



Democratic Republic of the Congo

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

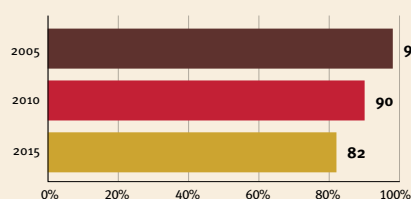
Demographics

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| Population | 107,516,151 |
| Annual births | 4,467,740 |
| Children under 5 | 19,792,562 (18%) |
| Under-five mortality | 73/1,000 |

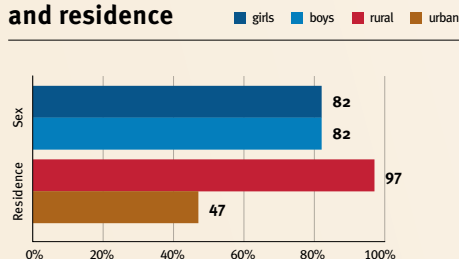
Threats to Early Childhood Development

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| Maternal mortality | 427/100,000 | Adolescent birth rate | 109/1,000 |
| Low birthweight | 10% | Preterm births | 12% |
| Child poverty | 75% | Under-five stunting | 44% |
| Violent discipline | 85% | Inadequate supervision | 47% |

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

7%

Children developmentally on-track

57%

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 | | | | |
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| X | 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 |
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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

32%

Postnatal visits

50%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

43%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

44%

Children's books in the home

1%

Playthings at home

39%

Attendance in early childhood education

5%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

43

Exclusive breastfeeding

54

Minimum acceptable diet

8

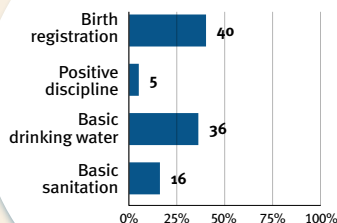
Responsive caregiving

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

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| ✓ | 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 |
| X | Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption |