2020 ECD Country Profiles

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Data for Action

Key insights into ECD globally from country-comparable data

- The Country Profiles of Nurturing Care for ECD grew out of the 2017 Lancet series *Advancing Early Childhood Development: From Science to Scale*

- Created in 2018 to track progress and monitor accountability

- Now part of Countdown to 2030 for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health in 2019

- Since 2019 the profiles are maintained and updated by UNICEF

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Significant progress since 2018

Nurturing care is the framework for the country profiles

The 5 components of Nurturing Care: good health, adequate nutrition, security and safety, early learning and responsive caregiving


Facilitating environments for the components of Nurturing Care: caregivers, communities, services, policies caregiving

Nurturing care at the heart of global goals: The SDGs and Survive, Thrive and Transform

Country Profiles of Nurturing Care for ECD

Country profiles

➢ Demographics (4), threats to ECD (8) + disability

➢ 5 components of nurturing care
  ➢ Health (4)
  ➢ Nutrition (3)
  ➢ Security and safety (4)
  ➢ Early learning (4)
  ➢ Responsive caregiving (TBD)

➢ Facilitating environment
  ➢ Policies (5)
  ➢ International conventions (4)

➢ Evaluation
  ➢ 2005-2015 trend in children at risk
  ➢ Gender & residence differences
  ➢ Lifetime cost of early growth deficits
  ➢ Children on track on the ECDI
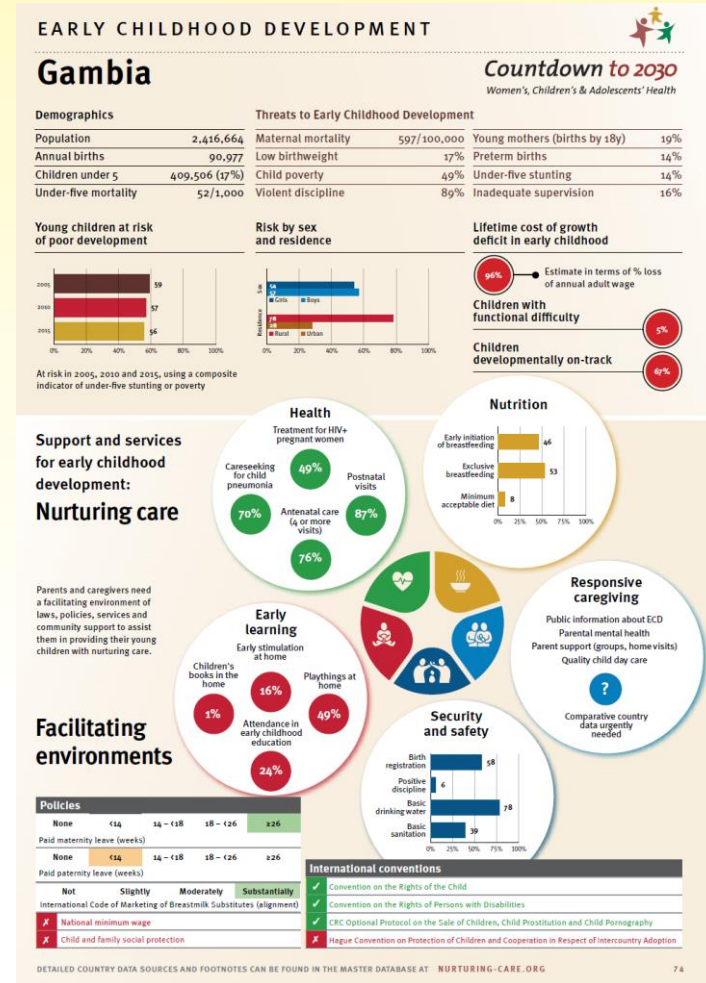
42 Indicators

Data

Sources

➢ UNICEF Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS)

