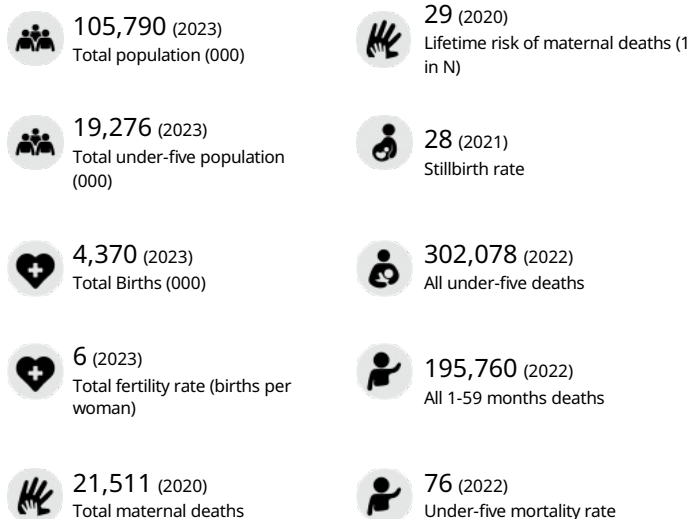




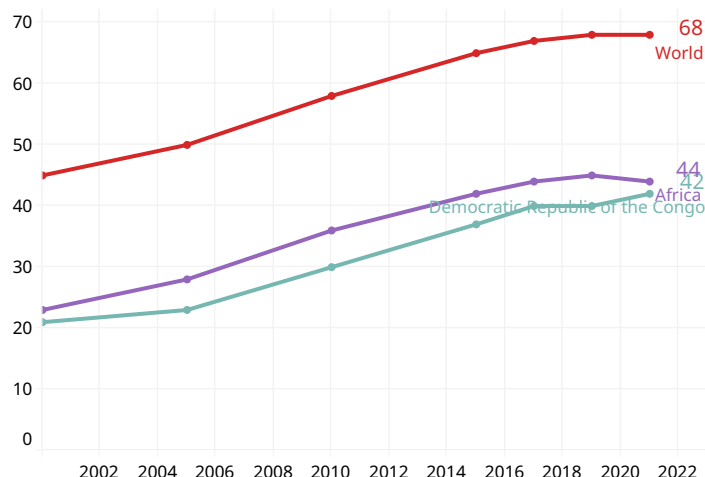
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Country Context








Universal Health Coverage Index



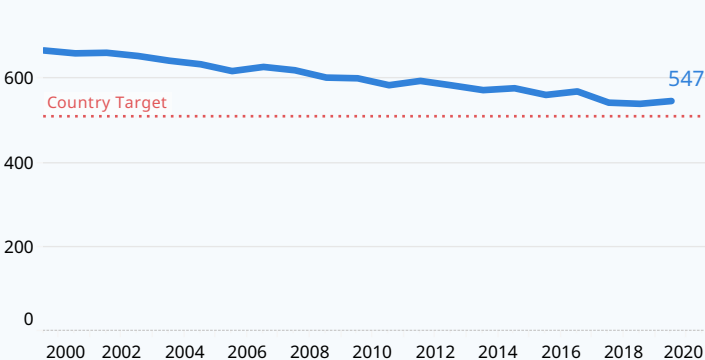
World Health Organization 2024 data.who.int, UHC service coverage index [Indicator]. Accessed on 26 September 2024

Mortality Targets

-  509 per 100,000 live births by 2022
Country-Reported Maternal Mortality Rate Target
-  NA per 1,000 total births by NA
Country-Reported Stillbirth Rate Target
-  18 per 1,000 live births by 2022
Country-Reported Neonatal Mortality Rate Target
-  25 per 1,000 live births by 2030
Under-5 Mortality Rate Target
-  13 per 1,000 live births by 2030
1-59 months Mortality Rate Target

