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FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Country profiles

for early childhood development

AFRICA



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Introduction

These profiles are an important step towards establishing a monitoring and accountability system for early childhood development (ECD), affiliated with the Countdown to 2030 for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (www.countdown2030.org).

The decision to assemble available data in country profiles was first taken by authors of the *Lancet* series 'Advancing Early Childhood Development: From Science to Scale', during its 2016 launch. The initiative was carried forward by a subgroup supporting the Nurturing Care Framework developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and partners.

The profiles are an attempt to compile, in one place, the available data for country and cross-country monitoring and to provide a baseline against which progress can be monitored. More comparable country data and analysis are needed to propel the early childhood development agenda, monitor impact, direct attention to areas requiring additional effort and resources, and measure progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Progress is being made, and opportunities exist for further analyses with currently available data. For example, with adequate resources, country micro-data could be disaggregated further. Nevertheless, the country profiles draw attention to significant gaps, especially in extracting data pertaining to the youngest children and measuring services to improve nurturing care. It is hoped that the country profiles will prompt advocacy and action to refine measurement parameters and to collect comparable country data.

How the profiles were developed

Authors of the *Lancet* series collaborated on the initial selection of countries and indicators. Several authors contributed new or additional analyses. For example, the Composite Risk Index used to estimate the number of children under 5 years of age at risk for poor early childhood development was updated using the poverty line published by the World Bank, extending the trend from 2005 to 2010 to 2015.

Updates on progress on the selection and refinement of countries and indicators were presented at several meetings: one at an early childhood development guidance meeting in Geneva in June 2017, and another during the Countdown to 2030 Measurement Conference in Stellenbosch, South Africa, in February 2018. Following this, the Nurturing Care ECD Metric Joint Technical Working Group was formally established in September 2018. The working group provided input for the preparation of the updated profiles.

Following the release of the initial set of country profiles in May 2018, a decision was taken by the Steering Committee of Countdown to 2030 to have UNICEF serve as the institutional home of the Countdown to 2030 ECD country profiles and to take the lead in their preparation and subsequent updating.

Data from the sources listed in the Technical Appendix were compiled into a master database, with detailed information on country-specific data sources and footnotes. A flat Excel spreadsheet, summarizing the information into a single file, was created to populate the country profiles and is available on the Nurturing Care website (www.nurturing-care.org).

Countries

A full set of profiles for 197 countries are updated and released every two years. This regional package includes profiles for the 54 countries on the African continent.

Regional profiles

This publication also includes profiles for the 5 regions as defined by the African Union: Central Africa, Eastern Africa, Northern Africa, Southern Africa and Western Africa. The countries within each region are listed on the regional profiles.

The estimates included on the regional profiles are population-weighted averages of the available data for countries in the region that fall within a specific reference period (which differs across indicators). Such estimates are only included when the available country data represent at least 50 per cent of the regional population. For the policy and convention indicators, the regional profiles present the proportion of countries within the region falling into the various subcategories.

^{1.} World Health Organization, *Global Nutrition Policy Review: What does it take to scale up nutrition action?*, WHO, Geneva, 2013, <<https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/84408>>.

^{2.} World Bank, *Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2016: Taking on inequality*, World Bank, Washington, D.C., 2016, <<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25078/9781464809583.pdf>>.

Indicators

Indicators were included based on the following criteria:

- 1 The data relate to the conceptual framework for early childhood development published in the *Lancet* series. That is, the data provide information on threats to early childhood development, aspects of the facilitating environment, or on support and services in the five components of the Nurturing Care Framework: health, nutrition, early learning, responsive caregiving, and security and safety.
- 2 The data are largely comparable across countries and are compiled from publicly available global indicator databases primarily maintained by UN agencies and, for a small subset of indicators, from peer-reviewed publications with supplementary annexes that include country-level data.

Definitions of the indicators and data sources are provided in the Technical Appendix.

Two household surveys are the main data sources – Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), supported by the United States Agency for International Development, and Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), supported by UNICEF. Additional data sources include other nationally representative household surveys, censuses and administrative records, as indicated. While the original intention was to have all data refer to children under the age of 5 years, and even under 3 years where possible, this could not be accomplished for all indicators without significant additional time and resources. Definitions make clear the parameters of the indicators – by year/s and age group.

Many more indicators are needed to track threats to early childhood development, financing, responsive caregiving in the home and coverage of services to improve early childhood development. Some of these are referred to in the indicator list in the Technical Appendix. That said, the data presented on the following pages can help generate the motivation, advocacy and additional resources needed for new comparable cross-country data collection through DHS and MICS, as well as through other national household surveys.

How the profiles are organized

Indicators have been assembled on the country pages as follows:

- Demographics providing basic information about the country.
- Threats to early childhood development indexed by maternal mortality, adolescent birth rate, low birthweight and preterm births, inadequate supervision, violent discipline, stunting, and children under 5 years of age living in poverty.

- The prevalence of inequality among children at risk of poor development, indexed by the composite indicator of the prevalence of children exposed to stunting or extreme poverty in 2005, 2010 and 2015, and differences in prevalence between boys and girls and between children living in urban and rural areas (based on surveys conducted between 2006 and 2015).
- Early childhood development outcomes, as measured by the Early Childhood Development Index.
- Child functioning, as measured by the UNICEF/Washington Group Module on Child Functioning.
- Support and services for early childhood development indexed by the five components of the Nurturing Care Framework described in the *Lancet* series, and by indicators of the facilitating environment of laws, conventions and policies.
 - Nurturing care comprises five essential elements: health, early learning, security and safety, responsive caregiving and nutrition.
 - The facilitating environment is indicated by relevant policies and conventions:
 - Policies for which there are comparable country data relevant to early childhood development include those related to duration of maternity and paternity leave and children/households receiving child/family cash benefits, whether a country has an officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy, and the legal status of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes.
 - International conventions, specifically the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption.

Next steps

The country profiles are intended to be used by countries to raise awareness about early childhood development, to disseminate information, and to advocate for resources, services and data to improve early childhood development.

Funding needs to be mobilized to support data collection and country, regional and global analyses that can contribute to knowledge and progress in improving children's prospects during this formative stage of life.

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Regional and country profiles



CENTRAL AFRICA

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

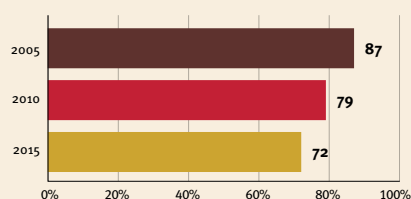
Demographics

Population	186,121,579
Annual births	7,354,783
Children under 5	32,617,169 (18%)
Under-five mortality	73/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

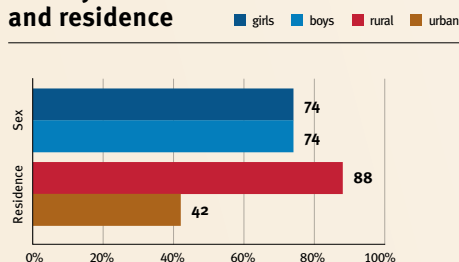
Maternal mortality	496/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	108/1,000
Low birthweight	11%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	64%	Under-five stunting	40%
Violent discipline	84%	Inadequate supervision	48%

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

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage	no data
Children with functional difficulty	no data
Children developmentally on-track	53%

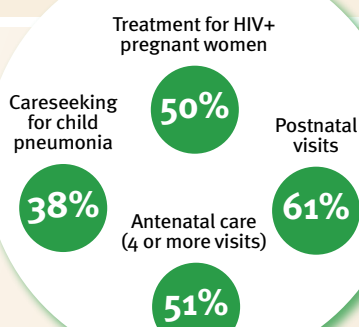
Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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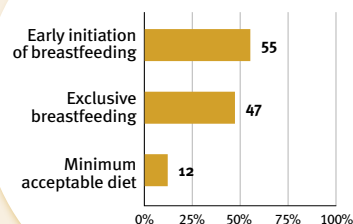
Facilitating environments

Policies (% of countries with policies)					
None	-	<14	22%	14 - <18	78%
Maternity leave (weeks)				18 - <26	-
None	33%	<14	67%	14 - <18	-
Paternity leave (weeks)				18 - <26	-
None	33%	Slightly	11%	Moderately	44%
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				Substantially	11%
No data	22%	<20	67%	20-39%	11%
Child and family social protection				40-59%	-
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy				60-79%	-
					44%

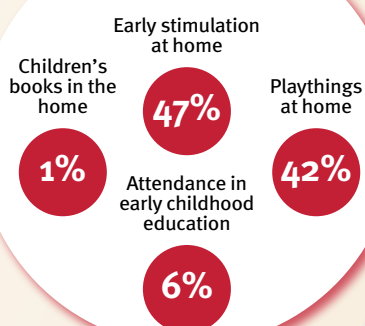
Health



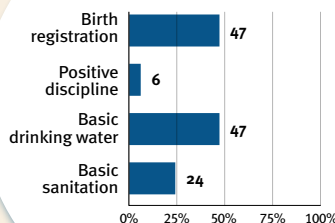
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



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 (% of countries signing or ratifying)

100%	Convention on the Rights of the Child
100%	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
100%	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
22%	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



EASTERN AFRICA

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

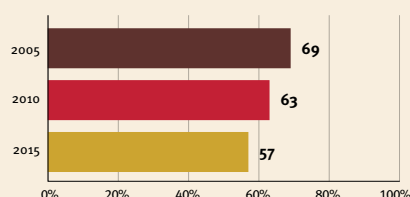
Demographics

Population	430,790,533
Annual births	14,031,797
Children under 5	64,890,347 (15%)
Under-five mortality	49/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

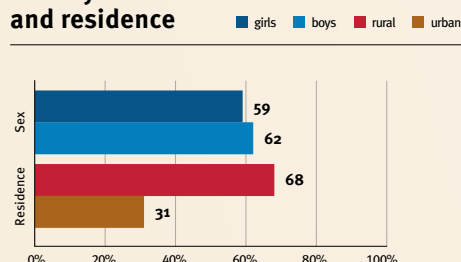
Maternal mortality	285/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	84/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	41%	Under-five stunting	30%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage	no data
Children with functional difficulty	no data
Children developmentally on-track	63%

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 (% of countries with policies)									
None	-	<14	50%	14 – <18	43%	18 – <26	-	≥26	7%
Maternity leave (weeks)									
None	36%	<14	64%	14 – <18	-	18 – <26	-	≥26	-
Paternity leave (weeks)									
Not	29%	Slightly	21%	Moderately	21%	Substantially	29%		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)									
No data	36%	<20	57%	20-39%	7%	40-59%	-	60-79%	-
Child and family social protection									
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy									71%

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

97%

Postnatal visits

53%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

53%

55%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

70

Exclusive breastfeeding

59

Minimum acceptable diet

14

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

Children's books in the home

no data

no data

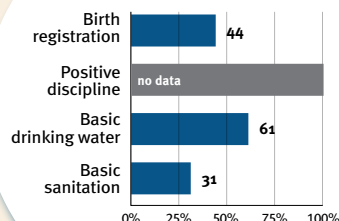
Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Security and safety



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 (% of countries signing or ratifying)

100%	Convention on the Rights of the Child
93%	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
93%	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
36%	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



NORTHERN AFRICA

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

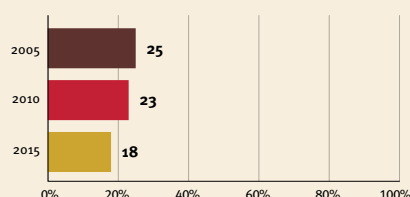
Demographics

Population	224,656,109
Annual births	4,405,659
Children under 5	21,872,675 (10%)
Under-five mortality	19/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

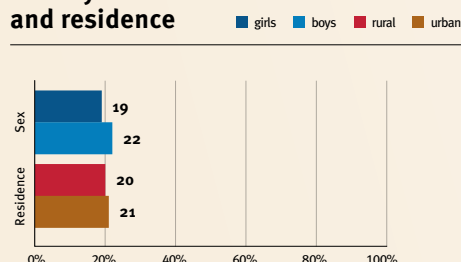
Maternal mortality	52/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	32/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	8%
Child poverty	1%	Under-five stunting	12%
Violent discipline	79%	Inadequate supervision	no data

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

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage	no data
Children with functional difficulty	no data
Children developmentally on-track	no data

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 (% of countries with policies)					
None	-	<14	33%	14 - <18	67%
Maternity leave (weeks)				18 - <26	-
None	50%	<14	50%	14 - <18	-
Paternity leave (weeks)				18 - <26	-
Not	33%	Slightly	33%	Moderately	17%
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				Substantially	17%
No data	-	<20	17%	20-39	33%
Child and family social protection				40-59	17%
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy				60-79	33%
					50%

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

47%

Postnatal visits

83%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

83%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

Children's books in the home

no data

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

38%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

35%

Exclusive breastfeeding

36%

Minimum acceptable diet

25%

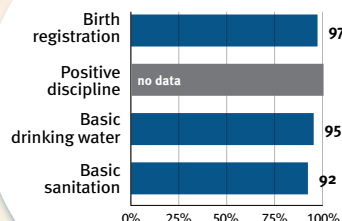
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions (% of countries signing or ratifying)

100%	Convention on the Rights of the Child
100%	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
100%	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
0%	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



SOUTHERN AFRICA

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

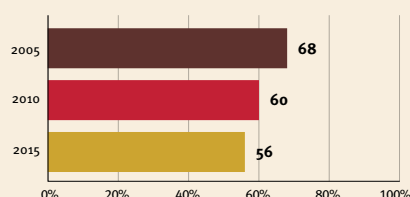
Demographics

Population	163,188,549
Annual births	4,497,729
Children under 5	21,168,536 (13%)
Under-five mortality	50/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

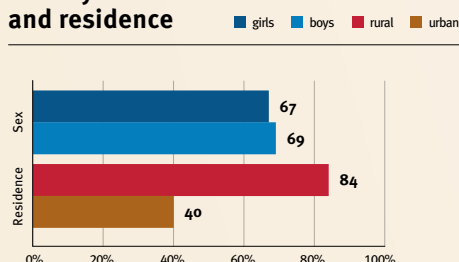
Maternal mortality	171/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	107/1,000
Low birthweight	15%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	55%	Under-five stunting	34%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage	no data
Children with functional difficulty	no data
Children developmentally on-track	no data

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 (% of countries with policies)					
None	-	<14	70%	14 - <18	30%
Maternity leave (weeks)				18 - <26	-
None	60%	<14	40%	14 - <18	-
Paternity leave (weeks)				18 - <26	-
Not	40%	Slightly	-	Moderately	30%
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				Substantially	30%
No data	-	<20%	50%	20-39%	30%
Child and family social protection				40-59%	-
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy				60-79%	20%
				80%	

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

93%

Postnatal visits

64%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

67%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

24%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

69

Exclusive breastfeeding

57

Minimum acceptable diet

14

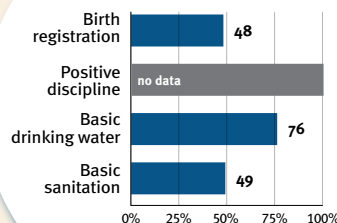
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions (% of countries signing or ratifying)