➢ USAID Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

➢ Selected representative household surveys in countries

➢ Country data published in high impact journals

Definitions, dates, and countries for which data are available

➢ Technical appendix

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Data from 2005 to 2020
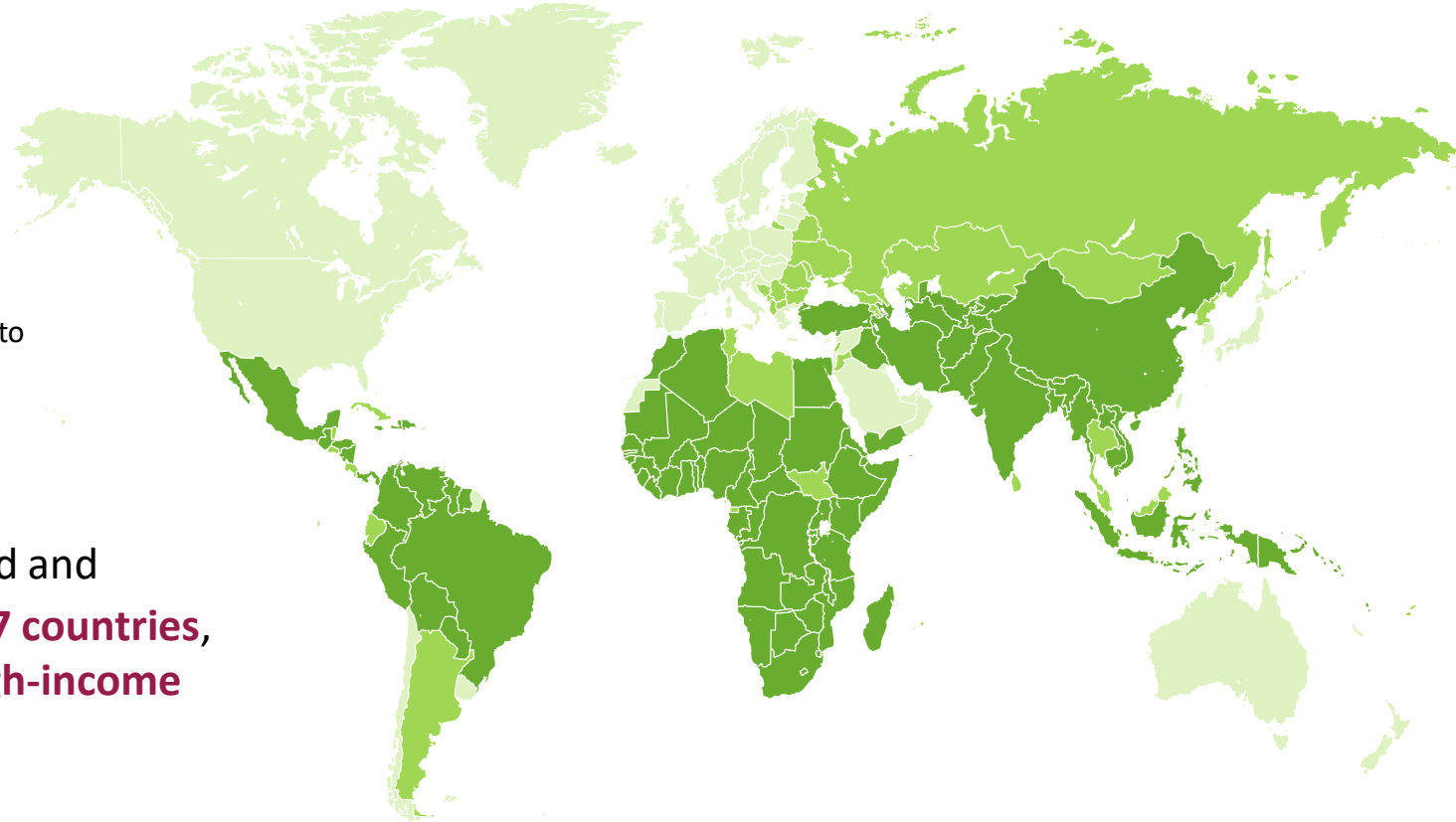
Country profiles 2018, 2019 and 2020

2018 First ECD Country Profiles - **91 low- and middle-income countries**

2019 Updated and extended to **138 low- and-middle income countries**

2020 Profiles updated and extended to **197 countries**, including **63 high-income** countries

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Nearing a global picture of ECD