Maternal mortality ratio

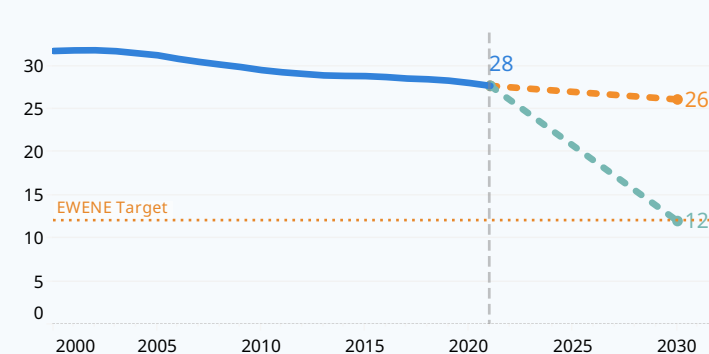
Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births



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Stillbirth rate

deaths per 1,000 total births

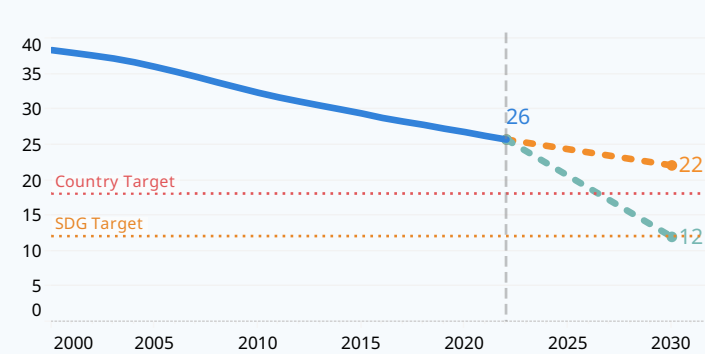


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Acceleration needed
Current trend

Neonatal mortality rate

deaths per 1,000 live births



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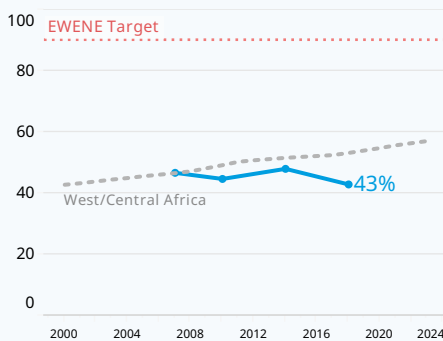
	Year	Country	Region
Maternal Mortality	Total maternal deaths	2020	21,511 147,000
	Lifetime risk of maternal deaths (1 in N)	2020	29 27
	Stillbirth rate	2021	28 23
	Maternal mortality ratio	2020	547 724
Nutrition	Anemia in women aged 15-49 (%)	2019	42 49
	Women of reproductive age, short stature (%)	2013	5
	Women (age 20+) underweight (BMI <18.5) (%):	2016	10
	Iron and folic acid for pregnant women (%)	2013	5
Pre-pr...	Low birth weight prevalence (%)	2020	10
	Demand for family planning satisfied with modern methods (married/in union) (%)	2018	33 41
	Skilled birth attendant (%)	2018	85 62
	Caesarean section rate (%)	2018	5 5
Birth	Institutional deliveries (total) (%)	2018	82 64
	Antenatal care (four or more visits) (%)	2018	43 53
	First antenatal care visit within the first trimester (%)		
	Treatment of pregnant women living with HIV with ART (%)	2023	40 54
Pregnancy	Intermittent preventive treatment for malaria during pregnancy 3+ (%)	2018	13 23
	Neonatal tetanus protection	2023	78 77
	Postnatal care for mothers (%)	2018	50 54
	Postnatal care for newborns (%)	2018	57 61
Postnatal	Minimum dietary diversity (6-23 months) (%)	2017	15 25
	Baby weighed at birth (%)	2014	76
	Early initiation of breastfeeding	2017	47 41
	Exclusive breastfeeding (0-5 months)	2017	54 64

