



Iraq

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

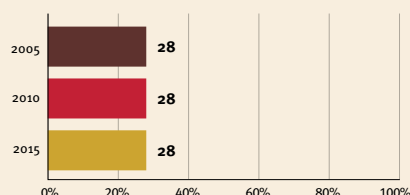
Demographics

Population	45,557,903
Annual births	1,177,772
Children under 5	5,610,306 (12%)
Under-five mortality	23/1,000

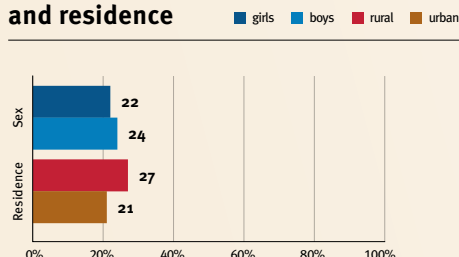
Threats to Early Childhood Development

Maternal mortality	66/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	70/1,000
Low birthweight	11%	Preterm births	7%
Child poverty	2%	Under-five stunting	9%
Violent discipline	79%	Inadequate supervision	10%

Young children at risk of poor development



Risk by sex and residence



Children with functional difficulty

3%

Children developmentally on-track

79%

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

no data

Careseeking for child pneumonia

44%

Antenatal care (4 or more visits)

68%

Postnatal visits

83%

Nutrition

Early initiation of breastfeeding

32

Exclusive breastfeeding

26

Minimum acceptable diet

34

Early learning

Early stimulation at home

44%

Children's books in the home

3%

Attendance in early childhood education

2%

Playthings at home

47%

Security and safety

Birth registration

99

Positive discipline

9

Basic drinking water

98

Basic sanitation

99

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