



South Africa

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

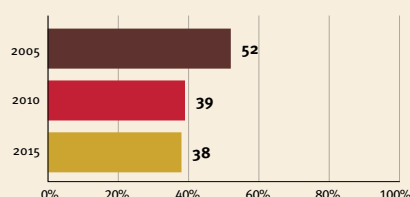
Demographics

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

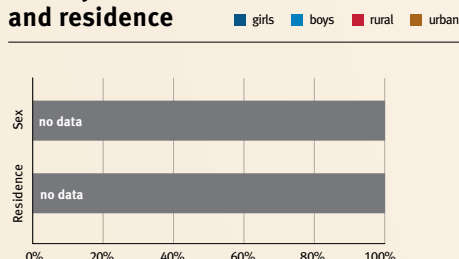
Maternal mortality	118/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	40/1,000
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	8%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	24%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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

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

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

no data

Playthings at home

no data

Attendance in early childhood education

48%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

67

Exclusive breastfeeding

32

Minimum acceptable diet

19

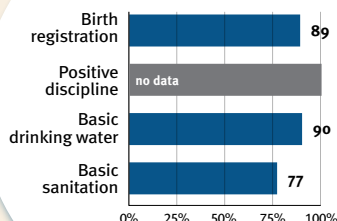
Responsive caregiving

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