



## Gambia

### Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

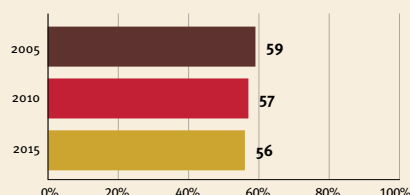
#### Demographics

Population	2,728,905
Annual births	82,405
Children under 5	388,065 (14%)
Under-five mortality	44/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

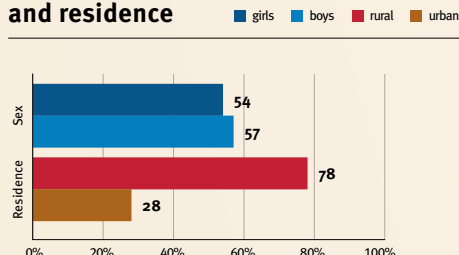
Maternal mortality	354/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	65/1,000
Low birthweight	13%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	49%	Under-five stunting	14%
Violent discipline	89%	Inadequate supervision	16%

#### 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

67%

## 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

64%

77%

Postnatal visits

88%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

79%

#### Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

35

Exclusive breastfeeding

53

Minimum acceptable diet

15

#### Early learning

Early stimulation at home

16%

Children's books in the home

1%

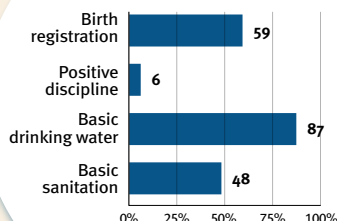
Playthings at home

49%

Attendance in early childhood education

24%

#### 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