



## Benin

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

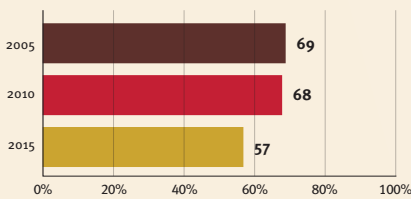
### Demographics

Population (2019)	11,801,000
Annual births	423,000
Children under 5 (2019)	1,874,000 (16%)
Under-five mortality	93/1 000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

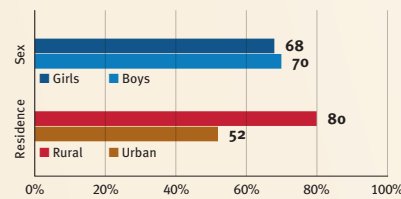
Maternal mortality	397/100 000	Young mothers (births by 18y)	19%
Low birthweight	17%	Preterm births	11%
Child poverty	50%	Under-five stunting	32%
Violent discipline	87%	Inadequate supervision	29%

### Young children at risk of poor development

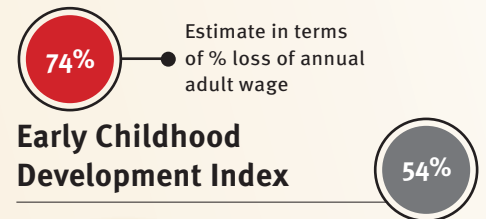


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

### Risk by sex and residence

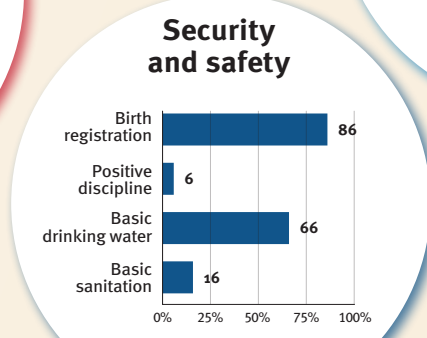
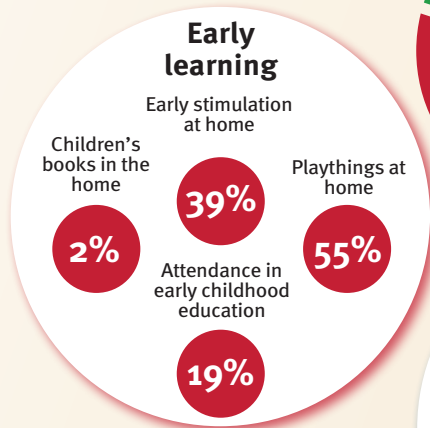
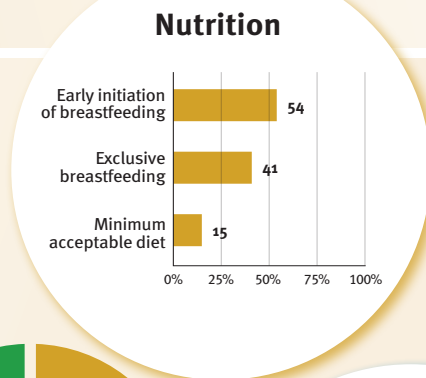
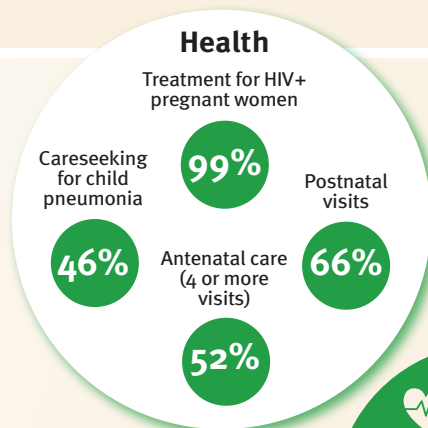


### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



## 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	
✓ Paid maternity leave	✓ Paid paternity leave
✓ National minimum wage	
✗ Child and family social protection	
✓ International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes	

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	