2020 ECD Country Profiles

➤ Launched 23 Nov 2020

➤ Added 63 high-income countries

➤ 2 additional indicators

➤ 1 improved indicator

➤ Translated into 4 additional languages

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Significant progress since 2018 & 2019

Additional indicators

➤ **% Children developmentally on track**

% children 3-6y developmentally on track in at least three ECDI domains:
   literacy-numeracy, physical development, social-emotional
   development and learning (2010-2019)

➤ **% Children with functional difficulty (disability)**

% children 2-4 years with a functional difficulty in at least one domain on
   the child functioning module: seeing, hearing, walking, fine motor,
   communication, learning, playing and controlling behavior (2017-2019)

Adding important additional indicators

Revised - paid maternity and paternity leave

2018 & 2019

Maternity leave: 100% wages,
    paid for 14 weeks (ILO 183)
Any paternity leave
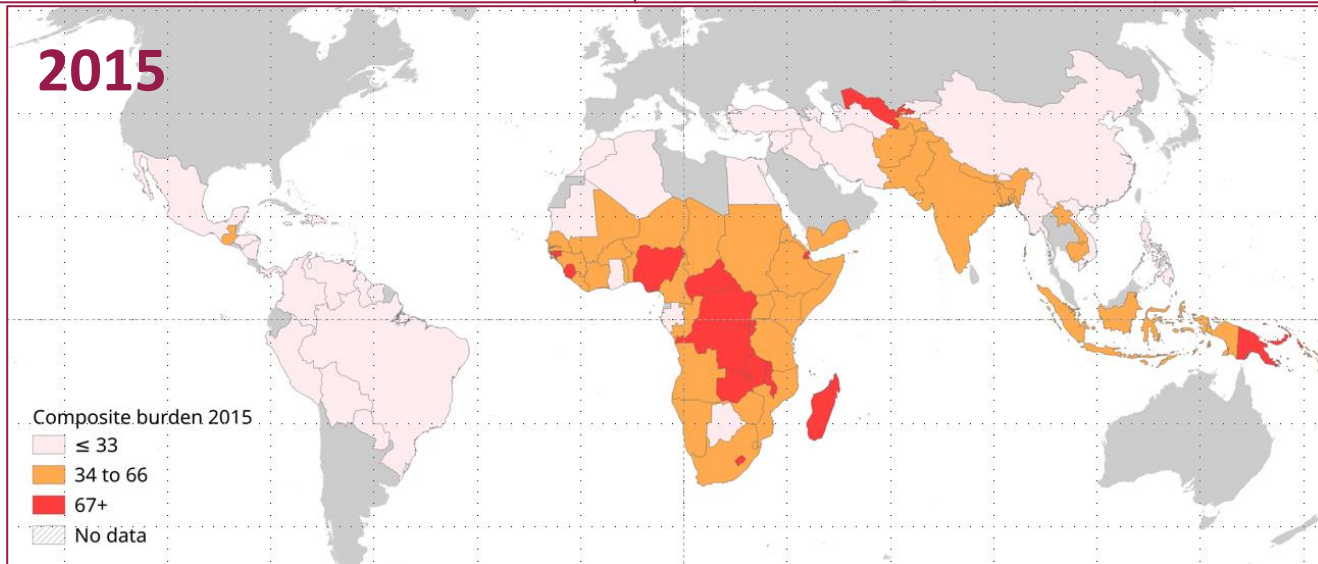
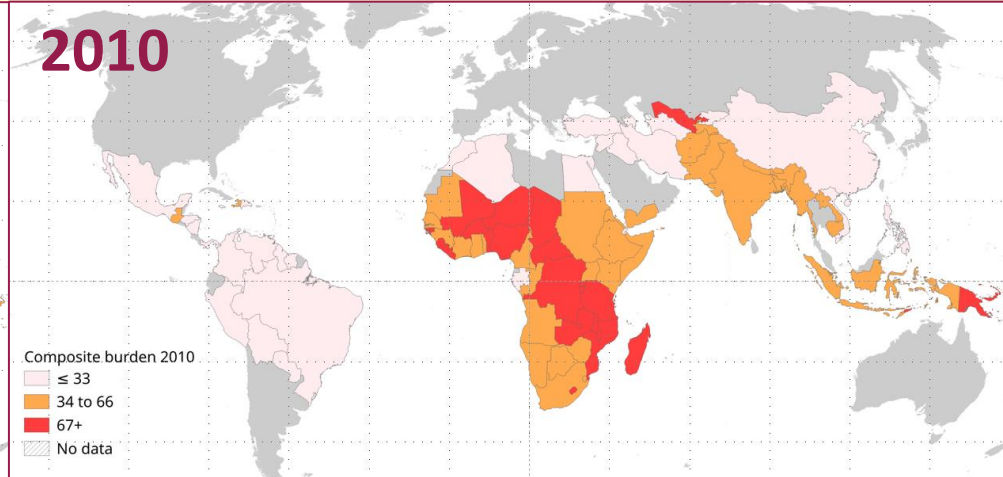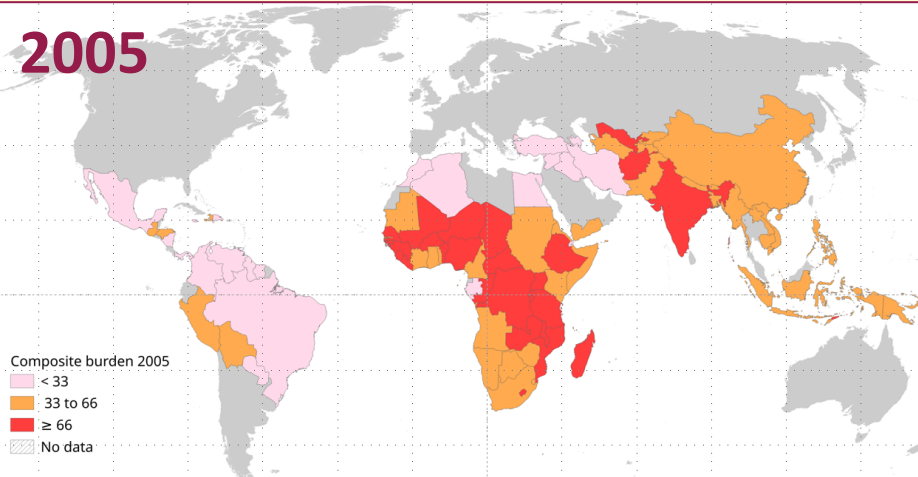| Policies		
✗ Paid maternity leave		✓ Paid paternity leave