Progress to meet EWENE Coverage Targets

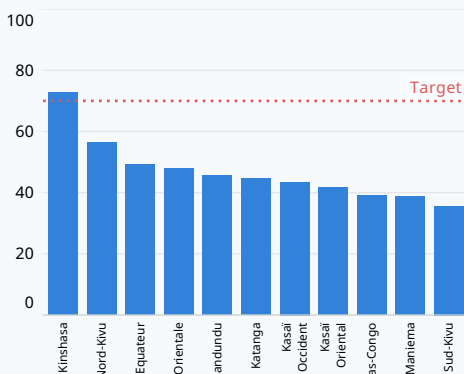


Four or more Antenatal Care Contact

Percentage of pregnant women with at least four antenatal care contacts

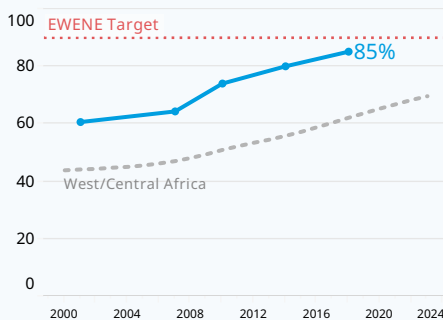


Percentage of pregnant women with at least four antenatal care contacts by division

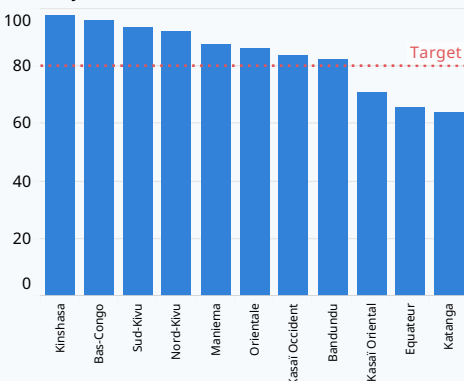


Skilled Attendant at Birth

Percentage of women with skilled attendant at last birth

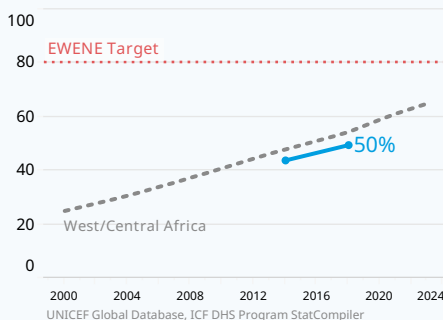


Percentage of women with skilled attendant at last birth by division

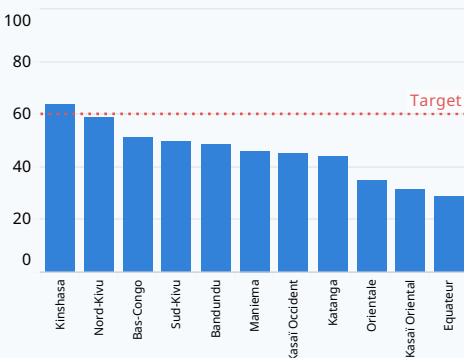


Postnatal Care for Women

Percentage of women with postnatal care within two days for birth



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





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Access to emergency obstetric care	Defined list of essential equipment needed for and comprehensive EmOC	Yes	●
	National strategy/implementation plan for scale up	Yes	●
	EmOC facility mapping showing the 2021 geographical distribution with MoH	Yes	●
	Specific budget line in the national plans (and where relevant sub national plans)	Yes	●
	Defined minimum number of midwives to be staffed in an EmOC health facility for providing 24h/7d care	Yes	●
	Standardized designs and floor plans for the basic EmOC health facilities	Yes	●
	Country capacity to provide yearly data on the performance of EmOC signal functions for measuring the availability of EmOC	Yes	●
Scaling up small and sick newborn care	Defined list of essential equipment needed for level 2 small and sick newborn care	Yes	●
	National strategy/implementation plan for scale-up	Yes	●
	Specific budget line in the national plans (and where relevant subnational plans)	Yes	●
	Defined Human Resources staffing norms for level 2 newborn care	Yes	●
	Standardized designs and floor plans to deliver level 2 package of services	No	●
	Does the country have a 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)	No	●
	Coordination mechanism linking improvement of level 2 newborn care with improving maternity services to prevent major conditions causing newborn deaths	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	Yes	●

