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Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

Demographics

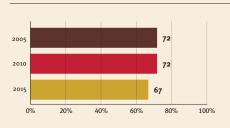
Population	2,159,067
Annual births	55,176
Children under 5	254,703 (12%)
Under-five mortality	86/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	544/100,000
Low birthweight	15%
Child poverty	54%
Violent discipline	83%

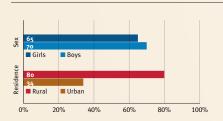
Adoles	cent birth rate	91/1,000
Preterr	n births	12%
Under-	five stunting	32%
Inadeq	uate supervision	17%

Young children at risk of poor development

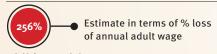


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Risk by sex and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



Children with functional difficulty

Children developmentally on-track

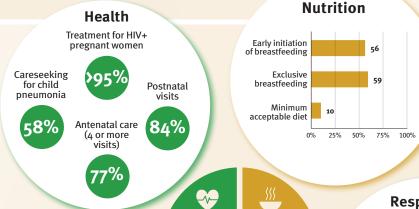


Support and services for early childhood development:

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



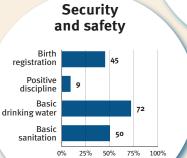
Early learning Early stimulation

at home

Children's books in the home Playthings at home Attendance in early childhood education

46%





Responsive caregiving

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

Comparative country data urgently

Policies						
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26		
Paid maternity leave (weeks)						
None	<14	14 - <18	18 – <26	≥26		
Paid paternity leave (weeks)						
Not	Slight	tly Mo	derately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)						

National minimum wage

Child and family social protection

International conventions

- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption