



## Belize

### Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

#### Demographics

Population	414,097
Annual births	7,529
Children under 5	35,487 (9%)
Under-five mortality	13/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	67/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	52/1,000
Low birthweight	12%	Preterm births	10%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	12%
Violent discipline	63%	Inadequate supervision	13%

#### Young children at risk of poor development



#### Risk by sex and residence



#### Children with functional difficulty

no data

#### Children developmentally on-track

83%

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

73%

Postnatal visits

96%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

93%

#### Early learning

Early stimulation at home

88%

Children's books in the home

44%

Playthings at home

68%

Attendance in early childhood education

55%

#### Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

68

Exclusive breastfeeding

33

Minimum acceptable diet

no data

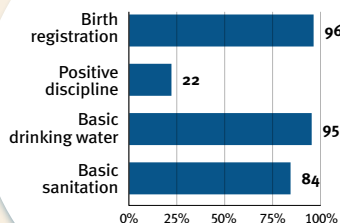
#### Responsive caregiving

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