EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



Vanuatu

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

Demographics

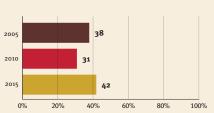
Population	314,464
Annual births	8,925
Children under 5	43,095 (14%)
Under-five mortality	26/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	72/100,000
Low birthweight	11%
Child poverty	18%
Violent discipline	86%

Adolescent birth rate	51/1,000
Preterm births	13%
Under-five stunting	29%
Inadequate supervision	no data

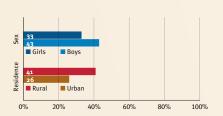
Young children at risk of poor development



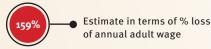
At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite

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

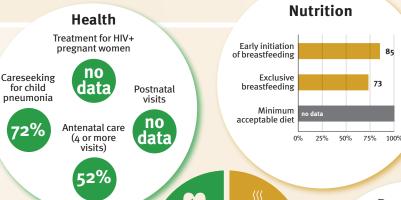


Support and services for early childhood development:

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 no

no

data

data Attendance in early childhood education

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home no data

8 Playthings at

Security



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	Substantiall	y	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (ali						nt)	

National minimum wage

Child and family social protection



- 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