100%	Convention on the Rights of the Child
100%	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
100%	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
50%	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



WESTERN AFRICA

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

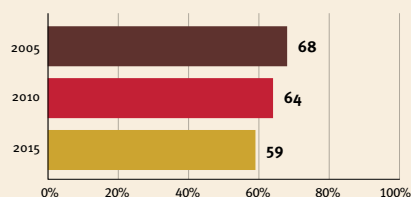
Demographics

Population	446,034,201
Annual births	14,679,333
Children under 5	66,057,797 (15%)
Under-five mortality	91/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

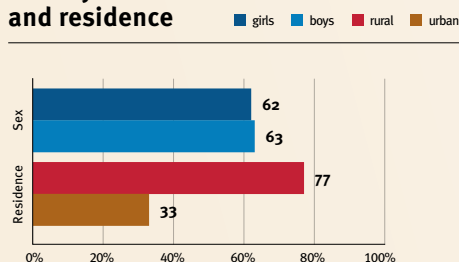
Maternal mortality	741/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	91/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	48%	Under-five stunting	30%
Violent discipline	83%	Inadequate supervision	38%

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

Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage	no data
Children with functional difficulty	no data
Children developmentally on-track	51%

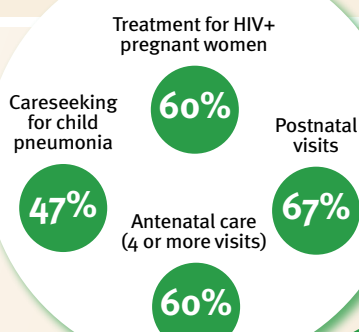
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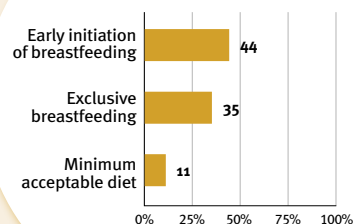
Facilitating environments

Policies (% of countries with policies)									
None	-	<14	33%	14 – <18	60%	18 – <26	-	≥26	7
Maternity leave (weeks)									
None	33%	<14	67%	14 – <18	-	18 – <26	-	≥26	-
Paternity leave (weeks)									
Not	20%	Slightly	20%	Moderately	20%	Substantially	40%		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)									
No data	7%	<20%	67%	20-39%	13%	40-59%	7%	60-79%	7%
Child and family social protection									
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy									73%

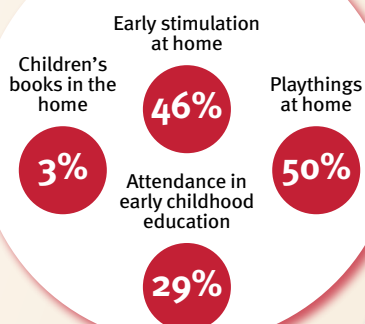
Health



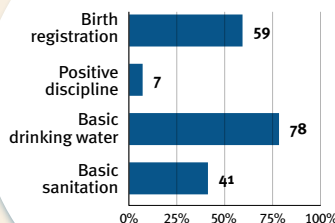
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



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 (% of countries signing or ratifying)

100%	Convention on the Rights of the Child
100%	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
100%	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
67%	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



Algeria

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

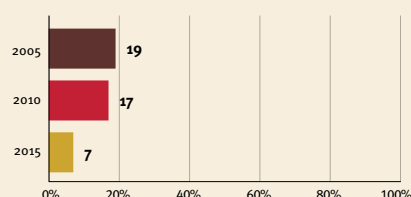
Demographics

Population	46,497,095
Annual births	881,823
Children under 5	4,632,996 (10%)
Under-five mortality	22/1,000

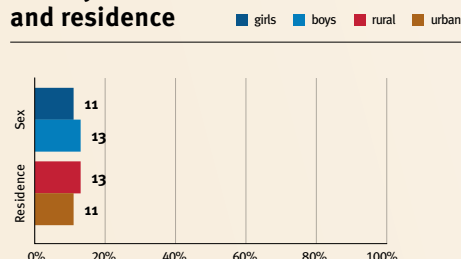
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	62/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	11/1,000
Low birthweight	7%	Preterm births	7%
Child poverty	0%	Under-five stunting	9%
Violent discipline	81%	Inadequate supervision	13%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

3%

Children developmentally on-track

77%

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

26%

Postnatal visits

88%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

70%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

61%

Children's books in the home

8%

Playthings at home

49%

Attendance in early childhood education

14%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

33%

Exclusive breastfeeding

29%

Minimum acceptable diet

19%

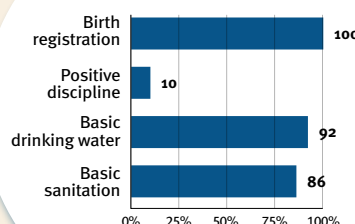
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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X	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



Angola

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

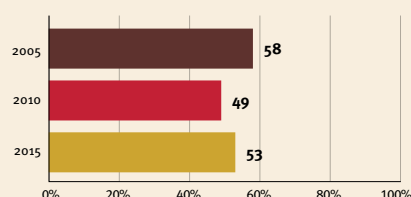
Demographics

Population	37,312,856
Annual births	1,407,760
Children under 5	6,349,609 (17%)
Under-five mortality	64/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

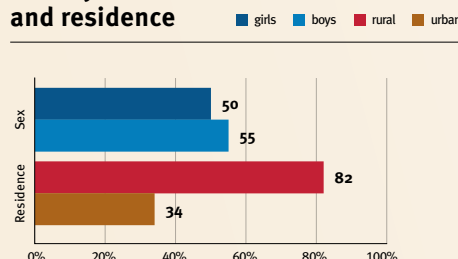
Maternal mortality	183/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	163/1,000
Low birthweight	16%	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	29%	Under-five stunting	48%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

86%

Postnatal visits

23%

49%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

61%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

48

Exclusive breastfeeding

37

Minimum acceptable diet

12

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

12%

Security and safety

Birth registration

25

Positive discipline

no data

Basic drinking water

68

Basic sanitation

no data

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

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Benin

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

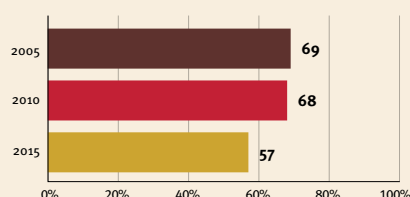
Demographics

Population	14,287,903
Annual births	483,336
Children under 5	2,200,875 (15%)
Under-five mortality	78/1,000

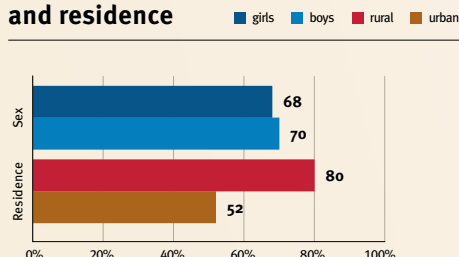
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	518/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	77/1,000
Low birthweight	16%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	50%	Under-five stunting	33%
Violent discipline	81%	Inadequate supervision	29%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

9%

Children developmentally on-track

41%

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

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
None	≤14	14 – ≤18	18 – ≤26	≥26
Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

90%

Careseeking for child pneumonia

35%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

53%

Postnatal visits

76%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

54

Exclusive breastfeeding

41

Minimum acceptable diet

9

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

39%

Children's books in the home

2%

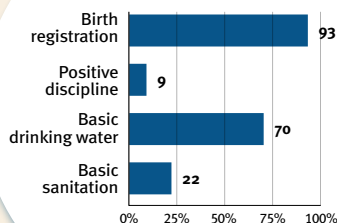
Attendance in early childhood education

13%

Playthings at home

55%

Security and safety



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

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Botswana

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

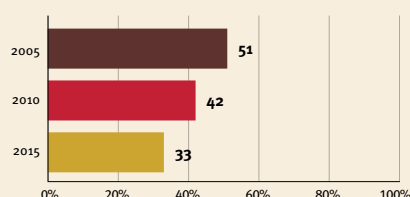
Demographics

Population	2,500,552
Annual births	61,418
Children under 5	297,355 (12%)
Under-five mortality	40/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

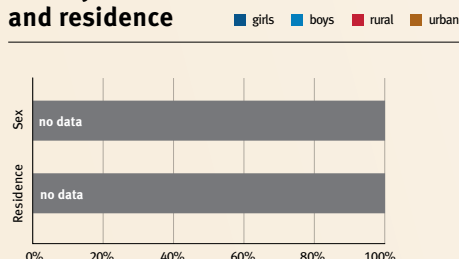
Maternal mortality	155/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	48/1,000
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	15%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	21%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

14%

95%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

73%

Postnatal visits

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

53

Exclusive breastfeeding

30

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

Children's books in the home

no data

no data

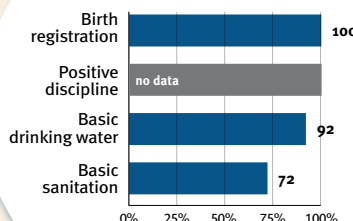
Attendance in early childhood education

24%

Playthings at home

no data

Security and safety



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

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Burkina Faso

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

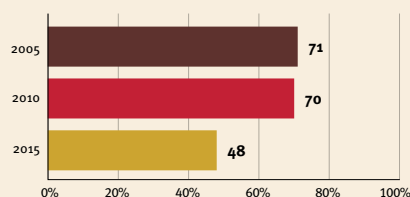
Demographics

Population	23,285,916
Annual births	737,914
Children under 5	3,360,281 (14%)
Under-five mortality	77/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

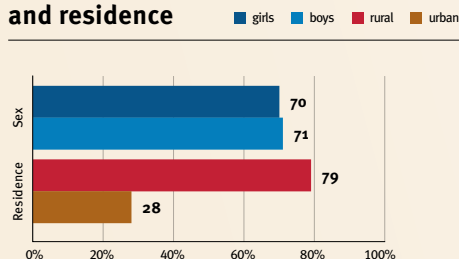
Maternal mortality	242/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	93/1,000
Low birthweight	18%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	59%	Under-five stunting	20%
Violent discipline	66%	Inadequate supervision	no data

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

69%

Postnatal visits

79%

77%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

72%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

60

Exclusive breastfeeding

51

Minimum acceptable diet

11

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

14%

Playthings at home

no data

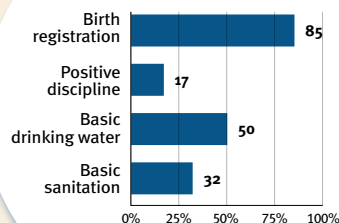
Children's books in the home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

3%

Security and safety



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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Burundi

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

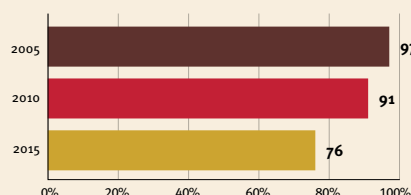
Demographics

Population	13,874,901
Annual births	466,545
Children under 5	2,186,591 (16%)
Under-five mortality	49/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

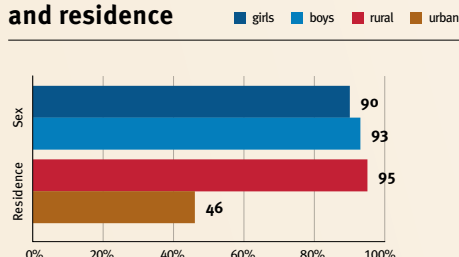
Maternal mortality	392/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	58/1,000
Low birthweight	15%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	86%	Under-five stunting	55%
Violent discipline	86%	Inadequate supervision	42%

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

40%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

65%

Postnatal visits

51%

59%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

49%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

90

Exclusive breastfeeding

85

Minimum acceptable diet

10

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

58%

Playthings at home

35%

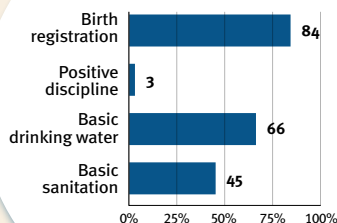
Children's books in the home

0%

Attendance in early childhood education

7%

Security and safety



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

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Cabo Verde

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

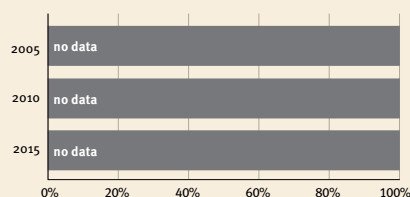
Demographics

Population	523,614
Annual births	6,415
Children under 5	35,834 (7%)
Under-five mortality	12/1,000

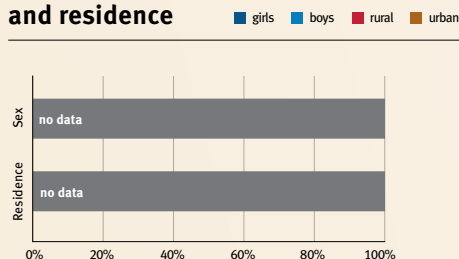
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	40/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	50/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	5%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies

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Child and family social protection					
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Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

80%

Postnatal visits

87%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

86%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

Children's books in the home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

88%

Playthings at home

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

71

Exclusive breastfeeding

42

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD

Parental mental health

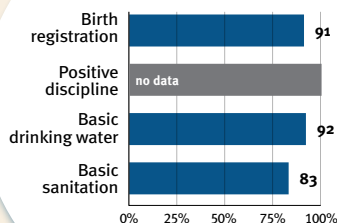
Parent support (groups, home visits)

Quality child day care

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Cameroon

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

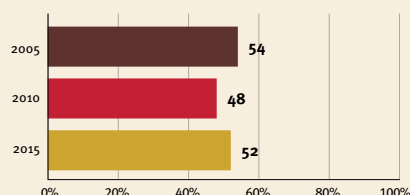
Demographics

Population	28,747,541
Annual births	971,107
Children under 5	4,443,698 (15%)
Under-five mortality	67/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

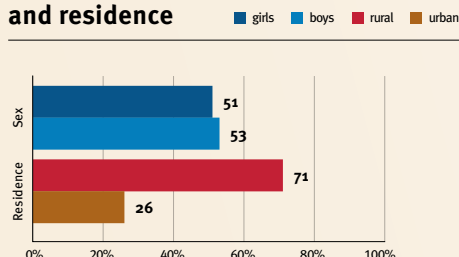
Maternal mortality	258/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	98/1,000
Low birthweight	13%	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	34%	Under-five stunting	27%
Violent discipline	81%	Inadequate supervision	34%

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

61%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

59%

Postnatal visits

59%

30%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

65%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

48

Exclusive breastfeeding

39

Minimum acceptable diet

11

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

44%

Playthings at home

53%

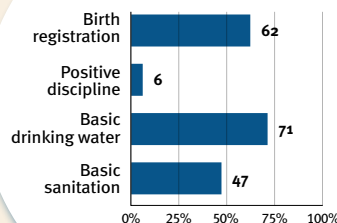
Children's books in the home

4%

Attendance in early childhood education

28%

Security and safety



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

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Central African Republic

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

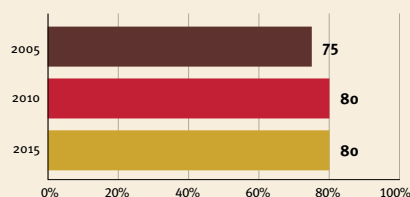
Demographics

Population	5,240,249
Annual births	246,241
Children under 5	989,277 (19%)
Under-five mortality	92/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

