



Sierra Leone

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

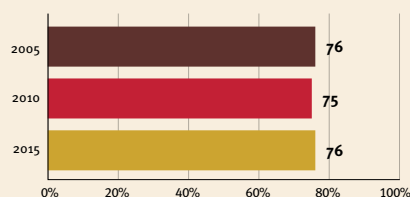
Demographics

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

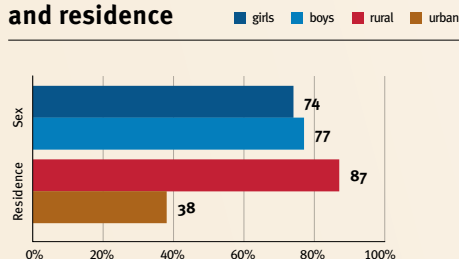
Threats to Early Childhood Development

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

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

Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women

Careseeking for child pneumonia

93%

Postnatal visits

86%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

79%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

19%

Children's books in the home

2%

Attendance in early childhood education

12%

Playthings at home

41%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

88

Exclusive breastfeeding

51

Minimum acceptable diet

9

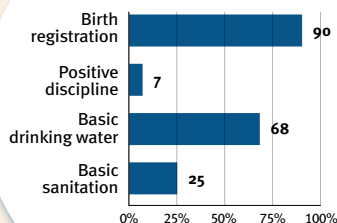
Responsive caregiving

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

Security and safety



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