ECD Indicators

Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys Fourth Round (MICS4)

Regional Data Analysis
Region of South Asia (ROSA)*

*Note: So far data national data is available only from Bhutan for this region. In Pakistan, data is available only from the Balochistan Province. In Nepal data is available only from the Mid- and-far-Western regions.
Approximately two thirds of children in countries/regions surveyed are developmentally on track.

Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are developmentally on track in literacy-numeracy, physical, social-emotional, and learning domains.

- Bhutan: 71.5
- Pakistan (Balochistan): 60.2
- Nepal (Mid-and Far-Western Regions): 57.7

* ECD Index is a measurement tool consisting of a set of 10 questions that assess child development across four domains: Learning, Literacy/Numeracy, Physical Development, and Social/Emotional Development.
While almost all children are on track in the physical domain of ECD Index, only a few children are on track for Literacy/Numeracy domain.

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Adult, in particular Father’s Support for Learning needs improvement in the countries/regions surveyed in ROSA

Adult Support for Learning
Percentage of children age 36-59 months with whom an adult has engaged in four or more activities to promote learning and school readiness in the past 3 days

Father’s Support for Learning
Percentage of children age 36-59 months with whom the father has engaged in one or more activities to promote learning and school readiness in the past 3 days
Very few young children in countries surveyed have access to children’s books

Percentage of children under age 5 who have three or more children’s books

- Bhutan: 6.4
- Nepal (Mid-and Far-Western Regions): 1.8
- Pakistan (Balochistan): 0.2

Availability of Books
Availability of Playthings is much higher than Availability of Books; however, close to half of the young children in countries surveyed do not have access to playthings.

Percentage of children under age 5 with two or more playthings

- **Nepal (Mid-and Far-Western Regions)**: 55.2%
- **Bhutan**: 51.5%
- **Pakistan (Balochistan)**: 46.7%

![Bar chart showing the availability of playthings in different regions.](chart.png)
Inadequate Care of young children is prevalent, in particular in Nepal, where half the children are either left home alone or with inadequate care.

Percentage of children under age 5 left alone or in the care of another child younger than 10 years of age for more than one hour at least once in the past week:

- Nepal (Mid-and Far-Western Regions): 50.7%
- Pakistan (Balochistan): 32.4%
- Bhutan: 14.2%

[Bar chart showing the percentage of children under age 5 left alone or in the care of another child younger than 10 years of age for more than one hour at least once in the past week for Nepal (Mid-and Far-Western Regions), Pakistan (Balochistan), and Bhutan.]
Attendance in Early Childhood Education has widespread disparities across the ROSA countries surveyed.

Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are attending an early childhood education programme:

- Bhutan: 2.7%
- Nepal (Mid-and Far-Western Regions): 32.3%
- Pakistan (Balochistan): 6.2%

National average: 50.3%

Poorest quintile
Richest quintile
National average