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Women who make their own informed decisions (%)

NO DATA

Women who make their own informed decisions (%)	31 2014
Contraceptive use	85 2014
Reproductive health care	47 2014
Sexual relations	74 2014
Access to women and men aged 15 years and older to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education (%)	2019
Maternity Care	2019
Contraceptive and Family Planning	85 2019
Sexuality Education	2019
HIV and HPV	75 2019

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators Database.

Quality of Care, Health Workforce, and Data for Action

National strategy for accrediting and contracting private sector for MNH	No	●	National strategy/plan for human resources for MNH	Yes	●
National quality of care standards for MNH	Yes	●	Defined core competencies for midwifery practice (essential competencies as per ICM)	Yes	●
National quality of care standards for small and sick newborn care	Yes	●	Defined core competencies for newborn care, including small and sick newborn care	Yes	●
Agreed set of quality of care indicators	Yes	●	Defined core competencies for community health or extension workers	Yes	●
Maternal and perinatal death surveillance system in place for maternal deaths	Yes	●	Electronic individual patient-based data system for maternity care to include uterotonic use, labour monitor, breastfeeding, and neonatal resuscitation if need..	No	●
Maternal and perinatal death surveillance system in place for neonatal deaths	Yes	●	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	●
Maternal and perinatal death surveillance system in place for stillbirths	Yes	●	Integration of maternal and perinatal death surveillance system data and routine health information system	Yes	●
National quality of care plan included community participation in MNH for priority setting and planning	Yes	●	Mechanism for data sharing from the private/NGO sector	Yes	●
National quality of care plan included community participation in MNH for monitoring and evaluation	Yes	●			

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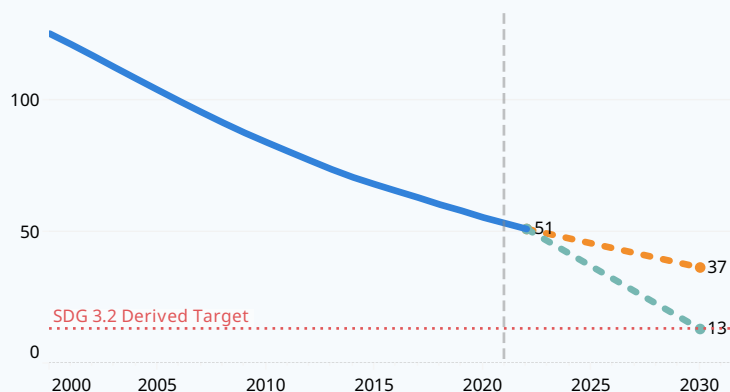
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Child Mortality and Nutrition Outcomes

