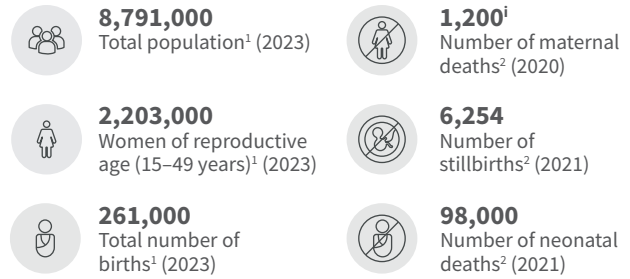


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Key Demographics



ⁱ Numbers of maternal deaths have been rounded according to the following scheme:
< 100 rounded to nearest 1; 100–999 rounded to nearest 10; 1000–9999 rounded to nearest 100; and ≥ 10 000 rounded to nearest 1000

National Mortality Targets

	Year
300 per 100,000 live births MMR (Target) ³	2025
12 per 1,000 total births SBR (Target) ³	2030
12 per 1,000 live births NMR (Target) ³	2030

Additional Indicators

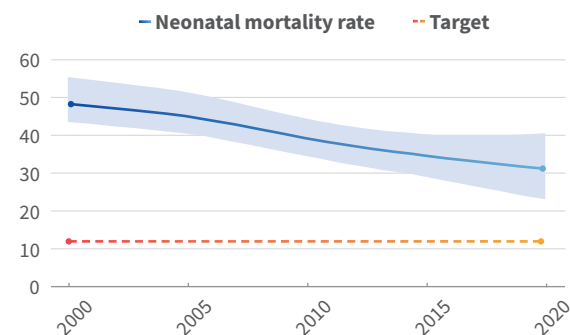
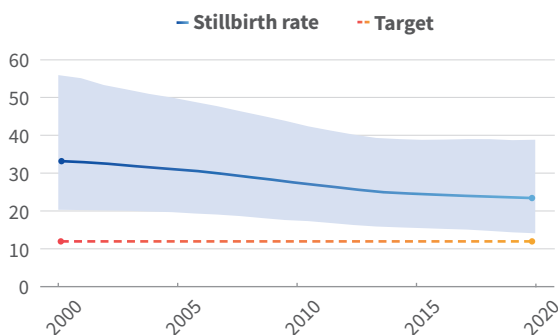
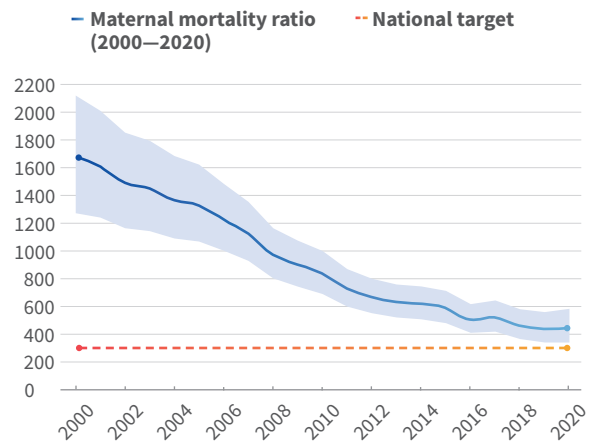
	Value (%)	Year
Low birth weight ⁱⁱ	14	2015
Immediate breastfeeding	75	2019
Caesarean section rate	2.9	2013
Demand for family planning satisfied with modern methods (SDG 3.7.1)	52.4	2023

ⁱⁱ % of live births that weighed less than 2500 g

National Policies

	Status
Costed RMNCH strategy/plan including MNH	Yes
RMNCH/MNH plan updated to include quality of care standards	Yes
Eight ANC contacts	Yes
Birth/Labour companion	Yes
Labour Care Guide/Revised partograph	Yes
PNC updated with WHO recommendations	Yes
Birth registration	Yes
Maternal death registration with civil registrar	Yes
Neonatal death registration with civil registrar	Yes
Stillbirth registration	Yes

Progress to meet Maternal, Newborn Mortality and Stillbirth Reduction Targets

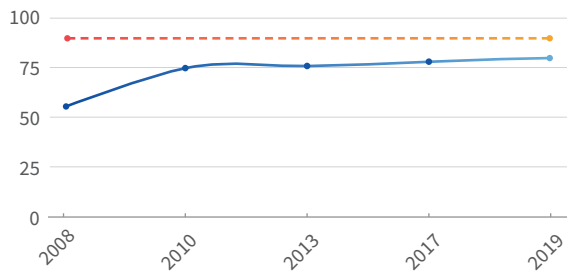


Progress to meet ENAP EPMM Coverage Targets

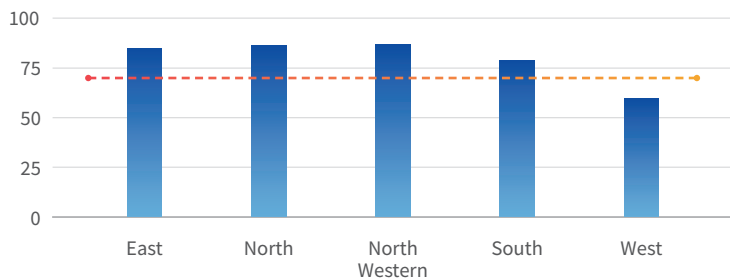


Four or more Antenatal Care Contacts¹⁰

— Percentage of pregnant women with at least four antenatal care contacts, 2008–2019 - - Target

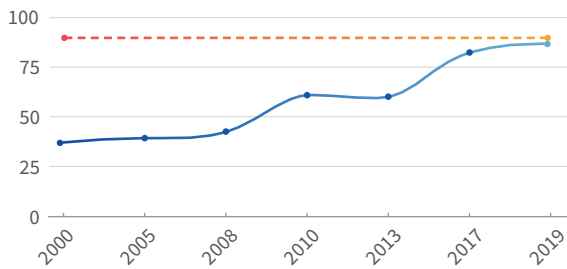


— Percentage of pregnant women with at least four antenatal care contacts by division, 2019 - - Target

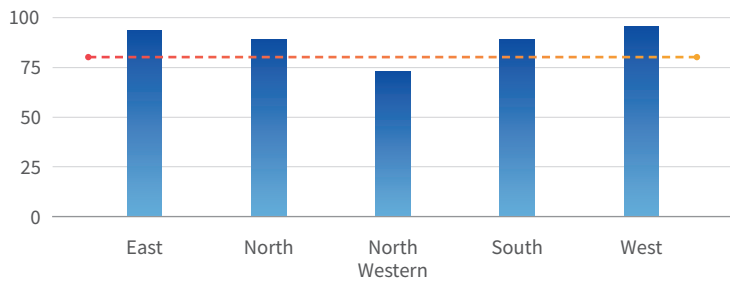


Skilled Attendant at Birth¹⁰

— Percentage of women with skilled attendant at last birth, 2000–2019 - - Target

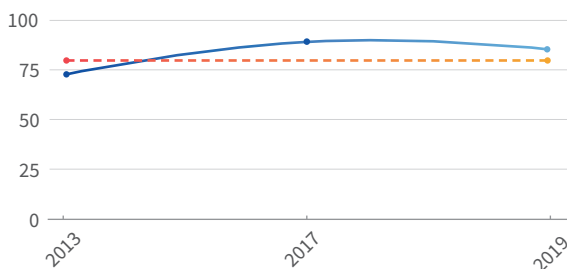


— Percentage of women with skilled attendant at last birth by division, 2019 - - Target



Postnatal Care for Women¹⁰

— Percentage of women with postnatal care within two days for birth, 2013–2019 - - Target



Percentage of women with postnatal care within two days for birth by division

NO DATA




ENAP Target 4

Scaling-up small and sick newborn care	Status
National strategy/implementation plan for scale-up	Yes ●
Specific budget line in the national plans (and where relevant subnational plans)	No ●
Standardized designs and floor plans to deliver level 2 package of services	Yes ●
Defined Human Resources staffing norms for level 2 newborn care	Yes ●
Defined list of essential equipment needed for level 2 small and sick newborn care ⁱⁱⁱ	Yes ●
Data system to record admissions, outcomes and quality of care for level 2 newborn care	Yes ●
Policy provision of free transport of small and sick newborn (either government-provided or voucher for transport)	Yes ●
Coordination mechanism linking improvement of level 2 newborn care with improving maternity services to prevent major conditions causing newborn deaths ^{iv}	Yes ●
Provision in policy/guidelines for engagement of families in the care of babies	Yes ●
System for post discharge follow-up of babies to improve survival, growth and development	No ●



EPMM Target 4³

Access to Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC)	Status
National strategy/implementation plan for scale-up	No ●
Specific budget line in the national plans (and where relevant subnational plans)	No ●
EmOC facility mapping showing the 2021 geographical distribution with MoH	No ●
Standardized designs and floor plans for the basic EmOC health facilities	Yes ●
Defined minimum number of midwives to be staffed in an EmOC health facility for providing 24h/7d care	Yes ●
Defined list of essential equipment needed for basic and comprehensive EmOC ^v	Yes ●
Country capacity to provide yearly data on the performance of EmOC signal functions for measuring the availability of EmOC	No ●
Proportion of functioning EmOC facilities	19% 

ⁱⁱⁱ CPAP, Oxygen systems, Pulse oximeter, Radiant warmer

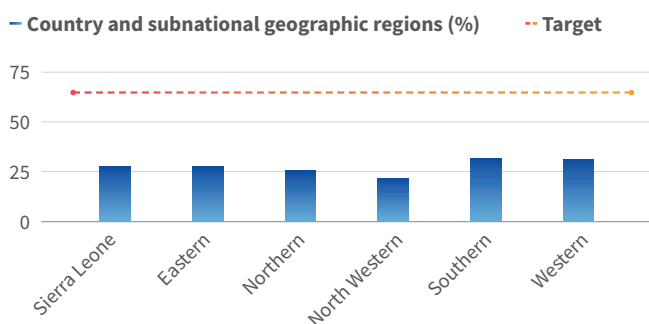
^{iv} E.g., improved monitoring of labour, antenatal corticosteroids, infection prevention

^v Complete manual vacuum aspiration set with different size cups, obstetric forceps, complete repair pack for tears, foetal stethoscope, vacuum extractor with different size cups, blood pressure monitor, capacity for blood transfusion, complete C section boxes



EPMM Target 5³

SDG 5.6.1: Proportion of women aged 15-49 years who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care by division (2019)



SDG 5.6.2: Extent to which countries have laws and regulations that guarantee full and equal access to women and men aged 15 years and older to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education, including Section (S1-EPMS4) and Component (C1-C13) values (2019)

SDG 5.6.2	65
Maternity Care	63
Contraceptive Services	100
Sexuality Education	0
HIV and HPV	75

Progress toward ENAP EPMM Milestones³

Policies/Planning, Investment, Response, Resiliency, Equity

Budgeted RMNCAH strategy (including MNH)	Yes ●	National emergency response plan	No ●
Subnational implementation plans at the State/Regional/Provincial levels	No ●	User-fee exemptions for MNH	Yes ●
Subnational implementation plans at the district or an equivalent subnational unit level	No ●	Insurance or financial protection scheme for MNH	Yes ●
Budgeted/financed subnational plans	No ●	Emergency transport system for MNH	Yes ●
Tracking for domestic research allocations for MNH	No ●	Community participation integration in the RMNCAH strategy/MNH plan	Yes ●
Additional resources allocated for vulnerable population groups	No ●		

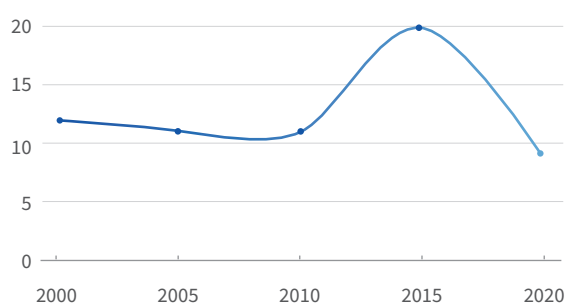


Quality of Care, Health Workforce, Commodities and Data for Action³

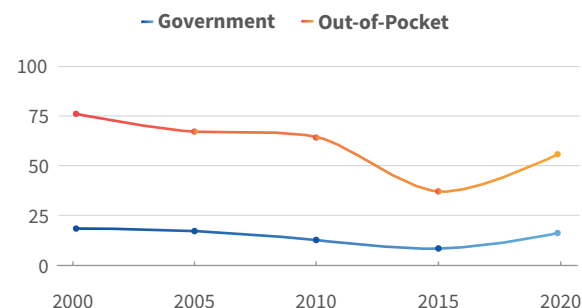
National quality of care standards for MNH	Yes ●	Defined core competencies for newborn care, including small and sick newborn care	Yes ●
National quality of care standards for small and sick newborn care	Yes ●	Defined core competencies for community health or extension workers	Yes ●
National quality of care plan included community participation in MNH for priority setting and planning	Yes ●	Tracking of availability and stock outs of essential MNH drugs (oxytocin)	Yes ●
National quality of care plan included community participation in MNH for monitoring and evaluation	Yes ●	Tracking of availability and stock outs of essential MNH drugs (heat stable carbetocin)	No ●
Agreed set of quality of care indicators	Yes ●	Tracking of availability and stock outs of essential MNH drugs (magnesium sulfate)	Yes ●
National strategy for accrediting and contracting private sector for MNH	No ●	Tracking of availability and stock outs of essential MNH drugs (oxygen)	No ●
Maternal and perinatal death surveillance system in place for maternal deaths	Yes ●	Tracking of availability and stock outs of essential MNH drugs (dexamethasone)	Yes ●
Maternal and perinatal death surveillance system in place for neonatal deaths	Yes ●	Tracking of availability and stock outs of essential MNH drugs (caffeine citrate)	No ●
Maternal and perinatal death surveillance system in place for stillbirths	Yes ●	Electronic individual patient-based data system for maternity care to include uterotonic use, labour monitor, breastfeeding, and neonatal resuscitation if needed	No ●
Integration of maternal and perinatal death surveillance system data and routine health information system	No ●	Electronic individual patient-based data system for small and sick newborn care to include details on Kangaroo Mother Care, Oxygen/CPAP use, antibiotics, etc.	No ●
National strategy/plan for human resources for MNH	No ●	Mechanism for data sharing from the private/NGO sector	Yes ●
Defined core competencies for midwifery practice (essential competencies as per ICM)	Yes ●		



Current Health Expenditure (CHE) as % Gross Domestic Product (GDP)



Domestic General Government Health Expenditure and out-of-pocket expenditure as % Current Health Expenditure¹⁰



Research, Innovation and Knowledge Management³

National prioritized research agenda for MNH and stillbirth prevention	No ●
Identified innovation needs for MNH	Yes ●
National mechanism for sharing learning	Yes ●

Accountability³

Representation from civil society, women's groups, and parent advocacy groups in technical working groups	Yes ●
Representation from parent advocacy groups for MNH and prevention of stillbirths	No ●

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