mortality**: 458/100,000
- Low birthweight: 13%
- Child poverty: 23%
- Violent discipline: 63%

**Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 24%
- Preterm births: 17%
- Under-five stunting: 23%
- Inadequate supervision: 20%

#### 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.

#### Health

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 91%
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 57%
- Postnatal visits: 72%

#### Early learning

- Early stimulation at home: 37%
- Playthings at home: 69%
- Children’s books in the home: 3%

#### Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 59%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 42%

#### Security and safety

- Birth registration: 49%
- Positive discipline: 18%
- Basic drinking water: 64%
- Basic sanitation: 36%

#### 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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