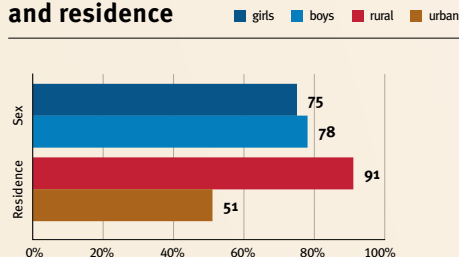
Maternal mortality	692/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	184/1,000
Low birthweight	16%	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	64%	Under-five stunting	39%
Violent discipline	85%	Inadequate supervision	49%

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



Children with functional difficulty

15%

Children developmentally on-track

36%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

69%

Postnatal visits

57%

35%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

41%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

63%

Exclusive breastfeeding

36%

Minimum acceptable diet

9%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

27%

Playthings at home

56%

Children's books in the home

0%

Attendance in early childhood education

6%

Security and safety

Birth registration

45%

Positive discipline

7%

Basic drinking water

37%

Basic sanitation

14%

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

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Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

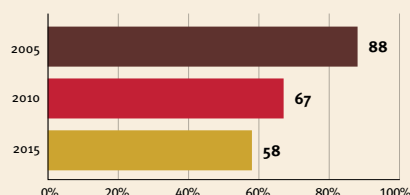
Demographics

Population	19,870,444
Annual births	878,222
Children under 5	3,688,334 (19%)
Under-five mortality	101/1,000

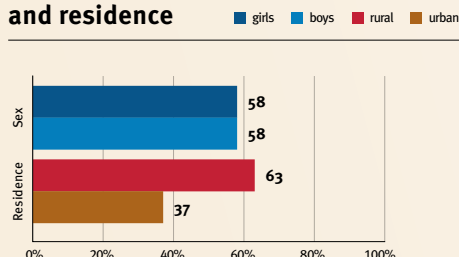
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	748/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	139/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	48%	Under-five stunting	32%
Violent discipline	79%	Inadequate supervision	64%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

10%

Children developmentally on-track

45%

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

18%

77%

Postnatal visits

26%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

31%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

47

Exclusive breastfeeding

7

Minimum acceptable diet

37

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

55%

Children's books in the home

1%

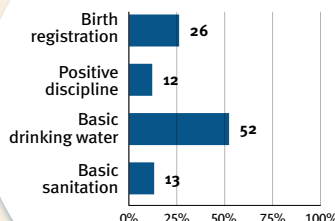
Playthings at home

58%

Attendance in early childhood education

1%

Security and safety



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

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Comoros

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

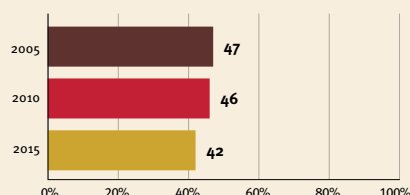
Demographics

Population	858,507
Annual births	24,467
Children under 5	114,918 (13%)
Under-five mortality	40/1,000

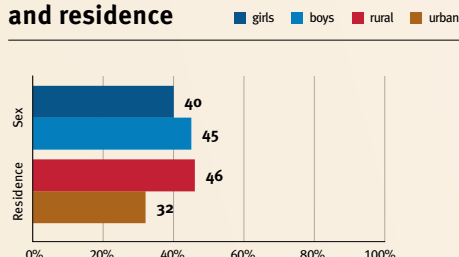
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	179/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	74/1,000
Low birthweight	23%	Preterm births	17%
Child poverty	20%	Under-five stunting	17%
Violent discipline	53%	Inadequate supervision	30%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

7%

Children developmentally on-track

36%

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

no data

Careseeking for child pneumonia

37%

Postnatal visits

91%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

64%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

17

Exclusive breastfeeding

23

Minimum acceptable diet

5

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

65%

Children's books in the home

2%

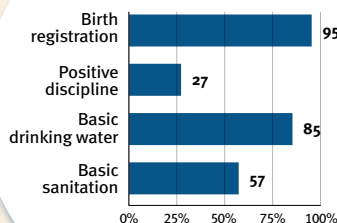
Playthings at home

38%

Attendance in early childhood education

31%

Security and safety



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

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Congo

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

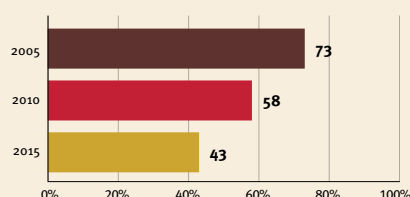
Demographics

Population	6,257,628
Annual births	192,673
Children under 5	897,373 (14%)
Under-five mortality	41/1,000

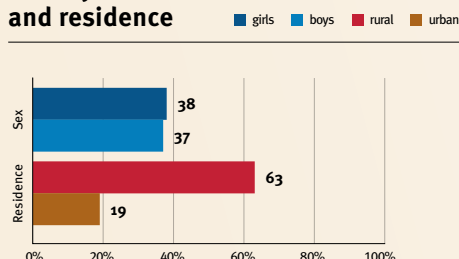
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	241/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	111/1,000
Low birthweight	12%	Preterm births	17%
Child poverty	20%	Under-five stunting	16%
Violent discipline	81%	Inadequate supervision	42%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

61%

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

42%

Postnatal visits

80%

28%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

79%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

25

Exclusive breastfeeding

33

Minimum acceptable diet

4

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

59%

Playthings at home

51%

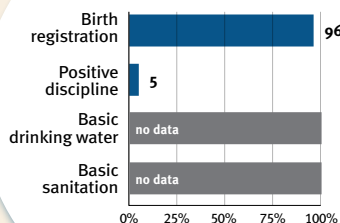
Children's books in the home

3%

Attendance in early childhood education

36%

Security and safety



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

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Cote D'Ivoire

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

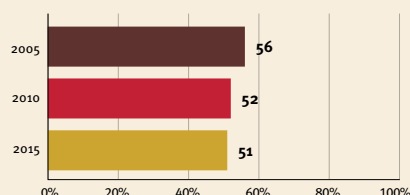
Demographics

Population	31,547,788
Annual births	1,007,981
Children under 5	4,637,010 (15%)
Under-five mortality	67/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

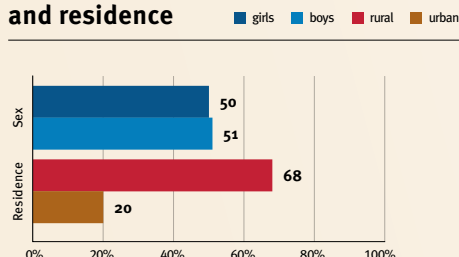
Maternal mortality	359/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	96/1,000
Low birthweight	18%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	33%	Under-five stunting	20%
Violent discipline	69%	Inadequate supervision	20%

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

39%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

63%

88%

Postnatal visits

74%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

56%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

43%

Exclusive breastfeeding

34%

Minimum acceptable diet

11%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

29%

Children's books in the home

1%

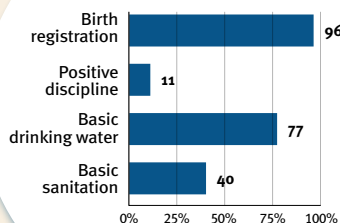
Playthings at home

45%

Attendance in early childhood education

4%

Security and safety



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

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Democratic Republic of the Congo

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

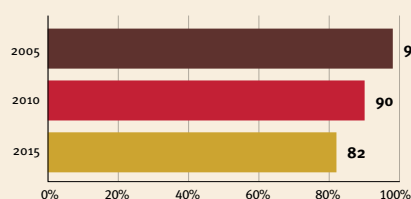
Demographics

Population	107,516,151
Annual births	4,467,740
Children under 5	19,792,562 (18%)
Under-five mortality	73/1,000

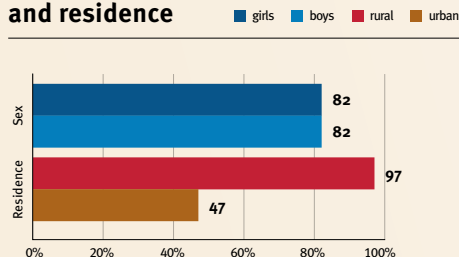
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	427/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	109/1,000
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	75%	Under-five stunting	44%
Violent discipline	85%	Inadequate supervision	47%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

7%

Children developmentally on-track

57%

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

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Facilitating environments

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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

32%

Postnatal visits

50%

34%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

43%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

43

Exclusive breastfeeding

54

Minimum acceptable diet

8

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

44%

Playthings at home

39%

Children's books in the home

1%

Attendance in early childhood education

5%

Security and safety

Birth registration

40

Positive discipline

5

Basic drinking water

36

Basic sanitation

16

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

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Djibouti

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

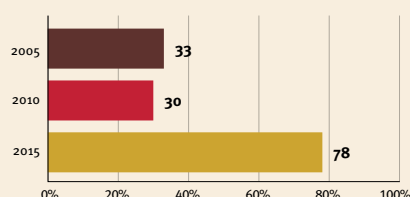
Demographics

Population	1,160,872
Annual births	24,462
Children under 5	114,873 (10%)
Under-five mortality	50/1,000

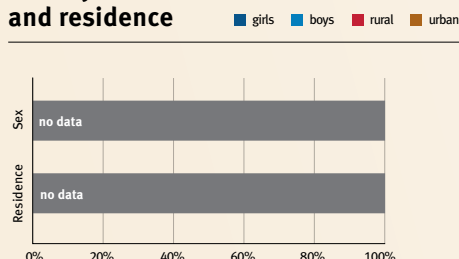
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	162/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	21/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	21%
Violent discipline	65%	Inadequate supervision	8%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

38%

Postnatal visits

no data

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

23%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

37%

Children's books in the home

15%

Playthings at home

24%

Attendance in early childhood education

14%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

52

Exclusive breastfeeding

12

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

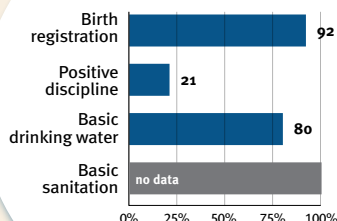
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Egypt

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

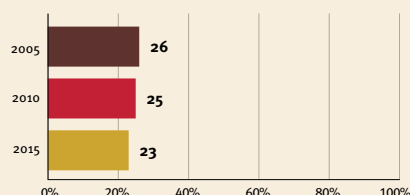
Demographics

Population	115,578,409
Annual births	2,437,410
Children under 5	11,781,335 (10%)
Under-five mortality	18/1,000

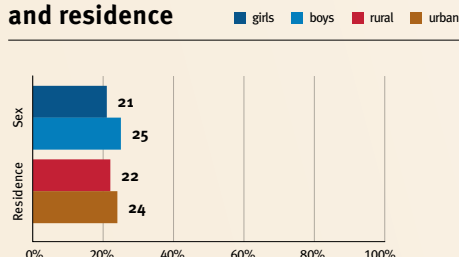
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	17/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	37/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	7%
Child poverty	1%	Under-five stunting	13%
Violent discipline	92%	Inadequate supervision	4%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

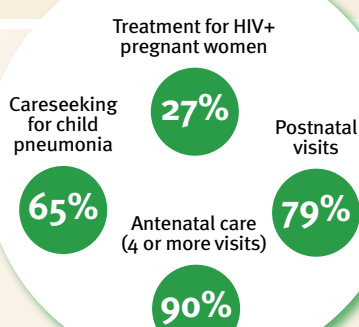
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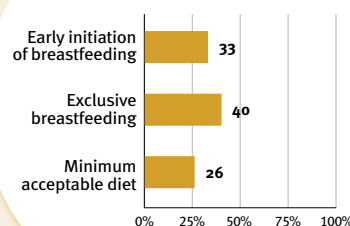
Facilitating environments

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Paternity leave (weeks)				
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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

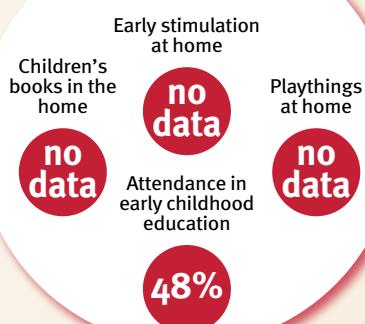
Health



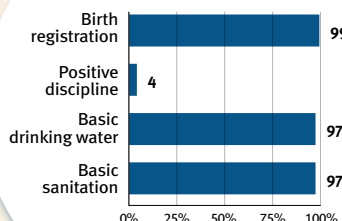
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



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

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Equatorial Guinea

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

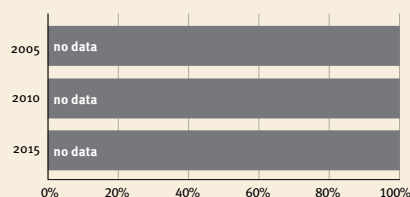
Demographics

Population	1,869,618
Annual births	56,763
Children under 5	255,743 (14%)
Under-five mortality	71/1,000

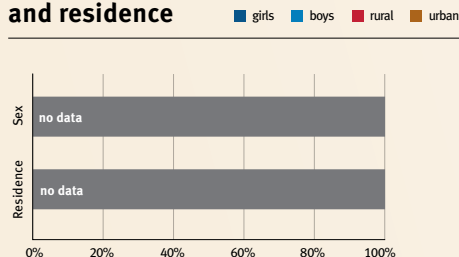
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	174/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	176/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	17%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	17%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

47%

Careseeking for child pneumonia

54%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

67%

Postnatal visits

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

no data

Exclusive breastfeeding

7

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

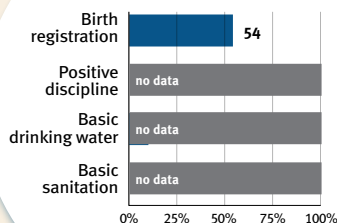
Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Security and safety



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

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Eritrea

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

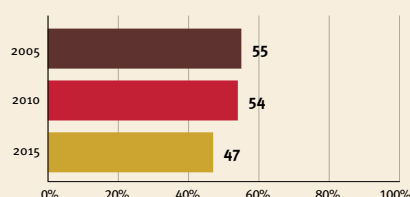
Demographics

Population	3,501,780
Annual births	101,539
Children under 5	467,981 (13%)
Under-five mortality	35/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

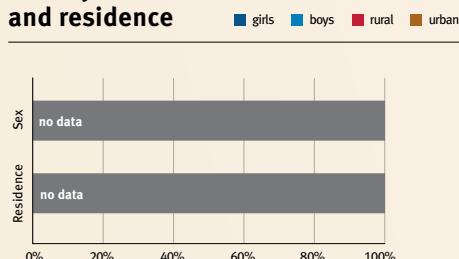
Maternal mortality	291/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	76/1,000
Low birthweight	15%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	48%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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Facilitating environments