Mortality rate 1-59 months

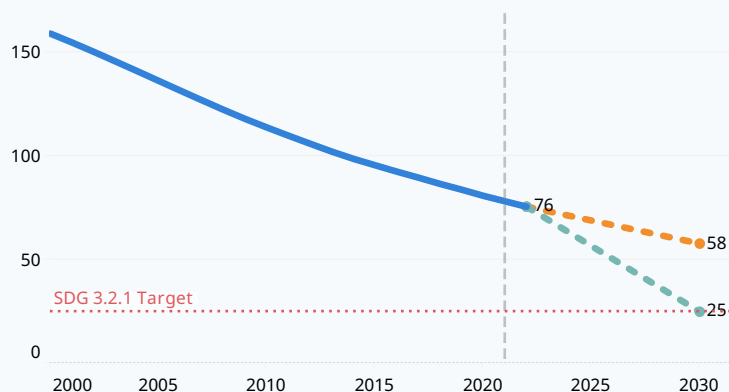
deaths per 1,000 live births



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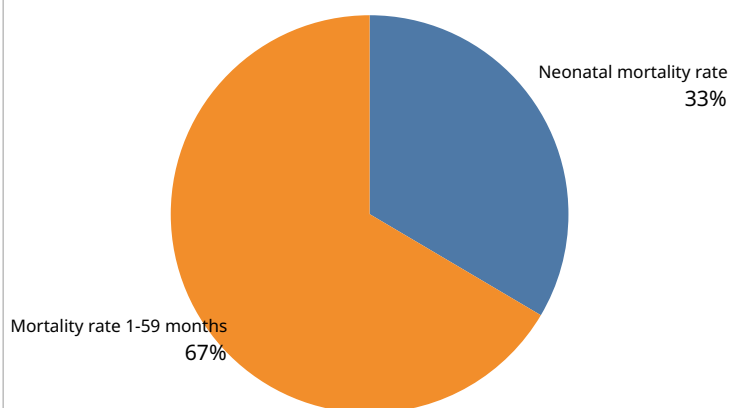
Under-five mortality rate

deaths per 1,000 live births



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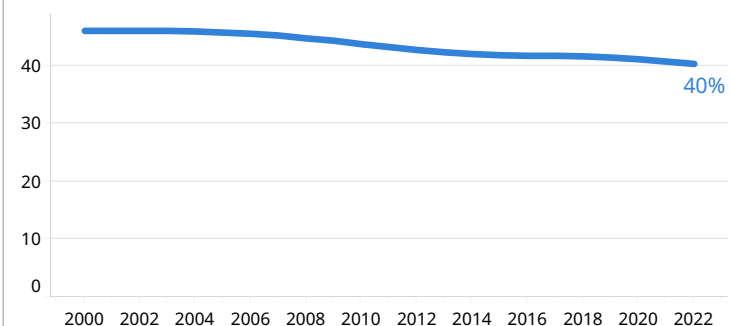
Percentage of Under-5 deaths by age



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Under-five stunting (%)

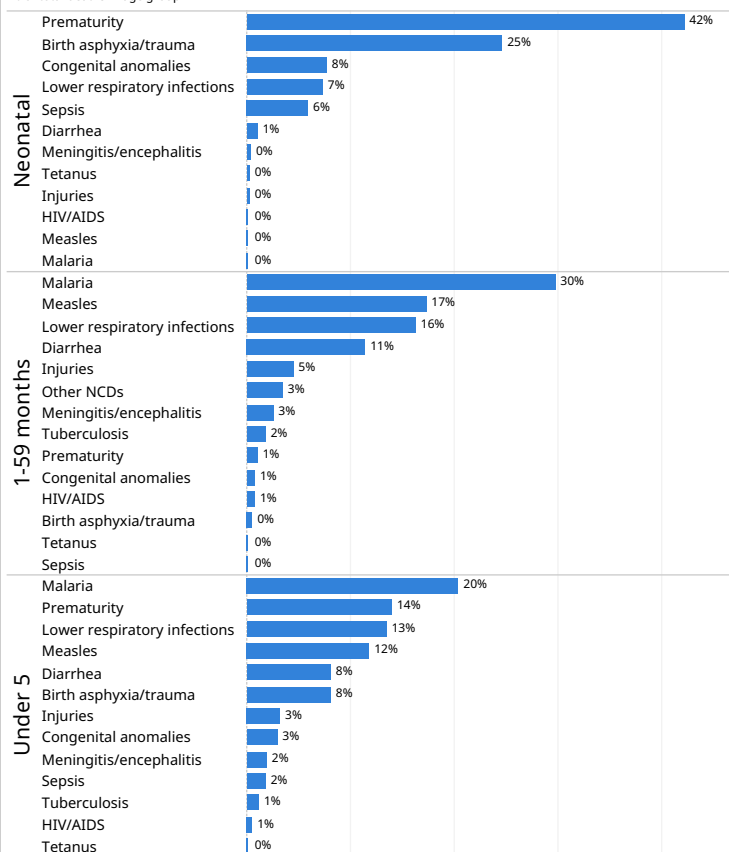
Percentage of children under 5:



