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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

652,000 children under 5 die every 2 minutes.

Since 1990, 1.6 million children’s lives have been saved.

Since 1990, 652,000 children under 5 are overweight.

Since 1990, 3.9 million children under 5 are exclusively breastfed.

Since 1990, 8.2 million children in LAC were affected by disasters.

Since 1990, 2 out of 5 adolescents (10-19) are victims of Homicides.

Since 1990, 2 out of 3 children under 15 years old experience violent discipline at home.

Since 1990, 1 out of 4 young women were married under 18.

Since 1990, 7,300 women die during or after pregnancy every year.

Since 1990, 72 million children under the age of 18 live in poverty.

Since 1990, 2.1% of school age out of school.

Since 1990, 14% of children are out of school.

Since 1990, 5.1 million children under five are affected by chronic malnutrition.

Since 1990, 3.6 million children aged 3 to 4 years do not have an adequate early development for their age.

Since 1990, 14 million children and adolescents are outside the education system.

Since 1990, 7 out of 10 children with disabilities do not attend school.

**GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

4 out of 10 girls aged 15-19 have experienced partner violence in their lifetime.

1 out of 2 children under 15 years old is subjected to corporal punishment at home.

1 out of 3 children in institutions live in very remote rural areas.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

1.1 million of adolescent girls aged 15-19 have experienced forced sexual violence in the last 12 months.

**CHILD MARRIAGE/EARLY UNION**

28 days of life: 2 out of 5 children die in the first 28 days of life.

**LETHAL VIOLENCE**

Adolescent homicide rate is 5 times higher in LAC than the global average.

**VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS**

3 of every 10 adolescent students (13-15) are regularly bullied.

**CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS**

240,000 children grow up in residential care centers.

**CHILDREN ON THE MOVE**

There is an increasing number of vulnerable children moving on their own often fleeing from poverty and violence in their home or community.

**ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION**

72 million people in LAC live in severe water scarcity.

**NUTRITION**

5.1 million children under 5 are affected by chronic malnutrition.

**CHILDREN IN URBAN AREAS**

3 out of 10 children in urban areas live in precarious housing conditions.

**URBANIZATION**

80% of the population in LAC live in urban areas.

**MOTHER MORTALITY**

7,300 women die during or after pregnancy every year.

**ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION**

2 out of 5 people do not have access to basic water services.

**IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

13.4 million children live in high or extremely high drought-risk areas.

**TOTAL CHILDREN IN URBAN AREAS**

7.2 million live in highly precarious housing conditions.

**CHILD POVERTY**

13.8 million children live in extremely high flood-risk areas.

2 out of 5 children have at least one of their rights not fulfilled.

2 out of 3 children under 15 years old are affected by disasters.

**EVERY CHILD SURVIVES AND THRIVES**

62 births per 1,000 adolescents aged 15-19.

19 children live in extremely high flood-risk areas.

19 million people practice open defecation.

**EVERY CHILD LIVES IN A CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

1,085,000,000 people without access to basic sanitation.

125 million people in LAC live in severe water scarcity.

**EVERY CHILD HAS AN EQUITABLE CHANCE IN LIFE**

1 out of 2 children in LAC live in poverty.

1 out of 2 children under 15 years old experience violent discipline at home.

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25 million people without access to basic drinking water.

**EVERY CHILD LEARNS**

2.8 million children are out of primary school.

7.2 million children in lower secondary school age out of school.

7.2 million children in upper secondary school age out of school.

**TEENAGE PREGNANCY**

62 births per 1,000 adolescents aged 15-19.

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Over 8 million children under 15 have a disability and are at risk of being excluded.

7 out of 10 children with disabilities do not attend school.

50,000 children with disabilities live in institutions.

**NATURAL DISASTERS IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

8.2 million children in LAC were affected by disasters in 2017.

**CHILD MARRIAGE/EARLY UNION**

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Only 6 out of 10 children aged 3 to 4 years old attend Early Childhood Education.

Children attending Early Childhood Education are 2 times more likely to have an adequate Early Child Care Development.

Children from the poorest households, with mothers with less education and living in remote communities are more at risk to experience delays in Children’s development.

Children from the wealthiest families are 2.5 times more likely to attend to early child education programmes than children from the poorest households.

**CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 4 YEARS**

3.9 million children aged 3 to 4 years are not developmentally ready for their age.

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2.1% (28 out of 1,000) children aged 15-19 have experienced partner violence in their lifetime.

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**MOTHER MORTALITY**

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**CHRONIC MALNUTRITION**

1.25 million children under 5 are chronically malnourished.

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