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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

95%

Postnatal visits

5%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

57%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

93

Exclusive breastfeeding

69

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety

Birth registration	no data
Positive discipline	no data
Basic drinking water	no data
Basic sanitation	no data

International conventions

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Eswatini

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

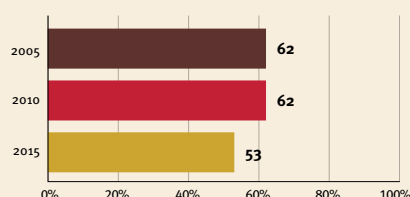
Demographics

Population	1,236,306
Annual births	29,390
Children under 5	141,472 (11%)
Under-five mortality	45/1,000

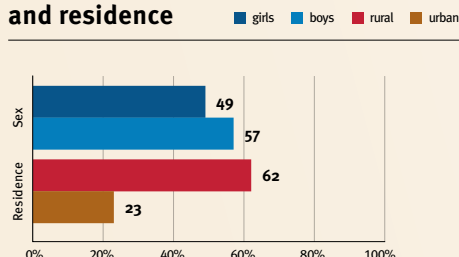
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	118/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	87/1,000
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	49%	Under-five stunting	19%
Violent discipline	84%	Inadequate supervision	14%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

14%

Children developmentally on-track

48%

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

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Policies				
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<20%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%
Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

95%

Postnatal visits

88%

60%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

74%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

47

Exclusive breastfeeding

54

Minimum acceptable diet

37

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

31%

Children's books in the home

2%

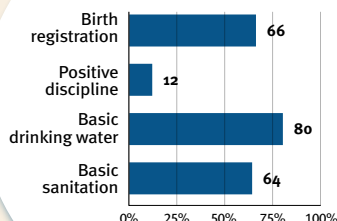
Playthings at home

63%

Attendance in early childhood education

9%

Security and safety



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

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Ethiopia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

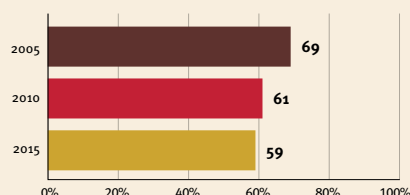
Demographics

Population	130,355,024
Annual births	4,155,828
Children under 5	19,390,797 (15%)
Under-five mortality	46/1,000

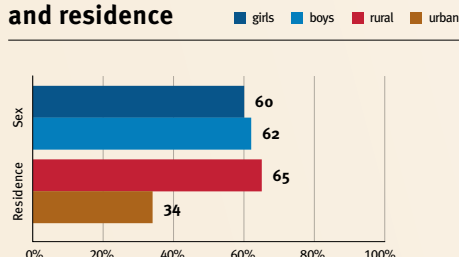
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	195/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	72/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	10%
Child poverty	33%	Under-five stunting	36%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

92%

Postnatal visits

34%

30%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

43%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

72

Exclusive breastfeeding

59

Minimum acceptable diet

11

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Security and safety

Birth registration

3

Positive discipline

no data

Basic drinking water

56

Basic sanitation

10

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

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Gabon

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

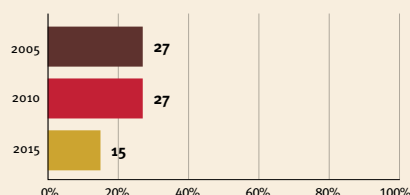
Demographics

Population	2,511,862
Annual births	68,875
Children under 5	332,419 (13%)
Under-five mortality	33/1,000

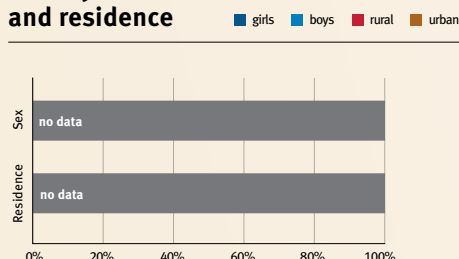
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	233/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	100/1,000
Low birthweight	15%	Preterm births	16%
Child poverty	2%	Under-five stunting	14%
Violent discipline	76%	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

67%

72%

Postnatal visits

73%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

78%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

70

Exclusive breastfeeding

19

Minimum acceptable diet

13

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

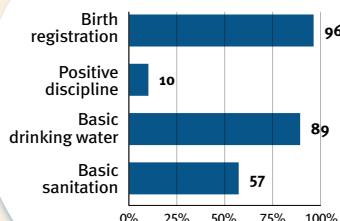
Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

51%

Security and safety



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

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✓	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
X	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



Gambia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

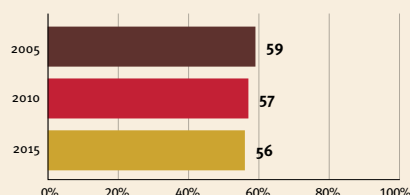
Demographics

Population	2,728,905
Annual births	82,405
Children under 5	388,065 (14%)
Under-five mortality	44/1,000

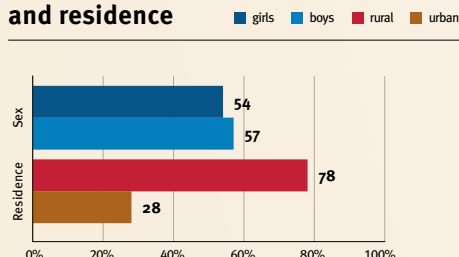
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	354/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	65/1,000
Low birthweight	13%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	49%	Under-five stunting	14%
Violent discipline	89%	Inadequate supervision	16%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

5%

Children developmentally on-track

67%

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

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Facilitating environments

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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

64%

77%

Postnatal visits

88%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

79%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

35

Exclusive breastfeeding

53

Minimum acceptable diet

15

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

16%

Children's books in the home

1%

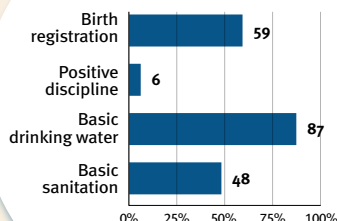
Playthings at home

49%

Attendance in early childhood education

24%

Security and safety



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

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Ghana

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

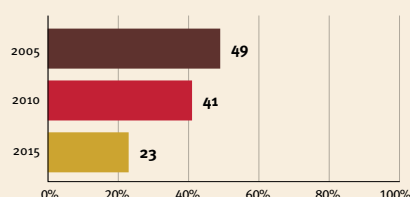
Demographics

Population	34,108,457
Annual births	892,343
Children under 5	4,249,501 (12%)
Under-five mortality	37/1,000

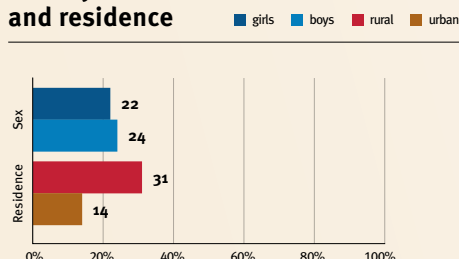
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	234/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	63/1,000
Low birthweight	14%	Preterm births	15%
Child poverty	6%	Under-five stunting	16%
Violent discipline	92%	Inadequate supervision	30%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

11%

Children developmentally on-track

68%

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Facilitating environments

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Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

95%

Careseeking for child pneumonia

56%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

88%

Postnatal visits

87%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

58

Exclusive breastfeeding

53

Minimum acceptable diet

13

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

34%

Children's books in the home

7%

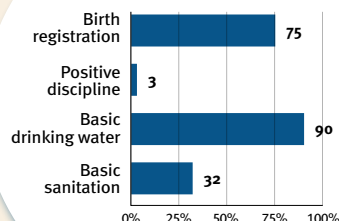
Attendance in early childhood education

71%

Playthings at home

50%

Security and safety



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

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Guinea

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

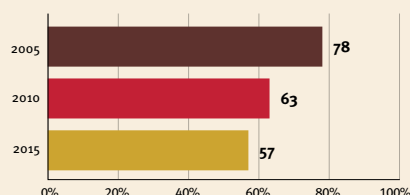
Demographics

Population	14,581,541
Annual births	491,708
Children under 5	2,220,485 (15%)
Under-five mortality	95/1,000

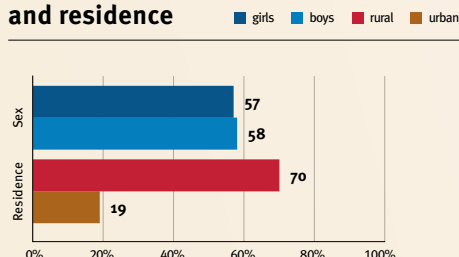
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	494/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	128/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	40%	Under-five stunting	27%
Violent discipline	79%	Inadequate supervision	34%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

49%

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
None	≤14	14 – ≤18	18 – ≤26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
None	≤14	14 – ≤18	18 – ≤26	≥26
Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

80%

Postnatal visits

49%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

58%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

31%

Children's books in the home

0%

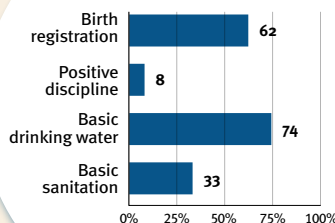
Attendance in early childhood education

9%

Playthings at home

32%

Security and safety



Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

26

Exclusive breastfeeding

44

Minimum acceptable diet

4

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

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Guinea-Bissau

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

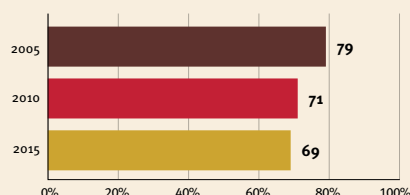
Demographics

Population	2,177,388
Annual births	65,072
Children under 5	300,164 (14%)
Under-five mortality	69/1,000

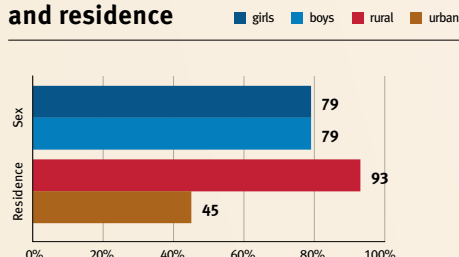
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	505/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	84/1,000
Low birthweight	20%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	68%	Under-five stunting	28%
Violent discipline	69%	Inadequate supervision	70%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

5%

Children developmentally on-track

73%

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Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies					
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Child and family social protection					
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26	
Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

79%

Postnatal visits

53%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

81%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

43%

Playthings at home

44%

Children's books in the home

1%

Attendance in early childhood education

14%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

46

Exclusive breastfeeding

59

Minimum acceptable diet

3

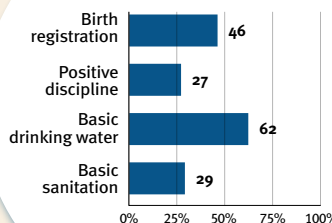
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Kenya

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

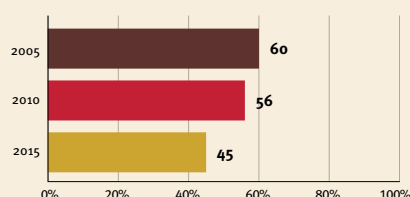
Demographics

Population	55,884,494
Annual births	1,521,907
Children under 5	7,110,205 (13%)
Under-five mortality	40/1,000

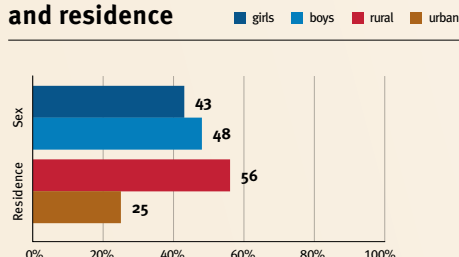
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	379/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	46/1,000
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	29%	Under-five stunting	18%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

78%

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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<20%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%
Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

90%

Postnatal visits

78%

73%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

66%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

60

Exclusive breastfeeding

60

Minimum acceptable diet

31

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

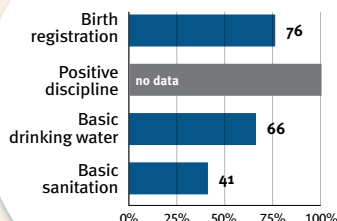
Children's books in the home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

36%

Security and safety



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

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Lesotho

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

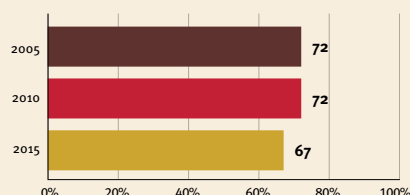
Demographics

Population	2,324,448
Annual births	55,542
Children under 5	263,353 (11%)
Under-five mortality	59/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

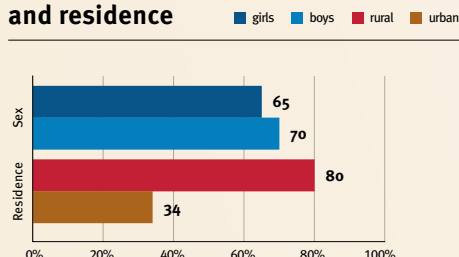
Maternal mortality	478/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	53/1,000
Low birthweight	14%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	54%	Under-five stunting	35%
Violent discipline	83%	Inadequate supervision	17%

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



Children with functional difficulty

8%

Children developmentally on-track

73%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

94%

Careseeking for child pneumonia

58%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

77%

Postnatal visits

84%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

67

Exclusive breastfeeding

61

Minimum acceptable diet

10

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

28%

Children's books in the home

3%

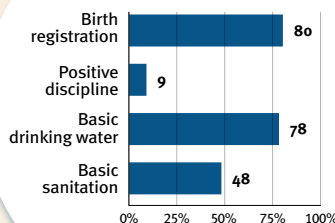
Attendance in early childhood education

46%

Playthings at home

57%

Security and safety



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

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Liberia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

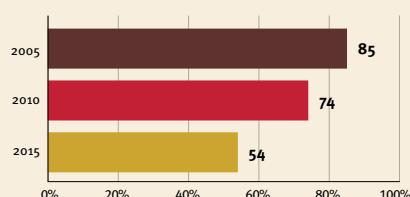
Demographics

Population	5,553,392
Annual births	171,626
Children under 5	781,518 (14%)
Under-five mortality	73/1,000

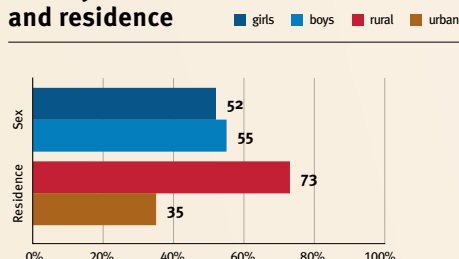
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	628/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	131/1,000
Low birthweight	20%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	35%	Under-five stunting	27%
Violent discipline	76%	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

88%

Postnatal visits

80%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

87%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

67

Exclusive breastfeeding

55

Minimum acceptable diet

3

Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD

Parental mental health

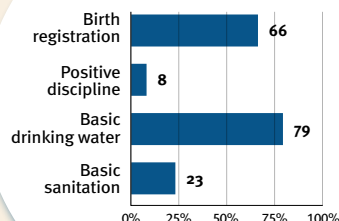
Parent support (groups, home visits)

