



Malaysia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

Demographics

Population	35,344,242
Annual births	439,568
Children under 5	2,223,163 (6%)
Under-five mortality	8/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	26/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	6/1,000
Low birthweight	14%	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	24%
Violent discipline	67%	Inadequate supervision	3%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

1%

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

95%

Careseeking for child pneumonia

92%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

98%

Postnatal visits

no data

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

no data

Exclusive breastfeeding

40%

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

25%

Children's books in the home

56%

Attendance in early childhood education

53%

Playthings at home

62%

Security and safety

Birth registration	98
Positive discipline	27
Basic drinking water	98
Basic sanitation	96

Responsive caregiving

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

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Comparative country data urgently needed

International conventions

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