



Afghanistan

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

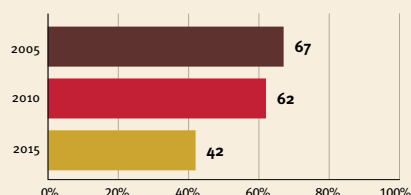
Demographics

Population	42,045,654
Annual births	1,492,956
Children under 5	6,778,383 (16%)
Under-five mortality	56/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

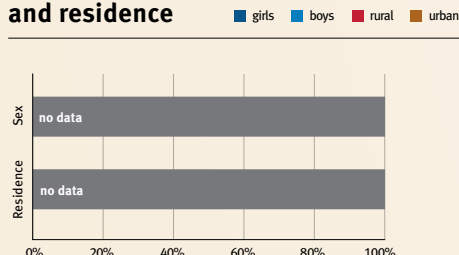
Maternal mortality	521/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	62/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	12%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	42%
Violent discipline	82%	Inadequate supervision	36%

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

11%

Children developmentally on-track

29%

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

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	
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

14%

Postnatal visits

36%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

33%

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

54%

Children's books in the home

1%

Playthings at home

43%

Attendance in early childhood education

1%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

48

Exclusive breastfeeding

63

Minimum acceptable diet

7

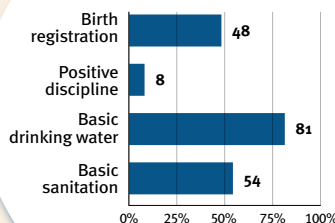
Responsive caregiving

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