



## Ghana

## Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

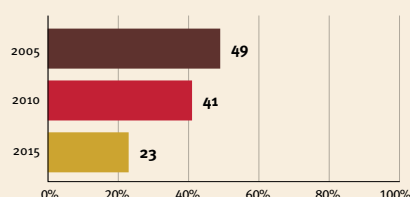
### Demographics

Population	34,108,457
Annual births	892,343
Children under 5	4,249,501 (12%)
Under-five mortality	37/1,000

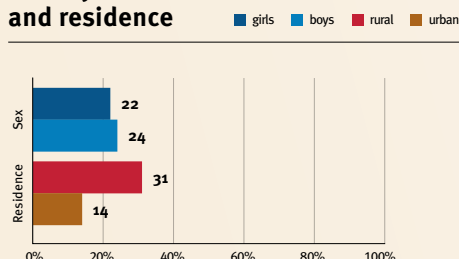
### Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	234/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	63/1,000
Low birthweight	14%	Preterm births	15%
Child poverty	6%	Under-five stunting	16%
Violent discipline	92%	Inadequate supervision	30%

### Young children at risk of poor development



### Risk by sex and residence



### Children with functional difficulty

11%

### Children developmentally on-track

68%

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

95%

Careseeking for child pneumonia

56%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

88%

Postnatal visits

87%

### Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

58

Exclusive breastfeeding

53

Minimum acceptable diet

13

### Early learning

Early stimulation at home

34%

Children's books in the home

7%

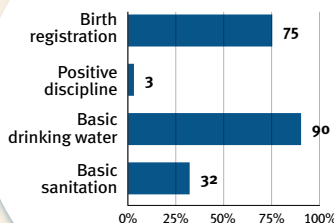
Attendance in early childhood education

71%

Playthings at home

50%

### 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