Quality child day care

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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✗	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



Libya

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

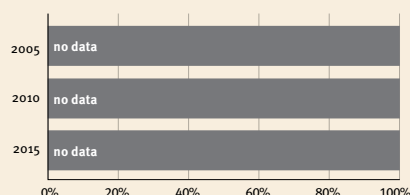
Demographics

Population	7,342,540
Annual births	121,747
Children under 5	631,539 (9%)
Under-five mortality	31/1,000

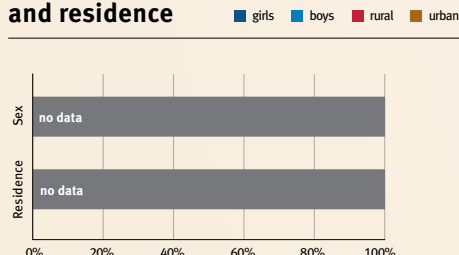
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	59/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	11/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	8%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	9%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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<20%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%
Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

70%

Careseeking for child pneumonia

no data

Postnatal visits

no data

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

29

Exclusive breastfeeding

no data

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Security and safety

Birth registration

no data

Positive discipline

no data

Basic drinking water

96

Basic sanitation

88

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

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X	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption



Madagascar

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

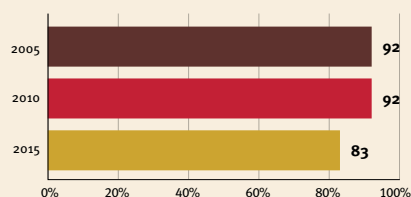
Demographics

Population	31,578,390
Annual births	1,013,751
Children under 5	4,656,107 (15%)
Under-five mortality	65/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

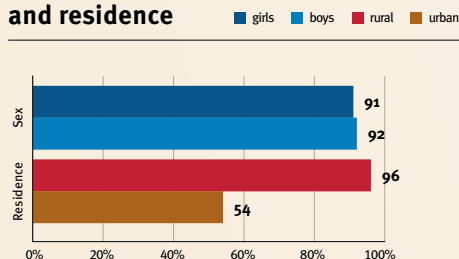
Maternal mortality	445/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	143/1,000
Low birthweight	19%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	86%	Under-five stunting	38%
Violent discipline	88%	Inadequate supervision	34%

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



Children with functional difficulty

10%

Children developmentally on-track

67%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

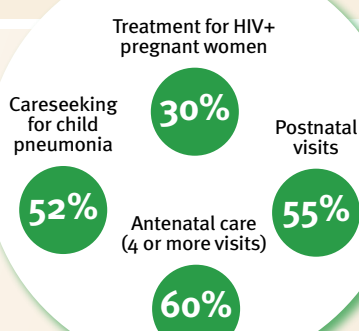
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Facilitating environments

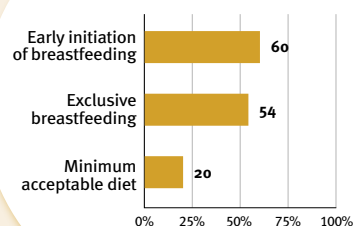
Policies

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Paternity leave (weeks)					
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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

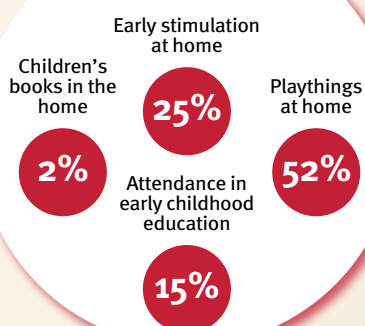
Health



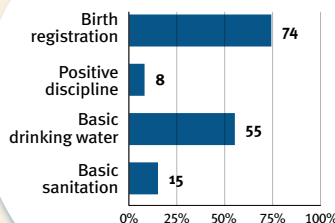
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



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

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Malawi

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

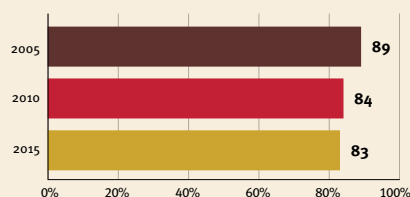
Demographics

Population	21,376,132
Annual births	674,407
Children under 5	3,129,693 (15%)
Under-five mortality	38/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

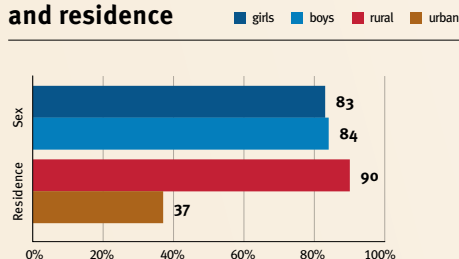
Maternal mortality	225/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	136/1,000
Low birthweight	16%	Preterm births	18%
Child poverty	73%	Under-five stunting	33%
Violent discipline	80%	Inadequate supervision	44%

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



Children with functional difficulty

5%

Children developmentally on-track

59%

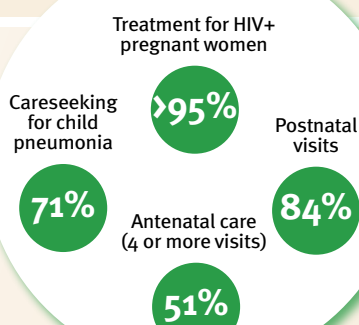
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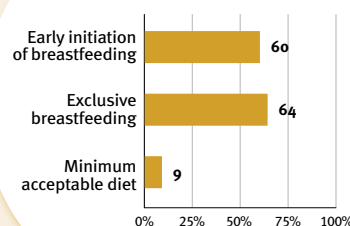
Facilitating environments

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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

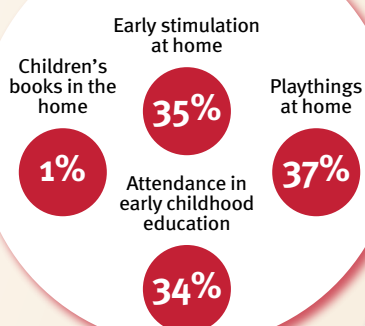
Health



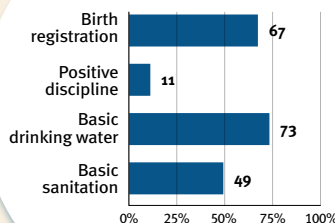
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



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

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Mali

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

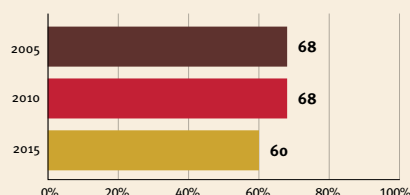
Demographics

Population	24,122,346
Annual births	967,695
Children under 5	4,248,418 (18%)
Under-five mortality	91/1,000

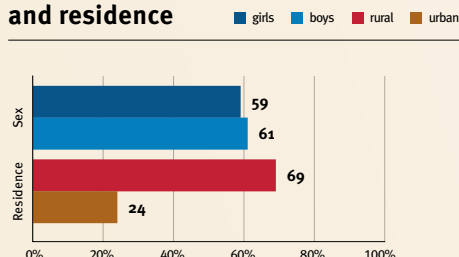
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	367/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	145/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	53%	Under-five stunting	23%
Violent discipline	75%	Inadequate supervision	32%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

62%

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

46%

Postnatal visits

56%

35%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

43%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

46

Exclusive breastfeeding

50

Minimum acceptable diet

8

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

55%

Playthings at home

52%

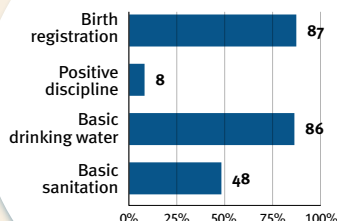
Children's books in the home

0%

Attendance in early childhood education

5%

Security and safety



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

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Mauritania

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

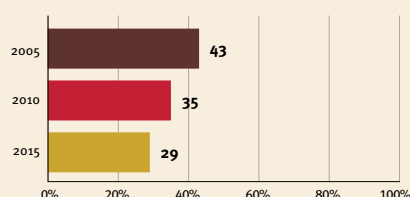
Demographics

Population	5,096,521
Annual births	175,914
Children under 5	814,442 (16%)
Under-five mortality	38/1,000

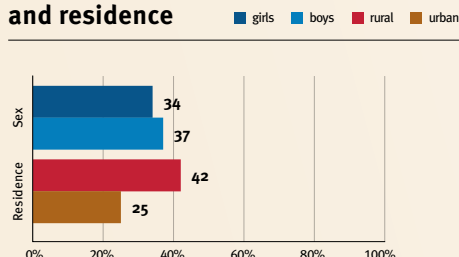
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	381/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	90/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	15%
Child poverty	10%	Under-five stunting	22%
Violent discipline	71%	Inadequate supervision	34%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

60%

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

39%

Postnatal visits

43%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

39%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

44%

Children's books in the home

1%

Playthings at home

33%

Attendance in early childhood education

12%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

56%

Exclusive breastfeeding

41%

Minimum acceptable diet

8%

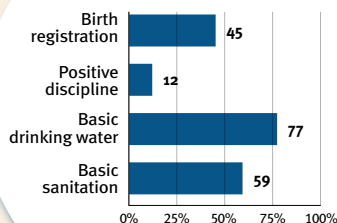
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Mauritius

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

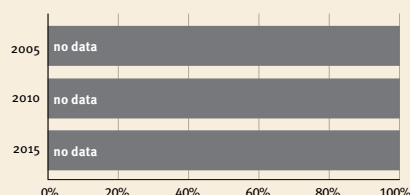
Demographics

Population	1,272,517
Annual births	11,600
Children under 5	59,847 (5%)
Under-five mortality	15/1,000

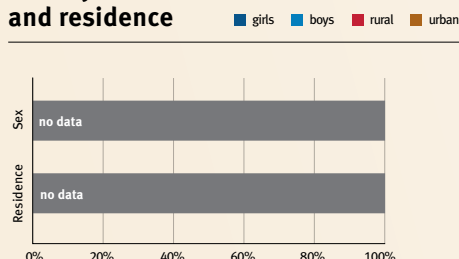
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	66/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	21/1,000
Low birthweight	19%	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	8%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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Child and family social protection				
None	◀14	14 – ◀18	18 – ◀26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
None	◀14	14 – ◀18	18 – ◀26	≥26
Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

no data

Careseeking for child pneumonia

no data

Postnatal visits

no data

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

no data

Exclusive breastfeeding

no data

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Security and safety

Birth registration

no data

Positive discipline

no data

Basic drinking water

100

Basic sanitation

97

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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

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Morocco

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

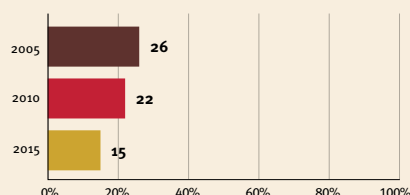
Demographics

Population	37,901,284
Annual births	624,620
Children under 5	3,145,744 (8%)
Under-five mortality	17/1,000

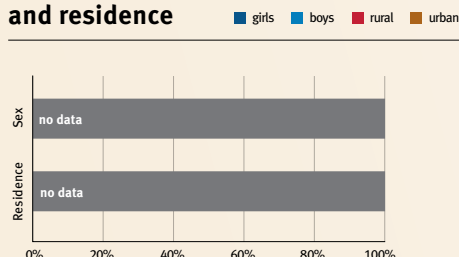
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	70/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	22/1,000
Low birthweight	15%	Preterm births	7%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	14%
Violent discipline	89%	Inadequate supervision	7%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

70%

72%

Postnatal visits

no data

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

54%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

43

Exclusive breastfeeding

35

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

36%

Children's books in the home

21%

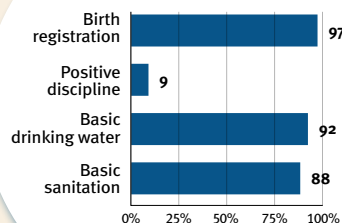
Playthings at home

14%

Attendance in early childhood education

39%

Security and safety



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

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Mozambique

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

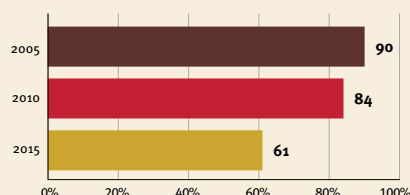
Demographics

Population	34,129,694
Annual births	1,282,336
Children under 5	5,784,892 (17%)
Under-five mortality	62/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

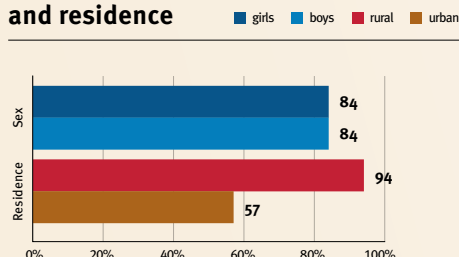
Maternal mortality	82/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	158/1,000
Low birthweight	18%	Preterm births	16%
Child poverty	82%	Under-five stunting	37%
Violent discipline	47%	Inadequate supervision	33%

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

38%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

82%

Postnatal visits

no data

73%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

49%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

77

Exclusive breastfeeding

56

Minimum acceptable diet

13

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

47%

Playthings at home

no data

Children's books in the home

3%

Attendance in early childhood education

2%

Security and safety

Birth registration

31

Positive discipline

18

Basic drinking water

67

Basic sanitation

39

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

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Namibia

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Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

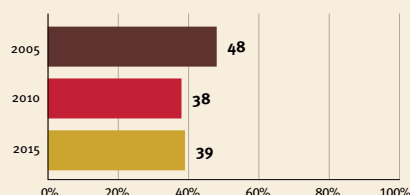
Demographics

Population	2,998,153
Annual births	78,452
Children under 5	405,811 (14%)
Under-five mortality	41/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

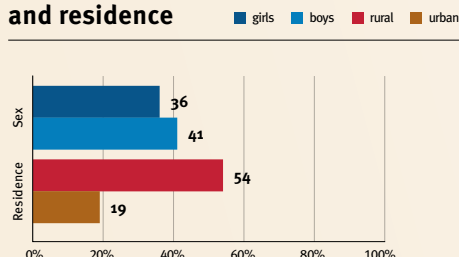
Maternal mortality	139/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	22/1,000
Low birthweight	16%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	19%	Under-five stunting	16%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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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Child and family social protection					
None	≤14	14 – ≤18	18 – ≤26	≥26	
Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

95%

Postnatal visits

69%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

63%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

Children's books in the home

no data

no data

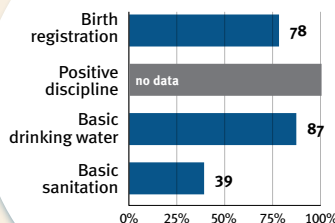
Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Security and safety



Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

71

Exclusive breastfeeding

48

Minimum acceptable diet

12

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
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Niger

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Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

