



# Benin

## Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

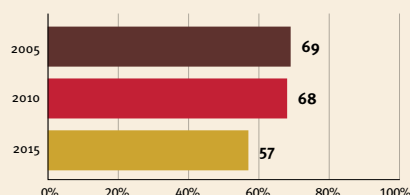
### Demographics

Population	14,287,903
Annual births	483,336
Children under 5	2,200,875 (15%)
Under-five mortality	78/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

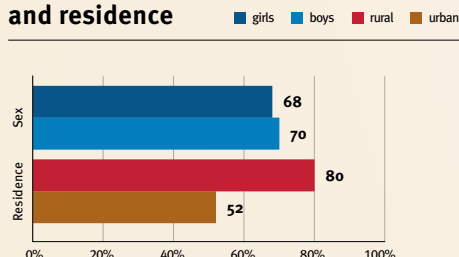
Maternal mortality	518/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	77/1,000
Low birthweight	16%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	50%	Under-five stunting	33%
Violent discipline	81%	Inadequate supervision	29%

### 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

9%

### Children developmentally on-track

41%

## 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

90%

Postnatal visits

76%

35%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

53%

### Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

54

Exclusive breastfeeding

41

Minimum acceptable diet

9

### Early learning

Early stimulation at home

39%

Playthings at home

55%

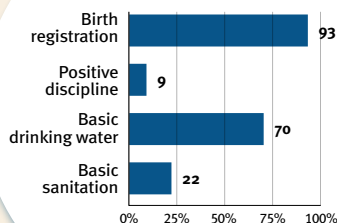
Children's books in the home

2%

Attendance in early childhood education

13%

### Security and safety



### 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

### 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