



State of Palestine

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

Demographics

Population	5,250,072
Annual births	145,449
Children under 5	711,631 (14%)
Under-five mortality	15/1,000

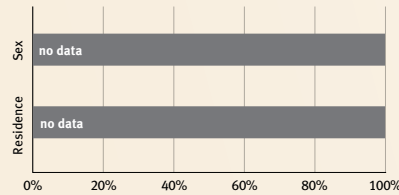
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	20/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	43/1,000
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	no data
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	8%
Violent discipline	85%	Inadequate supervision	14%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty



Children developmentally on-track



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

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				
✓	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy				
Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

- Careseeking for child pneumonia: **77%**
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): **95%**
- Postnatal visits: **89%**
- no data

Nutrition

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: **41%**
- Exclusive breastfeeding: **39%**
- Minimum acceptable diet: **31%**

Early learning

- Children's books in the home: **12%**
- Early stimulation at home: **76%**
- Playthings at home: **73%**
- Attendance in early childhood education: **34%**

Security and safety

- Birth registration: **99%**
- Positive discipline: **10%**
- Basic drinking water: **no data**
- Basic sanitation: **98%**
- 99%

Responsive caregiving

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

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