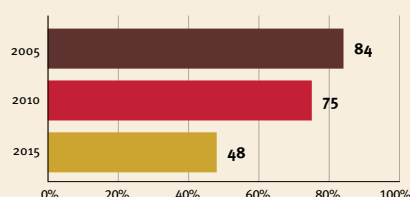
Demographics

Population	26,592,439
Annual births	1,119,695
Children under 5	4,782,870 (18%)
Under-five mortality	115/1,000

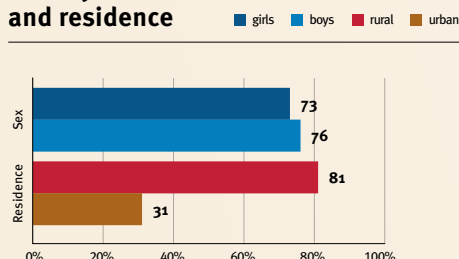
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	350/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	150/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	9%
Child poverty	57%	Under-five stunting	48%
Violent discipline	79%	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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Child and family social protection				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

63%

Postnatal visits

34%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

37%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

71

Exclusive breastfeeding

25

Minimum acceptable diet

11

Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD

Parental mental health

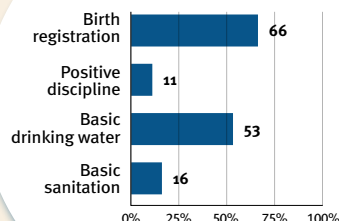
Parent support (groups, home visits)

Quality child day care

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Nigeria

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Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

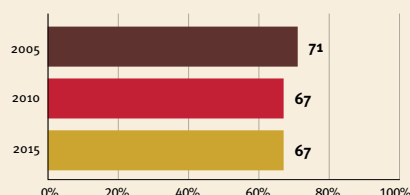
Demographics

Population	230,271,141
Annual births	7,560,407
Children under 5	33,829,090 (15%)
Under-five mortality	105/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

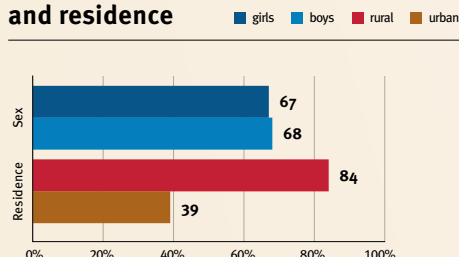
Maternal mortality	993/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	75/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	54%	Under-five stunting	34%
Violent discipline	86%	Inadequate supervision	44%

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



Children with functional difficulty

8%

Children developmentally on-track

48%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies					
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<20%	20-39%	40-59%	60-79%	≥80%	
Child and family social protection					
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26	
Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

no data

Careseeking for child pneumonia

39%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

60%

Postnatal visits

61%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

36

Exclusive breastfeeding

34

Minimum acceptable diet

12

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

55%

Children's books in the home

4%

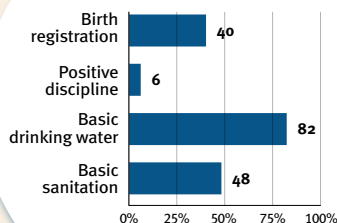
Attendance in early childhood education

38%

Playthings at home

54%

Security and safety



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

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Rwanda

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

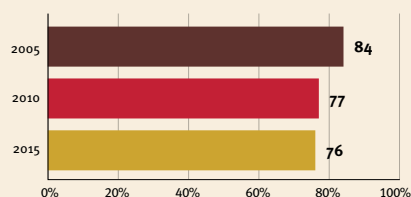
Demographics

Population	14,106,347
Annual births	400,062
Children under 5	1,894,319 (13%)
Under-five mortality	40/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

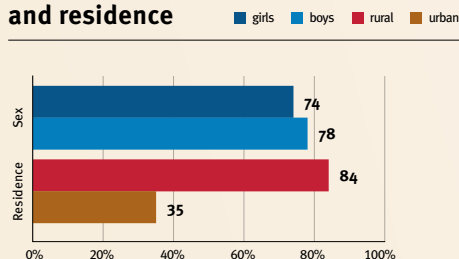
Maternal mortality	229/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	24/1,000
Low birthweight	9%	Preterm births	10%
Child poverty	68%	Under-five stunting	30%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	28%

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

82%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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	≥80%			
Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

95%

Postnatal visits

70%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

47%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

47%

Children's books in the home

2%

Playthings at home

37%

Attendance in early childhood education

35%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

85%

Exclusive breastfeeding

81%

Minimum acceptable diet

21%

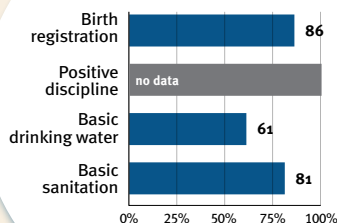
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Sao Tome and Principe

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Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

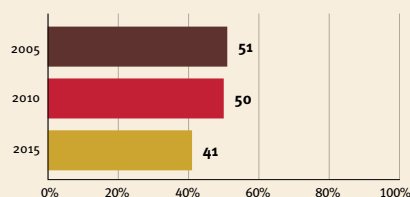
Demographics

Population	233,185
Annual births	6,617
Children under 5	31,174 (13%)
Under-five mortality	14/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

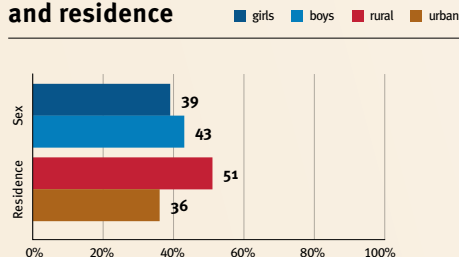
Maternal mortality	75/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	86/1,000
Low birthweight	11%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	29%	Under-five stunting	10%
Violent discipline	80%	Inadequate supervision	21%

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



Children with functional difficulty

5%

Children developmentally on-track

63%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

87%

Postnatal visits

84%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

84%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

43%

Playthings at home

71%

Children's books in the home

6%

Attendance in early childhood education

35%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

36

Exclusive breastfeeding

63

Minimum acceptable diet

22

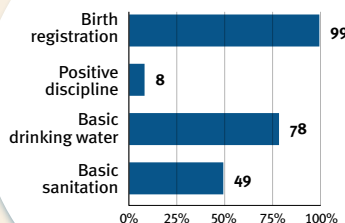
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Senegal

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

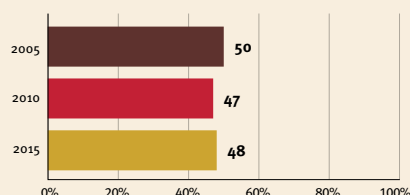
Demographics

Population	18,288,074
Annual births	539,970
Children under 5	2,494,092 (14%)
Under-five mortality	39/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

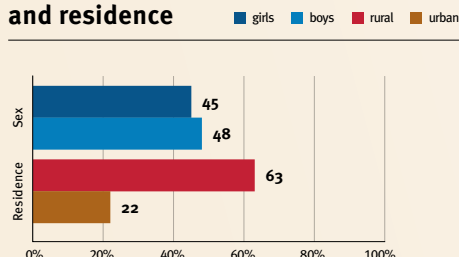
Maternal mortality	237/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	67/1,000
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	10%
Child poverty	32%	Under-five stunting	17%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	39%

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

67%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

94%

Postnatal visits

80%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

29%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

20%

Playthings at home

29%

Children's books in the home

1%

Attendance in early childhood education

18%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

38

Exclusive breastfeeding

34

Minimum acceptable diet

9

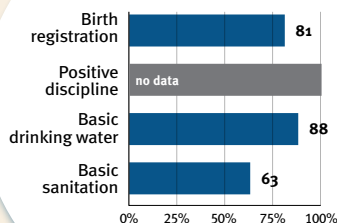
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Seychelles

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

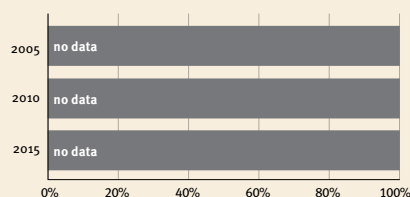
Demographics

Population	129,207
Annual births	1,753
Children under 5	8,899 (7%)
Under-five mortality	14/1,000

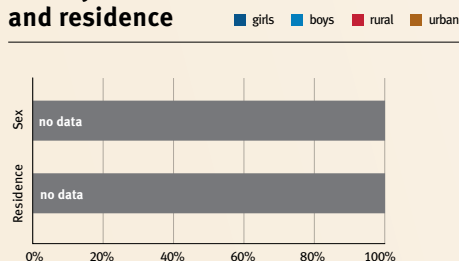
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	42/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	49/1,000
Low birthweight	12%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	6%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

no data

no data

Postnatal visits

no data

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

no data

Exclusive breastfeeding

no data

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

Children's books in the home

no data

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Security and safety

Birth registration

no data

Positive discipline

no data

Basic drinking water

98

Basic sanitation

100

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

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

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Sierra Leone

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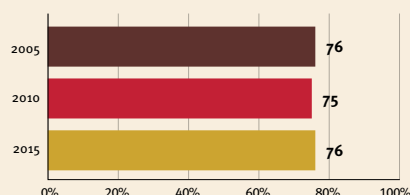
Demographics

Population	8,552,905
Annual births	260,194
Children under 5	1,172,897 (14%)
Under-five mortality	94/1,000

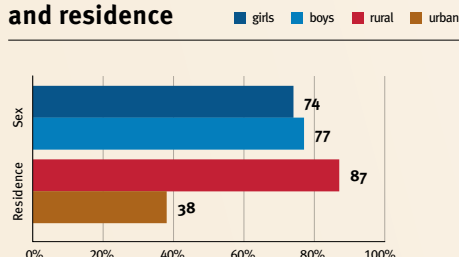
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	354/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	102/1,000
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	10%
Child poverty	60%	Under-five stunting	25%
Violent discipline	76%	Inadequate supervision	30%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

7%

Children developmentally on-track

51%

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

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection					
None	≤14	14 – ≤18	18 – ≤26	≥26	
Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

93%

Postnatal visits

86%

76%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

79%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

88

Exclusive breastfeeding

51

Minimum acceptable diet

9

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

19%

Playthings at home

41%

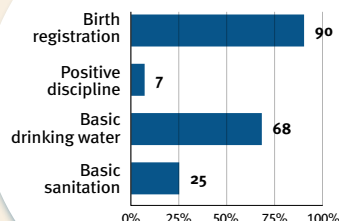
Children's books in the home

2%

Attendance in early childhood education

12%

Security and safety



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

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Somalia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

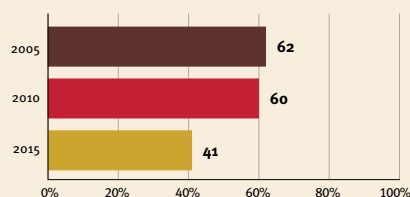
Demographics

Population	18,685,826
Annual births	804,966
Children under 5	3,500,193 (19%)
Under-five mortality	104/1,000

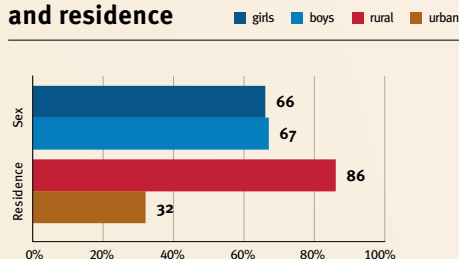
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	563/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	116/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	24%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

Policies

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

no data

Careseeking for child pneumonia

23%

Postnatal visits

11%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

24%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

60

Exclusive breastfeeding

34

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

79%

Children's books in the home

no data

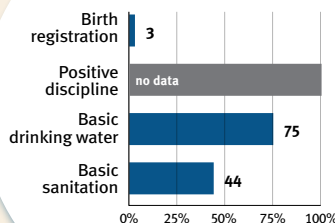
Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

2%

Security and safety



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

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X	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
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South Africa

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

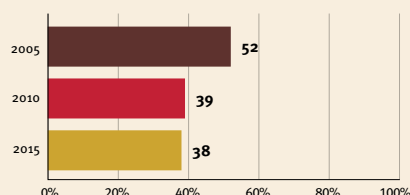
Demographics

Population	63,627,884
Annual births	1,182,869
Children under 5	5,906,653 (9%)
Under-five mortality	35/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

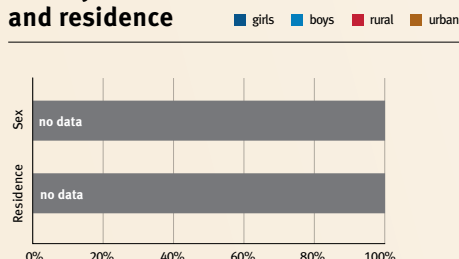
Maternal mortality	118/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	40/1,000
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	8%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	24%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies				
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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

95%

Postnatal visits

84%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

76%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

Children's books in the home

no data

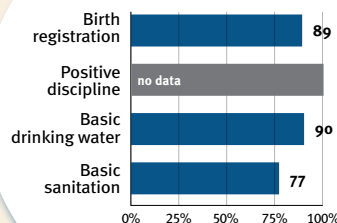
Attendance in early childhood education

48%

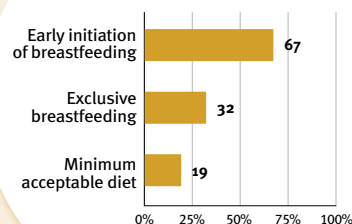
Playthings at home

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Security and safety



Nutrition



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

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South Sudan

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

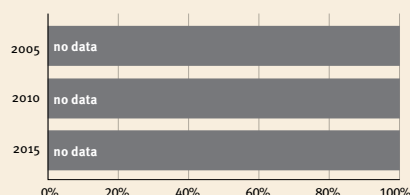
Demographics

Population	11,819,853
Annual births	349,013
Children under 5	1,543,593 (13%)
Under-five mortality	99/1,000

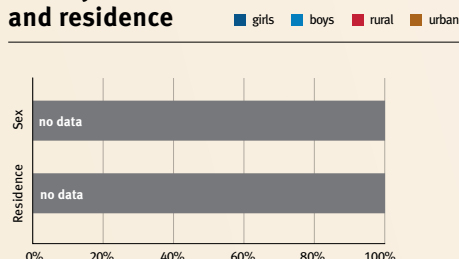
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	692/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	158/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	no data
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	30%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

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

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Facilitating environments

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Paternity leave (weeks)				
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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

81%

Postnatal visits

8%

75%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

31%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

51

Exclusive breastfeeding

45

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Children's books in the home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

6%

Security and safety

Birth registration

35

Positive discipline

no data

Basic drinking water

40

Basic sanitation

14

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

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Sudan

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

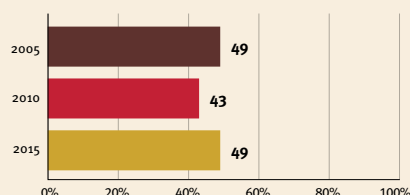
Demographics

Population	50,048,573
Annual births	1,664,612
Children under 5	7,639,108 (15%)
Under-five mortality	50/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

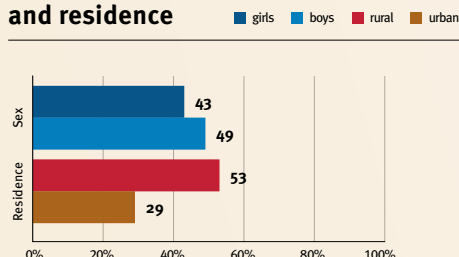
Maternal mortality	256/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	87/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	17%	Under-five stunting	35%
Violent discipline	62%	Inadequate supervision	no data

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

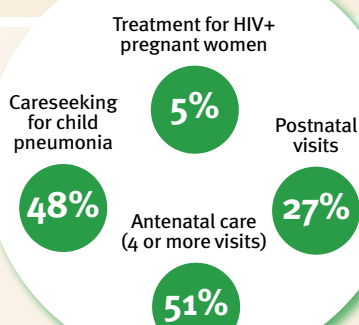
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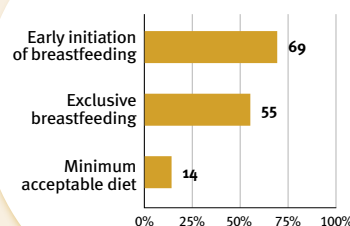
Facilitating environments

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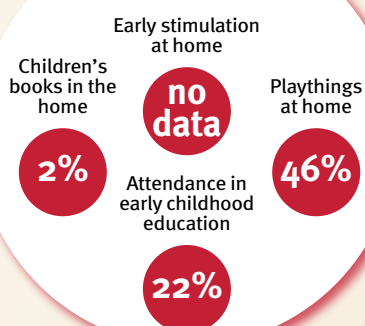
Health



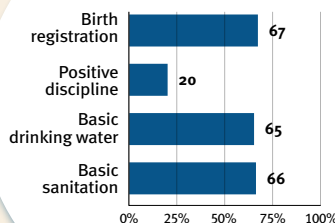
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



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

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Togo

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

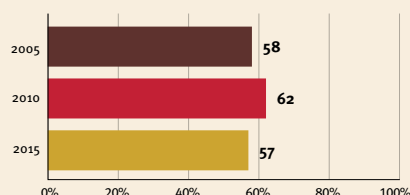
Demographics

Population	9,412,392
Annual births	292,572
Children under 5	1,356,700 (14%)
Under-five mortality	58/1,000

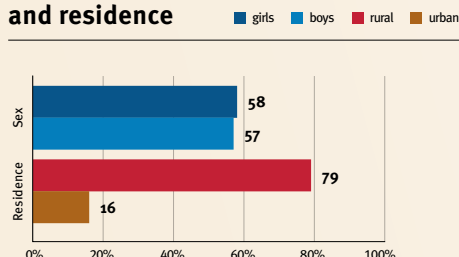
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	349/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	79/1,000
Low birthweight	14%	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	45%	Under-five stunting	23%
Violent discipline	86%	Inadequate supervision	29%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

8%

Children developmentally on-track

52%

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Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

87%

Postnatal visits

81%

39%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

55%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

48

Exclusive breastfeeding

64

Minimum acceptable diet

14

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

19%

Playthings at home

38%

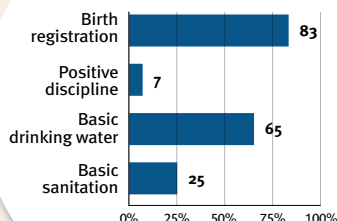
Children's books in the home

1%

Attendance in early childhood education

20%

Security and safety



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

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Tunisia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

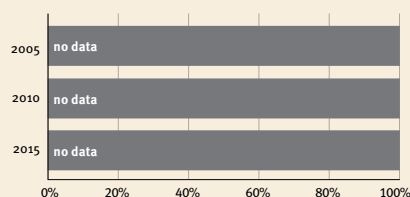
Demographics

Population	12,240,260
Annual births	164,145
Children under 5	866,620 (7%)
Under-five mortality	13/1,000

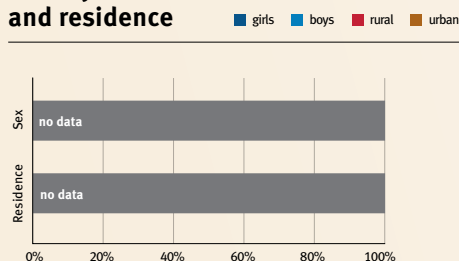
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	36/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	4/1,000
Low birthweight	8%	Preterm births	9%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	9%
Violent discipline	76%	Inadequate supervision	13%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

4%

Children developmentally on-track

77%

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Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Maternity leave (weeks)				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

32%

Postnatal visits

89%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

84%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

80%

Children's books in the home

20%

Playthings at home

70%

Attendance in early childhood education

47%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

32

Exclusive breastfeeding

14

Minimum acceptable diet

54

Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety

Birth registration	100
Positive discipline	16
Basic drinking water	97
Basic sanitation	99

International conventions

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Uganda

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

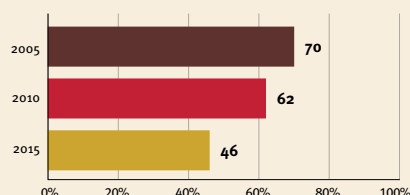
Demographics

Population	49,332,093
Annual births	1,722,321
Children under 5	8,067,349 (16%)
Under-five mortality	39/1,000

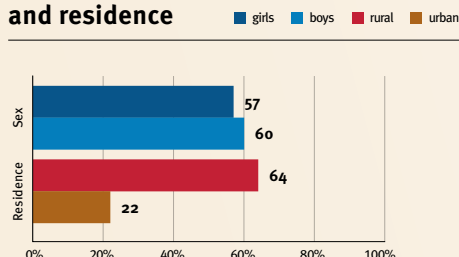
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	170/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	111/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	38%	Under-five stunting	24%
Violent discipline	83%	Inadequate supervision	37%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

65%

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Facilitating environments

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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

no data

Careseeking for child pneumonia

71%

Postnatal visits

54%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

57%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

82

Exclusive breastfeeding

66

Minimum acceptable diet

10

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

53%

Children's books in the home

2%

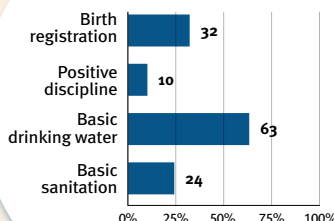
Playthings at home

50%

Attendance in early childhood education

37%

Security and safety



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

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United Republic of Tanzania

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

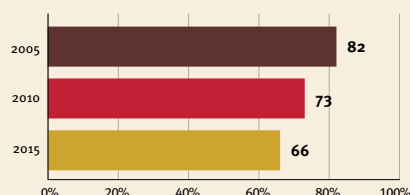
Demographics

Population	67,578,209
Annual births	2,385,984
Children under 5	11,019,932 (16%)
Under-five mortality	39/1,000

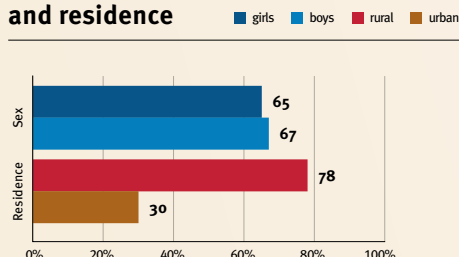
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	276/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	112/1,000
Low birthweight	10%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	58%	Under-five stunting	30%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

47%

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

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Facilitating environments

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Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

95%

Postnatal visits

51%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

65%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

70

Exclusive breastfeeding

64

Minimum acceptable diet

8

Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD

Parental mental health

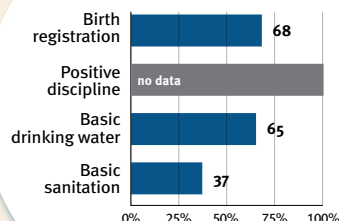
Parent support (groups, home visits)

Quality child day care

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Zambia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

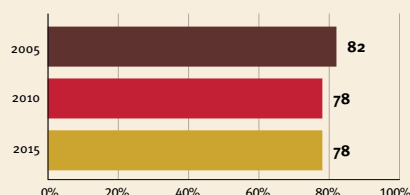
Demographics

Population	21,017,548
Annual births	697,518
Children under 5	3,203,612 (15%)
Under-five mortality	45/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

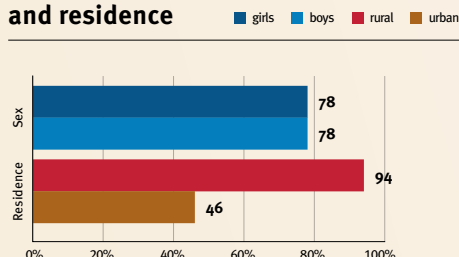
Maternal mortality	85/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	135/1,000
Low birthweight	11%	Preterm births	13%
Child poverty	66%	Under-five stunting	32%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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



Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

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Child and family social protection				
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Paternity leave (weeks)				
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International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)				

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

95%

Postnatal visits

70%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

64%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

68

Exclusive breastfeeding

64

Minimum acceptable diet

12

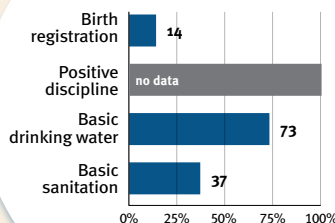
Responsive caregiving

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

?

Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



International conventions

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Zimbabwe

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

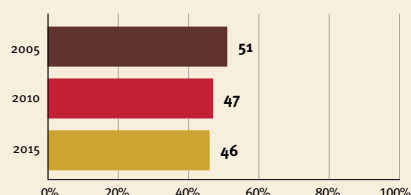
Demographics

Population	16,478,384
Annual births	497,215
Children under 5	2,333,051 (14%)
Under-five mortality	44/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

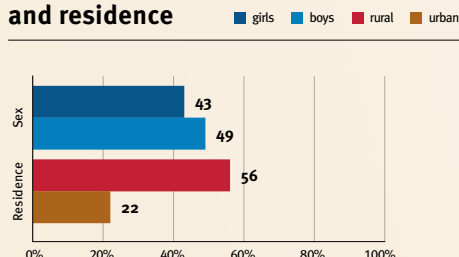
Maternal mortality	358/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	87/1,000
Low birthweight	12%	Preterm births	17%
Child poverty	23%	Under-five stunting	24%
Violent discipline	63%	Inadequate supervision	20%

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



Children with functional difficulty

4%

Children developmentally on-track

71%

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

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Facilitating environments

Policies					
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Maternity leave (weeks)					
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Paternity leave (weeks)					
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially		
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)					

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

93%

Postnatal visits

82%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

72%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

37%

Playthings at home

69%

Children's books in the home

3%

Attendance in early childhood education

28%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

67

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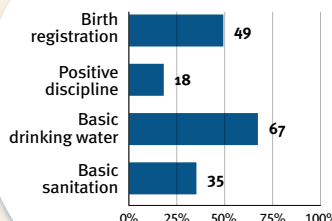
Parent support (groups, home visits)

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Comparative country data urgently needed

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International conventions

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✓	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
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Technical Appendix

Indicators

Table 1 shows the indicators included in the country profiles, by category: the indicator name, the rationale for including the indicator, the definition of the indicator and the data source.

Table 1: Indicators: Name, definition, rationale and source of the data

Demographics			
Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Total population (millions)	The population size of the country	Total population (2024)	United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Prospects 2024, Online Edition
Total under-five population (millions)	The number of children under 5 years of age, and children under 5 as a proportion of the total population	Total population of children under 5 years (2024)	United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Prospects 2024, Online Edition
Annual births	The number of children born each year in the country	Annual number of births (2024)	United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Prospects 2024, Online Edition
Under-five mortality	The number of children under 5 years of age dying each year, per 1,000 live births	Probability of dying between birth and 5 years of age per 1,000 live births (2023)	United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UN IGME), 2025.

Threats to early childhood development			
Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Child poverty	Poverty is one of the major threats to the survival, health and well- being of young children and is shown to affect all aspects of development	The World Bank definition of extreme poverty in 2017, living on less than US\$1.90 per day, was used to generate a composite indicator for children under 5 exposed to stunting or extreme poverty. Poverty ratios of children under 5 were derived for a subset of countries using the World Bank's poverty estimates and its nationally representative population surveys with wealth index (2006-2015)	World Bank, DHS, MICS, China Family Panel Survey, China Health and Nutrition Survey. Methods are the same as in: Lu, C., M.M. Black and L.M. Richter, 'Risk of Poor Development In Young Children in Low-Income and Middle-Income Countries: An estimation and analysis at the global, regional, and country level'. <i>The Lancet Global Health</i> , vol. 4, no. 12, 2016, pp. E916-E922
Under-five stunting	Stunting among young children is associated with poor short- and longterm effects on school performance and adult earnings	Percentage of children aged 0-59 months with height for age below minus two standard deviations from the median of the WHO Child Growth Standards (2024)	UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates, Country Estimates, March 2025. Stunting estimates used in generating the composite indicator of risk exposure in 2015 were imputed from the existing data using the same methods as in Lu et al., 2016 (cited above)
Low birthweight	Low birthweight is an indicator of poor antenatal development and a predictor of poor childhood development in the early years	Percentage of infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth (2020)	UNICEF/WHO Low Birthweight Estimates, 2023 Edition

Preterm births	Preterm births are an indicator of poor antenatal development and a predictor of poor childhood development in the early years, including developmental delays and disabilities	Less than 37 completed weeks of gestation (2010)	Blencowe et al., 'National, Regional and Worldwide Estimates of Preterm Birth Rates in the Year 2010 with Time Trends since 1990 for Selected Countries: A systematic review and implications', <i>The Lancet</i> , vol. 379, no. 9832, 2012, pp. 2162-2172. Supplementary country tables. Data sources: National registries, reproductive health surveys and studies identified through systematic searches, unpublished data and data submitted during WHO country consultations
Maternal mortality	The death of a young child's mother increases the risks of child mortality, morbidity and poor early childhood development	Number of deaths of women from pregnancy-related causes per 100,000 live births during the same time period (2023)	United Nations Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group, composed of WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank and the United Nations Population Division, released in April 2025
Adolescent birth rate	It has been shown that children of young (versus older) mothers fare worse in school achievement	Annual number of births to females aged 15-19 years per 1,000 females aged 15-19 years (2004-2023)	SDG global database, updated May 2025
Violent discipline	Violence and maltreatment are associated with short- and long- term effects on children's health, well-being and social adjustment	Percentage of children aged 1-4 years who experienced any violent discipline (psychological aggression and/or physical punishment) in the past month (2006-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys
Inadequate supervision	Young children need adult supervision to protect them from danger, ensure adequate feeding, and provide them with support for learning	Percentage of children aged 0-59 months left alone or in the care of another child under 10 years for more than an hour at least once in the past week (2005-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys

