



Syrian Arab Republic

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

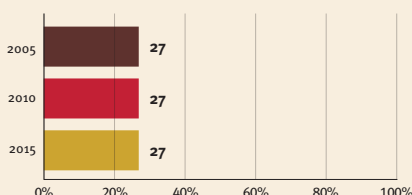
Demographics

Population	18,275,704
Annual births	422,829
Children under 5	2,061,913 (11%)
Under-five mortality	22/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

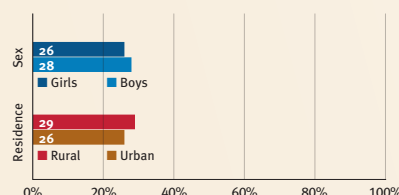
Maternal mortality	31/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	22/1,000
Low birthweight	no data	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	2%	Under-five stunting	30%
Violent discipline	84%	Inadequate supervision	17%

Young children at risk of poor development

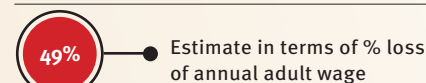


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Risk by sex and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



Children with functional difficulty

12%

Children developmentally on-track

no data

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

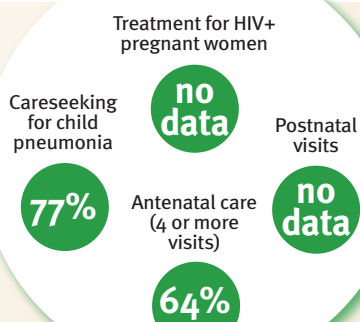
Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

Facilitating environments

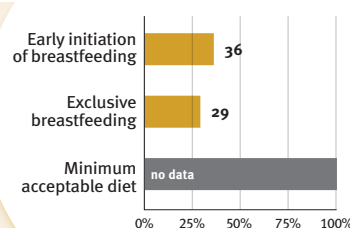
Policies				
None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
Paid maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
Paid paternity leave (weeks)				
Not	Slightly	Moderately	Substantially	

✓	National minimum wage
✗	Child and family social protection

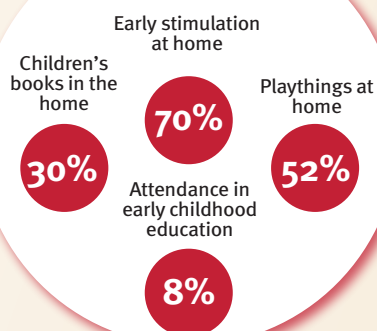
Health



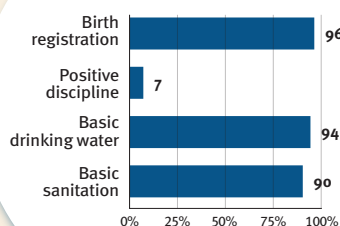
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



Responsive caregiving

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

?

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