2020

Maternity/paternity leave on
    same scale
Includes aspirational targets

Policies				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paid maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 – <18	18 – <26	≥26
Paid paternity leave (weeks)				

Updating and revising indicators

Translations: Arabic, French, Russian, Spanish

Translations for countries speaking the language

English   French   Spanish   Russian   Arabic

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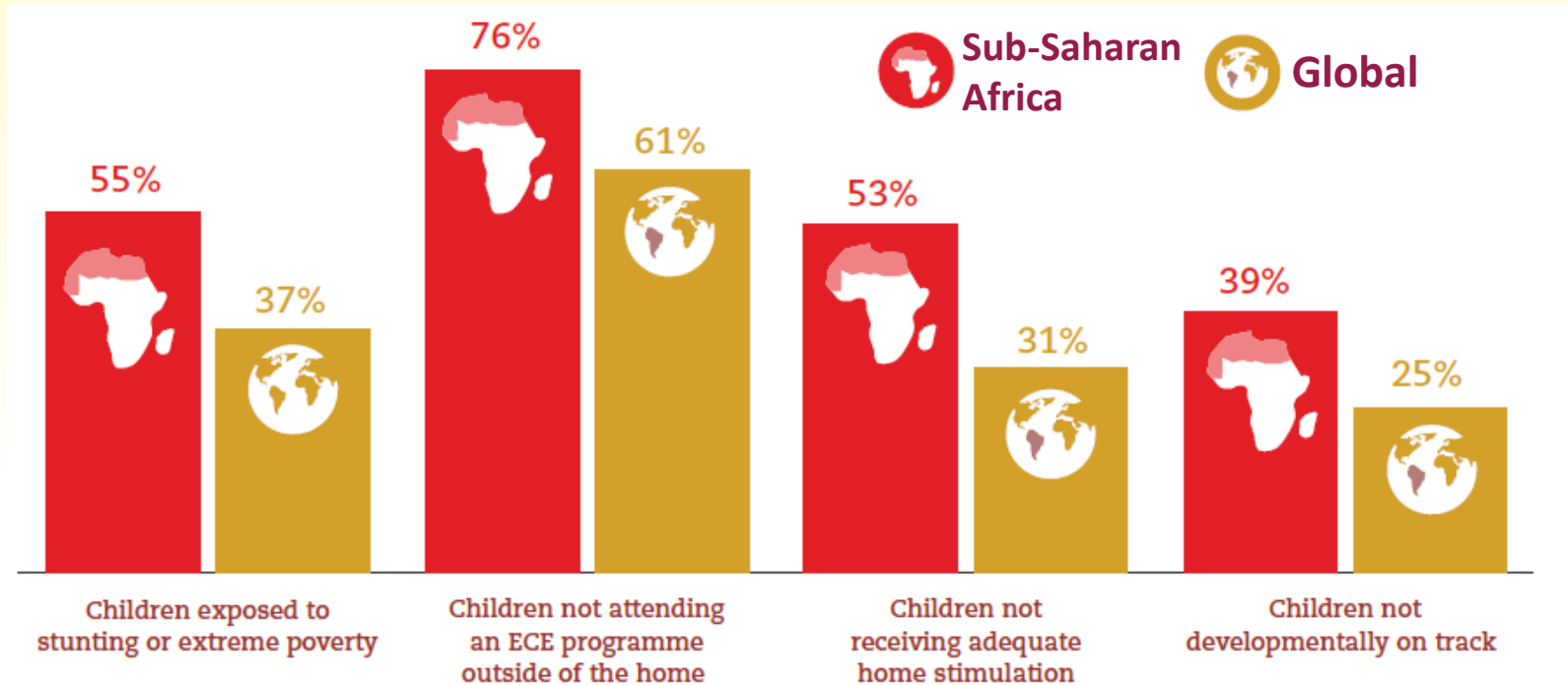
Increasing access to country profiles

Progress - children at risk of poor development

Key findings (2010 – 2018)

- On average **rural children fare worse** than urban children
- Children from **poorer households fare worse** than children from richer households
- Negligible differences between young **girls and boys**
- **Focus on SSA** to prevent early loss of critically important human capital

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Increase focus on poor, rural children in SSA

Children in SSA most disadvantaged on all ECD 4 indicators (2010-2018)

Lu et al (2020) BMJ Global Health

Comparing 2018 and 2020 data for SSA

Bar chart comparing 2018 and 2020 data for SSA:

- Children exposed to stunting or extreme poverty ** — 2018: 55%, 2020: 55%
- Children not attending an ECE programme outside of the home — 2018: 76%, 2020: 80%
- Children not receiving adequate home stimulation — 2018: 53%, 2020: 58%
- Children not developmentally on track — 2018: 39%, 2020: 40%
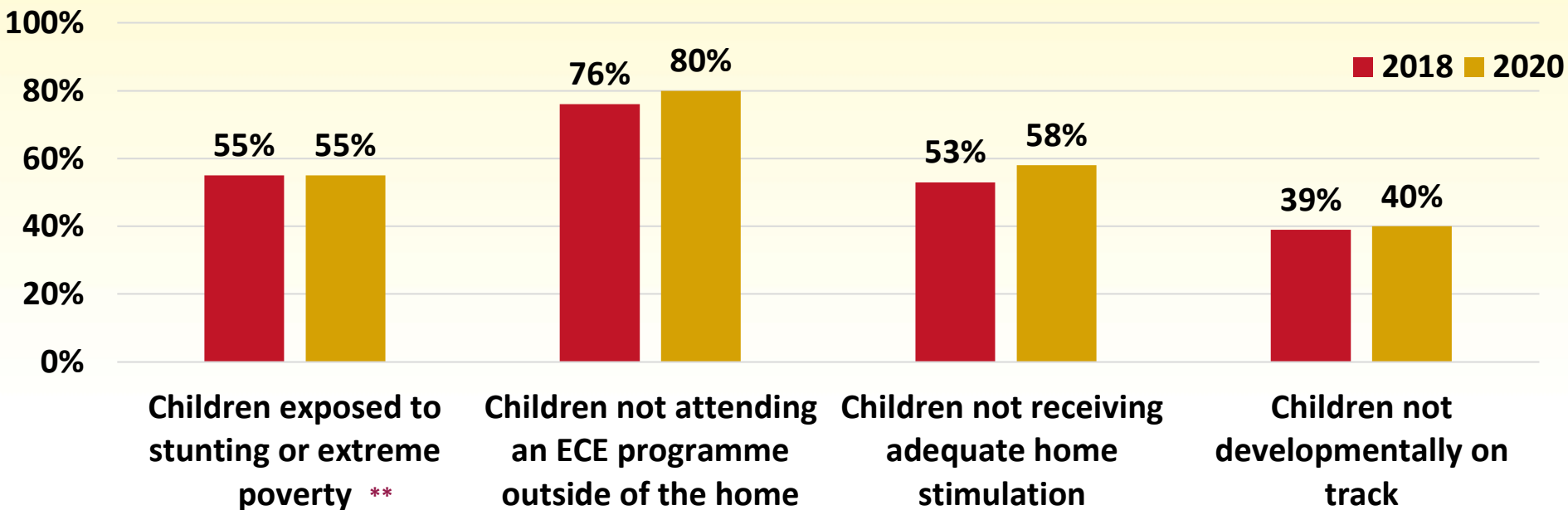
**2015 data used for both years

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Declining situation for young children in SSA

Threats to young children in SSA 2020

	Global average	HIC Average	LMIC Average	SSA Average	SSA Range
Low-birth weight	10%	8%	12%	**14%**	7%-24%
Preterm birth	10%	8%	11%	**13%**	8%-18%
Young mothers	16%	22%	18%	**27%**	6%-51%
Under-5 stunting	21%	9%	25%	**31%**	14%-54%
Inadequate supervision	16%	11%	18%	**32%**	16%-61%
Harsh punishment	72%	61%	73%	**79%**	61%-94%

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**46 SSA countries
(excluding 2 HICs - Seychelles and Mauritius**

Important gaps in data

- ➢ Responsive caregiving
- ➢ Indicators on which we have the most and least data
- ➢ Trend data
- ➢ Data we need to prioritise getting

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Responsive caregiving

Need definitions, indicators and data for an important component of **Nurturing Care**