Young children at risk of poor development

Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Young children at risk of poor development	Composite measure developed to assess risk of children not reaching their developmental potential. Stunting and extreme poverty serve as proxy measures because they are associated with children's development and are measured globally using uniform methods	Percentage of children under age 5 at risk of poor development as a result of stunting or extreme poverty (US\$1.90 or less) in 2005, 2010 and 2015	Method used for estimation in Richter, L., et al., 'Investing in the Foundation of Sustainable Development: Pathways to scale up for early childhood development', <i>The Lancet</i> , vol. 389, no. 10064, pp. 103-118, 2017. Available for a subset of countries (91) that were classified as high-risk
Risk by sex and residence	Differences in composite measure of risk exposure by sex and residence	Urban versus rural, male versus female (2006-2015)	Method used for estimation in Richter, L., et al., 'Investing in the Foundation of Sustainable Development: Pathways to scale up for early childhood development', <i>The Lancet</i> , vol. 389, no. 10064, pp. 103-118, 2017. Available for a subset of countries (63) with nationally representative micro-level data

Early Childhood Development Index 2030 (ECDI2030)

Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Children developmentally on track	A feasible population measure of early child development outcomes is critical to monitoring the impact of early childhood development interventions, and determining which children are on track or not, to ensure that all children benefit from interventions	Percentage of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being (2010-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys

Child functioning

Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Children with functional difficulty	Discrimination against children with developmental delays and disabilities often leads to reduced access to basic social services, especially education and health, and a general lack of screening, identification, and access to early childhood intervention services. Addressing discrimination and promoting inclusion is important in all sectors, and can be accomplished through information and advocacy, strengthening policy and facilitating access to services.	Percentage of children aged 2-4 years with a functional difficulty in at least one domain (2015-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on MICS and other nationally representative surveys

Components of nurturing care: Health			
Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Antenatal care (4 or more visits)	Antenatal care safeguards women's health during pregnancy and helps to prevent and prepare for complications during pregnancy and delivery	Percentage of women aged 15-49 years attended to at least four times during pregnancy by any provider (2003-2023)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys
Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women	Treatment of pregnant women living with HIV safeguards their health and prevents the transmission of the virus to their babies	Percentage of estimated number of pregnant women living with HIV receiving effective regimens (excludes single-dose nevirapine) of antiretroviral medicines for preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV (2024)	Global AIDS Monitoring and UNAIDS 2025 estimates
Postnatal visits	Postnatal visits help to detect and prevent post-delivery complications for women and newborns to ensure that they receive prompt treatment	Percentage of women aged 15-49 years who received postnatal care within 2 days after birth. The indicator refers to women who had a live birth in a recent time period, generally two years for MICS and five years for DHS (2010-2023)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys
Care-seeking for child pneumonia	Care-seeking for pneumonia indicates caregivers' ability to detect and act on their young child's health condition	Percentage of children under age 5 with symptoms of acute respiratory infection in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought from a health facility or provider (2000-2023)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys

Components of nurturing care: Nutrition			
Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Early initiation of breastfeeding	Sucking at the breast within an hour of delivery ensures the baby receives the colostrum, the first milk that is rich in protective factors. Immediate sucking is instinctive for the baby and responds to the baby's attachment needs; it also helps establish exclusive breastfeeding	Percentage of infants born in the last 2 years who were put to the breast within 1 hour of birth (2004-2024)	UNICEF, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2024). UNICEF global databases: Infant and young child feeding, New York, December 2024
Exclusive breastfeeding	Receiving only breastmilk for the first 6 months of life provides babies with all the nutrients they need and protects the baby against common childhood illness such as diarrhoea and pneumonia. Breastfeeding also has longer-term benefits on children's future intelligence and health	Percentage of children aged 0-5 months who are fed exclusively with breastmilk in the 24 hours prior to the survey (2004-2024)	UNICEF, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2024). UNICEF global databases: Infant and young child feeding, New York, December 2024
Minimum acceptable diet	Young children need sufficient diverse food to satisfy their rapid growth	Percentage of breastfed children aged 6-23 months who had at least the minimum dietary diversity and the minimum meal frequency during the previous day AND the percentage of non-breastfed children aged 6-23 months who received at least 2 milk feedings and had at least the minimum dietary diversity, not including milk feeds, and the minimum meal frequency during the previous day (2010-2022)	UNICEF, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2023). UNICEF global databases: Infant and young child feeding, New York, December 2023

Components of nurturing care: Responsive caregiving

Note: no comparable country data available. Represented on the country pages by examples of indicators

Currently no comparable country data on policies and programmes that support responsive caregiving are being collected through Demographic and Health Surveys, nationally representative household surveys or UNICEF's Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys. In some countries, information on child day care is collected. However, to initiate discussions on the collection of data to indicate progress in responsive caregiving, we suggest that the following four indicators be considered:

National information and communication about ECD and services

Awareness by parents of their important role in young children's development; what parents, caregivers and families can do to support and promote the development of young children; and services available to assist parents of young children should they or their young child experience difficulties.

Maternal/paternal mental health

Both maternal and paternal mental health, and the mental health of caregivers, is critical to responsive caregiving. Lack of energy, preoccupation, anxiety, depression and other symptoms of mental distress make it very difficult for caregivers to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of a young child.

Parent support through groups and home visits

Support, either through parent groups or home visits, is of assistance to parents in receiving reassurance, the companionship of others with shared challenges, information about their baby's development and parent and family behaviours and responses that support infant development, demonstrations of how they can approach and resolve difficulties, and referral to additional services should they need them.

Good quality affordable child day care

In many countries, as many women as men are economically active, either in the formal or the informal sector. These families, and families with other challenges that require additional assistance, benefit from good quality, free or affordable child day care.

Components of nurturing care: Early learning

Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Children's books in the home	Exposure to written material and pictures, accompanied by caregiver narratives about words and pictures, are the foundation of early language and literacy development	Percentage of children aged 0-59 months who have 3 or more children's books at home (2005-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys
Playthings at home	Play is natural to children, and the practice and pleasure they enjoy when playing is important to their cognitive exploration and expansion. Young children will learn from play with any safe, clean objects, most importantly when an adult engages and encourages the child and uses play opportunities to label objects and experiences for the child	Percentage of children aged 0-59 months who play with 2 or more of the following playthings at home: household objects or objects found outside (sticks, rocks, animals, shells, leaves, etc.), homemade toys or toys that came from a store (2005-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys
Early stimulation at home	Children learn through their own exploration, but they learn more in interaction with others, especially adults who mediate a child's experience with written material, stories, excursions and other opportunities to teach young children words, numbers, colours and shapes, and to help young children to understand ideas not immediately present	Percentage of children aged 24-59 months with whom an adult has engaged in 4 or more of the following activities to promote learning and school readiness in the past 3 days: a) reading books to the child, b) telling stories to the child, c) singing songs to the child, d) taking the child outside the home, e) playing with the child, and f) spending time with the child naming, counting or drawing things (2005-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys
Attendance in early childhood education	From about the age of 3 years, young children benefit from interacting and learning with other young children, and preparing for the environment of formal learning in school	Percentage of children aged 36-59 months who are attending an early childhood education programme (2006-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys

Components of nurturing care: Security and safety

Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Birth registration	Through birth registration, a child acquires his or her identity as a citizen and a rights holder in a country. Registration is often a condition for the receipt of state services such as health care, education and social protection	Percentage of children under age 5 who were reported to be registered with civil authorities. The numerator of this indicator includes children reported to have a birth certificate, regardless of whether or not it was seen by the interviewer, and those without a birth certificate whose mother or caregiver says the birth has been registered (2006-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS, other nationally representative surveys, censuses and vital registration systems
Basic drinking water	Safe drinking water is especially important for young children to prevent infectious diseases that inhibit their physical growth and diminish their active exploration of the environment through which they learn	Percentage of the population using an improved drinking water source, where collection time is not more than 30 minutes for a round trip including queuing (improved sources include: piped water; boreholes or tube wells; protected dug wells; protected springs; rainwater; and packaged or delivered water) (2024)	WHO-UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene, August 2025
Basic sanitation	Basic sanitation is also especially important for young children, to prevent infectious diseases that inhibit their physical growth and diminish their active exploration of the environment through which they learn	Percentage of the population using an improved sanitation facility that is not shared with other households (improved facilities include: flush/pour flush to piped sewerage systems, septic tanks or pit latrines; ventilated improved pit latrines; composting toilets or pit latrines with slabs) (2024)	WHO-UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene, August 2025
Positive discipline	Positive discipline by parents and caregivers helps to socialize young children to understand how to avoid danger and what they may and may not do in their social context	Percentage of children aged 1-4 years who experienced only non-violent discipline in the past month, including a) explaining why a behaviour is wrong, b) taking away privileges or not allowing the child to leave the house, and c) giving the child something else to do (2006-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys

Facilitating environment: Policies			
Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Child and family social protection	Social protection for children and families protects children and families from destitution and the worst effects of poverty	The indicator reflects the proportion of children/households receiving child or family cash benefits (2015-2023).	SDG global database, updated July 2025, based on ILO's World Social Protection Database which compiles information from the Social Security Inquiry which gathers administrative data from national sources.
Maternity leave	Maternity leave enables women to prepare for and recover from delivery and establish exclusive breastfeeding	Number of weeks of leave available to mothers in national legislation	ILO, Care at Work: Investing in care leave and services for a more gender equal world of work , 2022.
Paternity leave	Paternity leave enables men to support their partners before, during and after delivery, and be involved in the care of their young children	Number of weeks of leave available to fathers in national legislation	ILO, Care at Work: Investing in care leave and services for a more gender equal world of work , 2022.
International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes	The Code prevents the marketing of breastmilk substitutes that threaten exclusive breastfeeding. Breastfeeding is essential to the nutrition, health, safety and psychological well-being of the baby, and has many benefits for mothers as well	Legal status of the Code	World Health Organization, Marketing of breast-milk substitutes: National implementation of the international code, Status report 2024. Geneva: WHO and UNICEF; 2024.
Officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy	One of the most important facilitating environments for improving and expanding ECD services is the participatory planning, development, adoption and implementation of national multisectoral ECD policy documents.	Presence or absence of one or more officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy documents (policies, strategic plans or laws). Countries marked as having no officially adopted multisectoral ECD policy document are those for which it was confirmed that no policy exists or, in the case of a small number of countries, it was not possible to confirm the existence of a policy in any language.	Country-level data and files of officially adopted multisectoral ECD policy documents in the RISE Institute's ECD Policy Repository were reviewed against a set of pre-defined criteria. In 2022, an assessment of the availability of national multisectoral ECD policies using the documents gathered up to 2019 was published in Vargas-Barón, E., et al. (2022). The assessment was updated in July 2025, and it will be continuously updated.

Facilitating environment: International conventions			
Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989	The CRC is a protective mechanism for all children in countries that sign or ratify the convention	Signature or ratification as of July 2025	United Nations Treaty Collection, treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-11&chapter=4&lang=en .
General comment No. 7 (2005) on implementing child rights during early childhood Accepted by the Committee. Not ratified or signed by individual countries			
CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, 2000	The protocol aims to prevent the exploitation of children in countries that sign or ratify the protocol	Signature or ratification as of June 2025	United Nations Treaty Collection, treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-11-c&chapter=4&lang=en
United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006	The convention aims to ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are protected	Signature or ratification as of June 2025	United Nations Treaty Collection, treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=IV-15&chapter=4 .
Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, 1993	The convention aims to ensure that children are not exploited through intercountry adoption	Signature or ratification as of June 2025	Hague Conference on Private International Law, https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=69

Important indicators – no or insufficient comparable country data			
Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
More data needs to be collected, recalculated or validated Many more indicators than are included in the country profiles are needed to monitor and inspire the scale-up of quality interventions and programmes to support the development of young children. Some of these are indicated below:			
Government expenditure on ECD	Government leadership, programming and funding are needed to scale up efforts to improve facilitating environments and nurturing care needed by young children to realize their human potential		Some data available, minimum number of countries. Results for Development (R4D) has data on government spending on different ECD programmes in only 12 countries
Foreign assistance for ECD	International aid is important to leadership and funding of early childhood development programmes		The World Bank published estimates at the aggregate level (total \$ from the World Bank on ECD), but not at the country level. R4D has data on early childhood education, but not on other areas of ECD, and data are at the country level
Household expenditure on ECD (child day care)	Early indications suggest that, currently, families are spending a high proportion of household income on child day care and are often forced to compromise by accepting poorer quality, more affordable services		Some data available, minimum number of countries. Some data available from R4D
Low maternal schooling	Children whose mothers have no or only a few years of primary education have poorer health, nutrition, and cognitive development than children of better educated women. Education is empowering for women themselves, their families and their children	No education.	Countdown to 2030 reports on secondary education. There are no country-level estimates available for maternal education. Therefore, micro- level data has to be used to generate the estimates for countries with nationally representative data. In addition, categories of maternal education between DHS and MICS (and even within DHS and MICS) are not always consistent
Care for child development	The UNICEF/WHO Care for Child Development (CCD) materials are in use in a large number of countries and are often adapted to local circumstances. CCD is illustrative of a feasible, cost-effective intervention to promote nurturing care that can be incorporated into the delivery of services in different sectors	who.int/maternal_child_adolescent/documents/care_child_development/en/ unicef.org/earlychildhood/index_68195.html	Informal repository of country implementation

Important indicators – no or insufficient comparable country data			
Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Children in institutional care	Care of young children in large group homes (institutions) is a known and serious risk to children's development, since development is dependent on responsive human interaction best provided in a family environment		UNICEF's Data and Analytics Section maintains a global database on this indicator, but it is not currently available for public sharing, given the lack of comparability across countries
Maternal/parental mental health/depression	Parental and caregiver depression is prevalent in conditions of adversity and hardship, and significantly affects the development of young children through its impact on the motivational and emotional state of parents and caregivers		Some prevalence data, but with small non-representative samples and long intervals between dates of information, have been collected. For example: Gelaye et al., 'Epidemiology of Maternal Depression', <i>The Lancet Psychiatry</i> , vol. 3, no. 10, 2016, pp. 973-982; Ferrari et al., 'Burden of Depressive Disorder', <i>PLOS Medicine</i> , vol. 10, no. 11, 2016, p. E1001547
Female alcohol consumption	Drug and alcohol abuse are associated with prenatal complications, developmental delays and difficulties, the potential for violence in the home and other social problems. Data on female alcohol consumption may be one possible indicator for this threat to early child development	Total alcohol per capita consumption (APC) is defined as the total (sum of recorded APC 3-year average and unrecorded APC) amount of alcohol consumed per adult (15+ years) over a calendar year, in litres of pure alcohol	Recorded alcohol consumption refers to official statistics (production, import, export, and sales or taxation data), while the unrecorded alcohol consumption refers to alcohol that is not taxed and is outside the usual system of governmental control. The WHO Global Health Observatory, who.int/gho/en/ There was insufficient time to find a way to include the data in a simple and understandable way
Quality, affordable child day care	In a large number of countries, as many women as men are economically active, either in the formal or the informal sector. These families, and families with other challenges that require additional assistance, benefit from good quality, free or affordable day care		No globally comparable data on this indicator
Environment/air pollution	During pregnancy and early childhood, the rapid development of children makes them especially vulnerable to environmental toxins, including, among others, air pollution	Percentage of population breathing air with unhealthy levels of pollutants	WHO Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database (2018 update), who.int/airpollution/data/cities/en/ There was insufficient time to find a way to include the data in a simple and understandable way



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