



# Dominican Republic

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

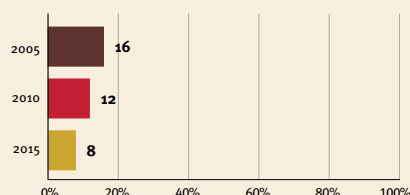
## Demographics

Population	11,379,988
Annual births	201,350
Children under 5	993,055 (9%)
Under-five mortality	31/1,000

## Threats to Early Childhood Development

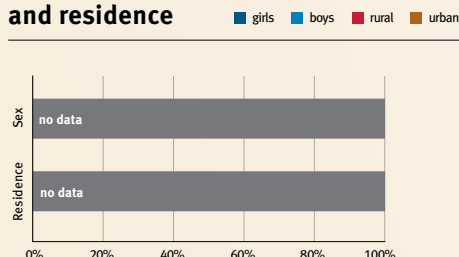
Maternal mortality	124/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	77/1,000
Low birthweight	13%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	2%	Under-five stunting	6%
Violent discipline	63%	Inadequate supervision	8%

## 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

5%

## Children developmentally on-track

87%

## 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

68%

Postnatal visits

90%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

93%

## Early learning

Early stimulation at home

63%

Children's books in the home

9%

Playthings at home

68%

Attendance in early childhood education

48%

## Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

42

Exclusive breastfeeding

16

Minimum acceptable diet

42

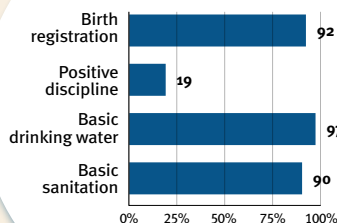
## Responsive caregiving

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