



North Macedonia

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

Demographics

Population	1,827,512
Annual births	16,587
Children under 5	91,268 (5%)
Under-five mortality	3/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	3/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	37/1,000
Low birthweight	8%	Preterm births	7%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	4%
Violent discipline	71%	Inadequate supervision	6%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

2%

Children developmentally on-track

82%

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

no data

Careseeking for child pneumonia

93%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

96%

Postnatal visits

94%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

10

Exclusive breastfeeding

28

Minimum acceptable diet

43

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

88%

Children's books in the home

55%

Attendance in early childhood education

37%

Playthings at home

62%

Security and safety

Birth registration	100
Positive discipline	23
Basic drinking water	98
Basic sanitation	99

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