

Important indicators – no or insufficient comparable country data

Indicator	Rationale	Definition	Data source
Children in institutional care	Care of young children in large group homes (institutions) is a known and serious risk to children's development, since development is dependent on responsive human interaction best provided in a family environment		UNICEF's Data and Analytics Section maintains a global database on this indicator, but it is not currently available for public sharing, given the lack of comparability across countries
Maternal/parental mental health/depression	Parental and caregiver depression is prevalent in conditions of adversity and hardship, and significantly affects the development of young children through its impact on the motivational and emotional state of parents and caregivers		Some prevalence data, but with small non-representative samples and long intervals between dates of information, have been collected. For example: Gelaye et al., 'Epidemiology of Maternal Depression', <i>The Lancet Psychiatry</i> , vol. 3, no. 10, 2016, pp. 973-982; Ferrari et al., 'Burden of Depressive Disorder', <i>PLOS Medicine</i> , vol. 10, no. 11, 2016, p. E1001547
Female alcohol consumption	Drug and alcohol abuse are associated with prenatal complications, developmental delays and difficulties, the potential for violence in the home and other social problems. Data on female alcohol consumption may be one possible indicator for this threat to early child development	Total alcohol per capita consumption (APC) is defined as the total (sum of recorded APC 3-year average and unrecorded APC) amount of alcohol consumed per adult (15+ years) over a calendar year, in litres of pure alcohol	Recorded alcohol consumption refers to official statistics (production, import, export, and sales or taxation data), while the unrecorded alcohol consumption refers to alcohol that is not taxed and is outside the usual system of governmental control. The WHO Global Health Observatory, who.int/gho/en/ There was insufficient time to find a way to include the data in a simple and understandable way
Quality, affordable child day care	In a large number of countries, as many women as men are economically active, either in the formal or the informal sector. These families, and families with other challenges that require additional assistance, benefit from good quality, free or affordable day care		No globally comparable data on this indicator
Environment/air pollution	During pregnancy and early childhood, the rapid development of children makes them especially vulnerable to environmental toxins, including, among others, air pollution	Percentage of population breathing air with unhealthy levels of pollutants	WHO Global Urban Ambient Air Pollution Database (2018 update), who.int/airpollution/data/cities/en/ There was insufficient time to find a way to include the data in a simple and understandable way