

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, <a href="#">Care at Work: Investing in care leave and services for a more gender equal world of work</a> , 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, <a href="#">Care at Work: Investing in care leave and services for a more gender equal world of work</a> , 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.	<p>Presence or absence of one or more officially adopted national multisectoral ECD policy documents (policies, strategic plans or laws).</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>In 2022, an assessment of the availability of national multisectoral ECD policies using the documents gathered up to 2019 was published in <a href="#">Vargas-Barón, E., et al. (2022)</a>. The assessment was updated in July 2025, and it will be continuously updated.</p>

Facilitating environment: International conventions			
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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, <a href="https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&amp;mtdsg_no=IV-11&amp;chapter=4&amp;lang=en">treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&amp;mtdsg_no=IV-11&amp;chapter=4&amp;lang=en</a> .
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, <a href="https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&amp;mtdsg_no=IV-11-c&amp;chapter=4&amp;lang=en">treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&amp;mtdsg_no=IV-11-c&amp;chapter=4&amp;lang=en</a>
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, <a href="https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&amp;mtdsg_no=IV-15&amp;chapter=4">treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&amp;mtdsg_no=IV-15&amp;chapter=4</a> .
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, <a href="https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=69">https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=69</a>