# Guyana

*Countdown to 2030*
*Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health*

## Demographics

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| Population | 790,329 |
| Annual births | 15,186 |
| Children under 5 | 72,807 (9%) |
| Under-five mortality | 29/1,000 |

## Threats to Early Childhood Development

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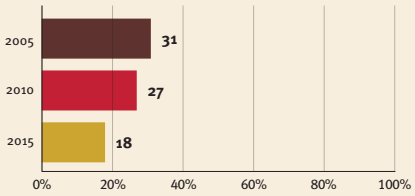
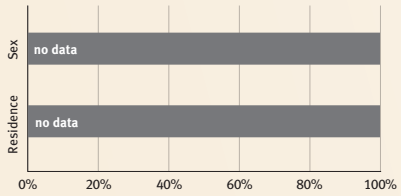
| Maternal mortality | 169/100,000 | Adolescent birth rate | 74/1,000 |
| Low birthweight | 16% | Preterm births | 13% |
| Child poverty | no data | Under-five stunting | 9% |
| Violent discipline | 67% | Inadequate supervision | 5% |

### 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




### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

97% — Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

### Children with functional difficulty

4%

### Children developmentally on-track

86%

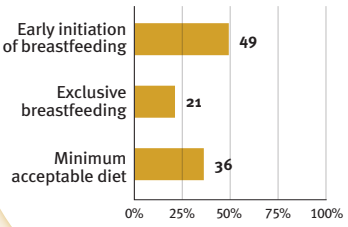
## Support and services for early childhood development:

# Nurturing care

### Health

Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: 84%
Careseeking for child pneumonia: 84%
Postnatal visits: 93%
Antenatal care (4 or more visits): 87%

### Nutrition




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

### Early learning

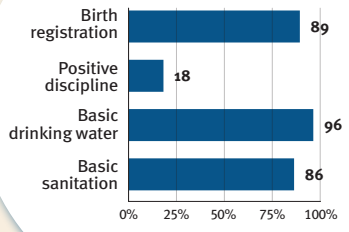
Early stimulation at home: 91%
Children's books in the home: 47%
Playthings at home: 69%
Attendance in early childhood education: 47%

### Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care

? Comparative country data urgently needed

### Security and safety




## Policies

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| None | <14 | 14 – <18 | 18 – <26 | ≥26 |
| Paid maternity leave (weeks) | | | | |
| None | <14 | 14 – <18 | 18 – <26 | ≥26 |
| Paid paternity leave (weeks) | | | | |
| Not | Slightly | Moderately | Substantially | |
| International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment) | | | | |
| ✓ | National minimum wage | | | |
| ✓ | Child and family social protection | | | |

## International conventions

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| ✓ | 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 |