Responsive caregiving

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

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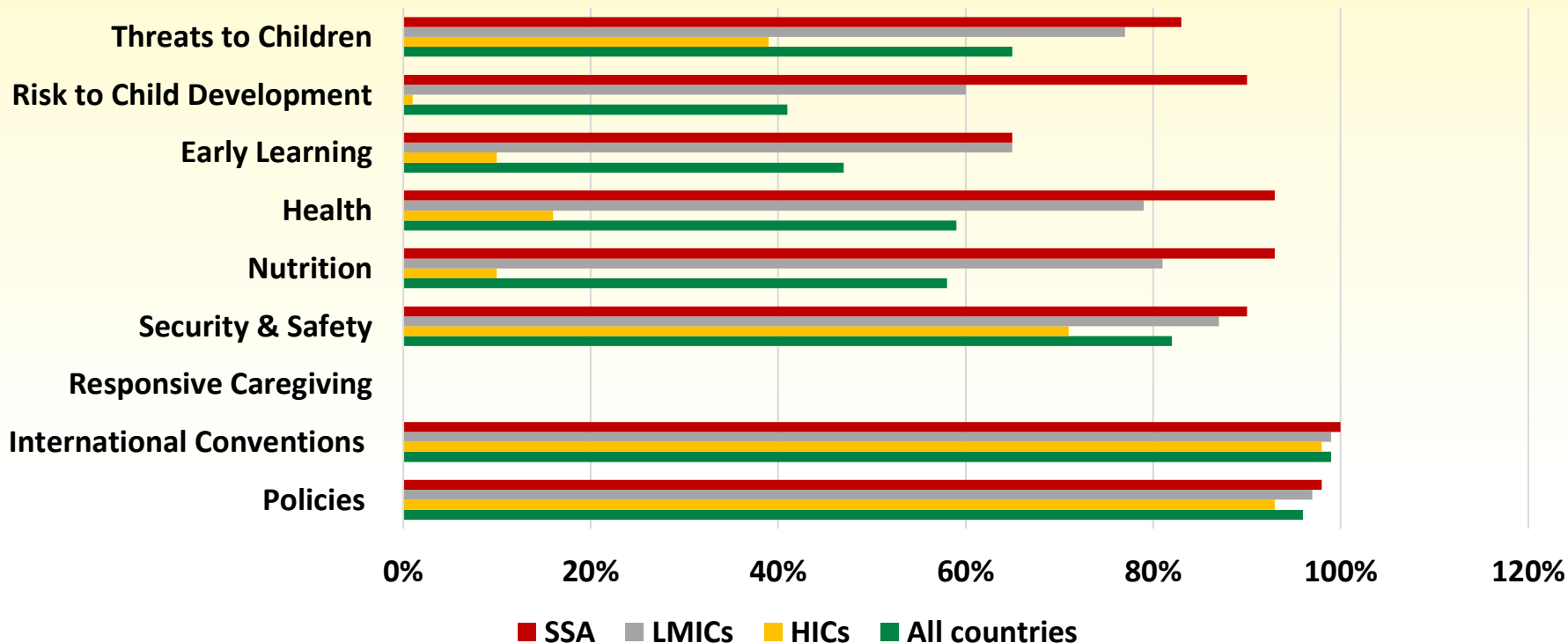Comparative country data urgently needed
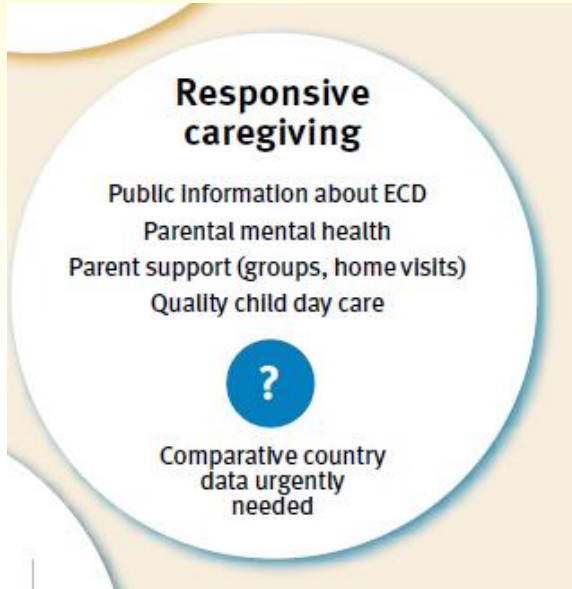
Progress

➢ WHO 2020 Guideline on Early Childhood Development: Responsive Caregiving and Early Learning

➢ Current - WHO/UNICEF/World Bank Nurturing Care Framework Working Groups (Monitoring & Evaluation and Implementation)

Gaps in data

Percentage of countries with data on indicators within a domain

Legend: SSA (red), LMICs (grey), HICs (yellow), All countries (green)

X-axis: 0%, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, 100%, 120%

Domains (top to bottom): Threats to Children, Risk to Child Development, Early Learning, Health, Nutrition, Security & Safety, Responsive Caregiving, International Conventions, Policies

SSA has good data – we need to use it!

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Definitions, indicators and data we need

➢ Children in residential institutions

➢ Parental mental health

➢ Affordable quality day care

➢ Indoor and outdoor air pollution

➢ Others …

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More information on ECD needed

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Key insights into global early childhood development
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The ECD Country profiles present in one place the
latest information to assess country progress in
improving the health, development and future
prospects of young children all over the world

View and download the Country Profiles, Data Sets, Sources and Methods of data collection from the following web pages

https://data.unicef.org/resources/countdown-to-2030-ecd-country-profiles/

https://www.countdown2030.org/early-childhood-development-profiles%20

https://www.ecdan.org/countries.html

https://nurturing-care.org/resources/country-profiles

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