



Malawi

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

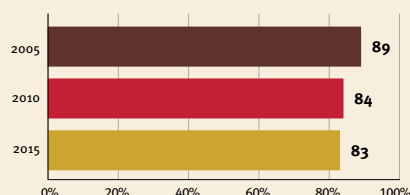
Demographics

Population	21,376,132
Annual births	674,407
Children under 5	3,129,693 (15%)
Under-five mortality	38/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

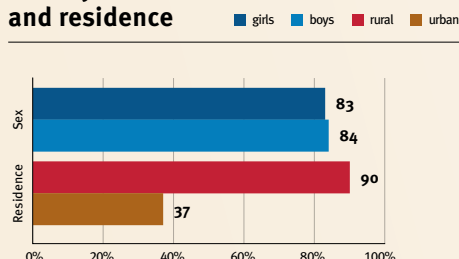
Maternal mortality	225/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	136/1,000
Low birthweight	16%	Preterm births	18%
Child poverty	73%	Under-five stunting	33%
Violent discipline	80%	Inadequate supervision	44%

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

59%

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

95%

71%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

51%

Postnatal visits

84%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

60

Exclusive breastfeeding

64

Minimum acceptable diet

9

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

35%

Children's books in the home

1%

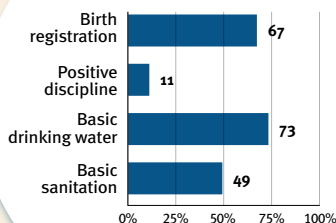
Attendance in early childhood education

34%

Playthings at home

37%

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