Modelled Data for stunting and overweight. UNICEF/WHO/WB Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates 2021

Top 10 Child Causes of Death

% of total deaths in age group



Villavicencio F, Perin J, Ellerts-Spinelli H, Yeung D, Prieto-Merino D, Hug L, Sharrow D, You D, Strong KL, Black RE, Liu L. Global, regional, and national causes of death in children and adolescents younger than 20 years: an open data portal with estimates for 2000-21. Lancet Glob. Health. 2023. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X\(23\)00496-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(23)00496-5).



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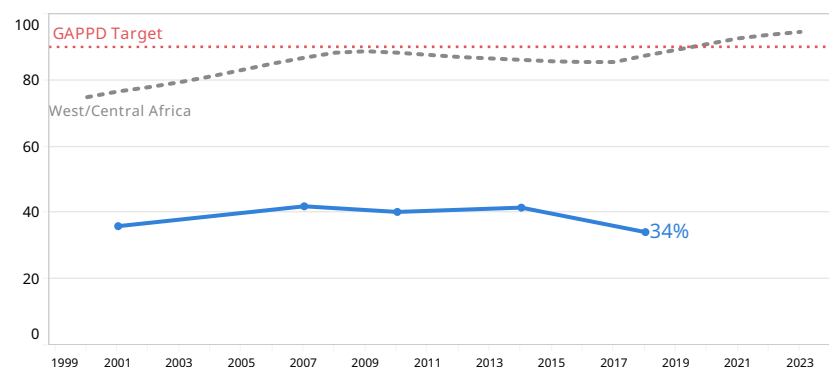
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	Year	Country	Region
Neonatal deaths, as % of all <5	2022	35	35
Mortality			
All under-five deaths	2022	302,078	1,863,489
Under-five mortality rate	2022	76	89
Neonatal mortality rate	2022	26	30
Mortality rate 1-59 months	2022	51	61
Nutrition			
Under-five stunting (%)	2022	40	32
Under-five wasting (%)	2017	6	7
Under-five overweight (%)	2022	4	3
Prevent			
Immunization - DTP3	2023	60	69
Immunization - Measles	2023	52	40
Immunization - PCV3	2023	59	64
Malaria prevention in children under-five - sleeping under ITNs (%)	2023		52
Immunization - Rotavirus	2023	52	56
DTP1-DTP3 dropout (%)	2023	25	
DTP1-MCV1 dropout (%)	2023	35	
Zero-dose children	2023	839,000	
Vitamin A supplementation, full coverage	2022	91	71
Promote			
Minimum dietary diversity (6-23 months) (%)	2017	15	25
Early initiation of breastfeeding	2017	47	41
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-5 months)	2017	54	64
Continued breastfeeding (12-23 months)	2017	70	64
Treat			
Careseeking for symptoms of ARI	2018	34	40
Careseeking for fever (%)	2018	46	57
Diarrhoea treatment: ORS	2018	24	33
Diarrhoea treatment - ORS + zinc	2018	11	18
Malaria diagnostics in children under-five with fever (%)	2018	22	24
Treatment with ACT amongst children receiving any antimalarials (%)	2018	42	
Population using at least basic drinking-water services	2022	35	
Population using at least basic sanitation services	2022	16	
Population with hand washing facilities with soap and water at home	2022	19	
Context			
Total under-five population (000)	2023	19,276	95,801
Total Births (000)	2023	4,370	21,418
Birth registration (%)	2018	40	59
Reliance on clean fuels and technologies (%)	2022	4	
UHC Service Coverage Index (SDG 3.8.1)	2021	42	

