ECD Indicators

Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys
Fourth Round (MICS4)

Regional Data Analysis
Latin America and the Caribbean (TAC)*

*Note: So far data from only Belize and Suriname is available from this region
Most of the children are developmentally on track in Belize and Suriname (~88% and ~71% respectively)

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

Early Child Development Index* Total

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* 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
Out of the four domains of ECD Index, children in Belize and Suriname have less developed Literacy/Numeracy and Social/Emotional skills.

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

**Learning**
- **Belize**: 97.2%
- **Suriname**: 97.1%

**Literacy/Numeracy**
- **Belize**: 45.9%
- **Suriname**: 20.7%

**Physical**
- **Belize**: 98.4%
- **Suriname**: 97.8%

**Social/Emotional**
- **Belize**: 78.5%
- **Suriname**: 67.4%
While Adult Support for Learning is available to most of the children in Belize and Suriname, Father’s Support for Learning is much lower.

**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.

- **Belize**: 85.6%
- **Suriname**: 72.9%

**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.

- **Belize**: 50.0%
- **Suriname**: 25.9%
Availability of Books is low for children in Belize and Suriname

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

- **Belize**: 39.6%
- **Suriname**: 25.0%
Availability of Playthings is higher than Availability of Books in Belize and Suriname

Percentage of children under age 5 with two or more playthings

Availability of Playthings

Suriname: 58.8
Belize: 57.3
A few children are left home alone or with inadequate care in Belize and Suriname.

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.

- **Suriname**: 7.1%
- **Belize**: < 1%

Inadequate Care
One out of three children attend ECE in Belize and Suriname. Richest children are four times as likely to attend ECE than the poorest children.

Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are attending an early childhood education programme.
Over time Attendance in Early Childhood Education has remained more or less static in Suriname

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