EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



Iraq

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

Demographics

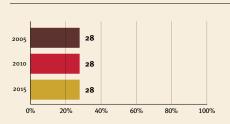
Population	40,222,503
Annual births	1,136,256
Children under 5	5,380,423 (13%)
Under-five mortality	27/1 000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

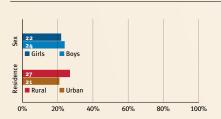
Maternal mortality	79/100,000
Low birthweight	no data
Child poverty	2%
Violent discipline	79%

Young mothers (births by 18y)	14%
Preterm births	7%
Under-five stunting	13%
Inadequate supervision	10%

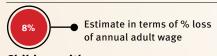
Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



Children with functional difficulty

Children developmentally on-track



At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

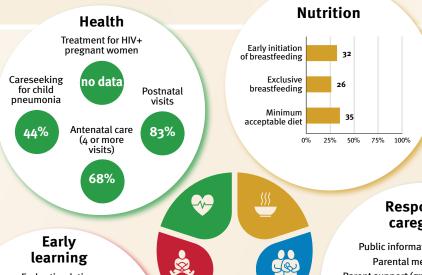
Support and services for early childhood development:

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



learning Early stimulation

at home

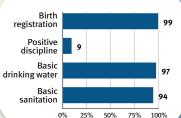
books in the home Playthings at home 44% 3% 47% Attendance in early childhood education

Children's



Public information about ECD

Security and safety



Responsive caregiving

Parental mental health Parent support (groups, home visits) Quality child day care



Comparative country data urgently

Policies								
None	<14	14 -	· <18	18 – <26	≥26			
Paid maternity leave (weeks)								
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Paid paternity leave (weeks)								
Not	Slight	lly	Mod	derately	Substantially			

International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment)

National minimum wage Child and family social protection

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