Child Health Interventions

Careseeking for symptoms of ARI

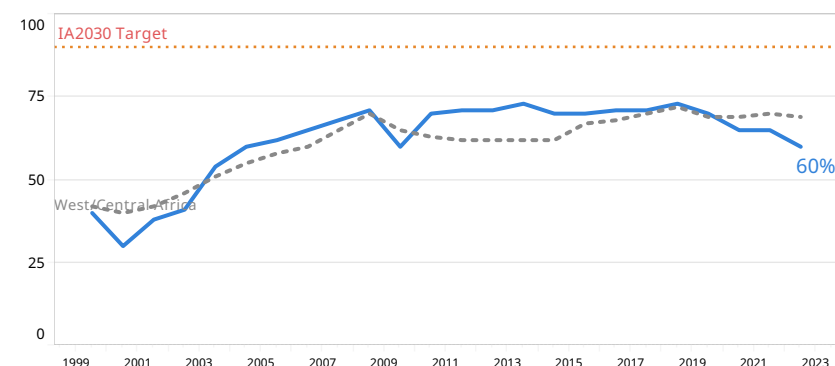
Percentage of children under 5 years:



Household Survey Data. UNICEF Global Database, MNCAH estimates

Immunization - DTP3

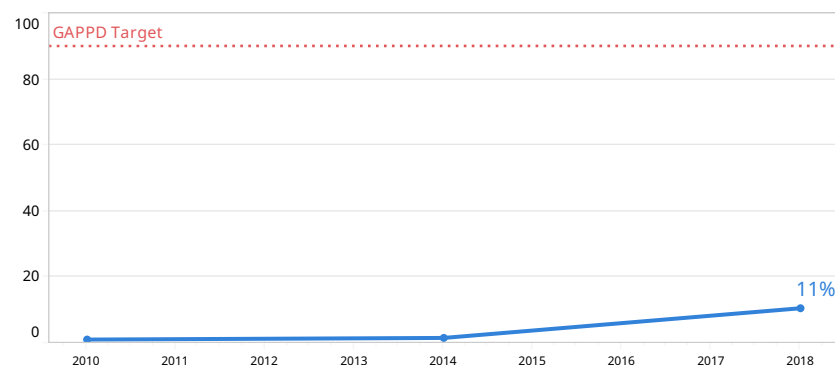
Percentage of children immunized:



Modelled Data. WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage, July 2021

Diarrhoea treatment - ORS + zinc

Percentage of children under 5 years:



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National Policy

Maternal Health	Birth registration	Yes	●
	Birth/Labour companion	Yes	●
	Costed RMNCH strategy/plan including MNH	Yes	●
	Eight ANC contacts	No	●
	Labour Care Guide/Revised partograph	Yes	●
	Maternal death registration with civil registrar	Yes	●
	Neonatal death registration with civil registrar	Yes	●
	PNC updated with WHO recommendations	Yes	●
	RMNCH/MNH plan updated to include quality of care standards	Yes	●
Folate Fortified Foods	Stillbirth registration	No	●

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Folate Fortified Foods	Maize	No	●
	Rice	No	●
	Wheat	No	●

Food Fortification Initiative. 2023 Annual Report. FFI: Atlanta, USA 2024. Accessed at: <https://www.ffinetwork.org/annual-reports>

Governance	Civil society involvement in national maternal, newborn and child health programs	Yes	●
	Dedicated adolescent health/well-being strategic plan	Yes	●
	International code of marketing of breastmilk substitutes	Partial	●
	Maternity protection (Convention 183)	No	●
	National coordinating body that looks at RMNCAH or its components	Yes	●
	National policy or guideline to improve quality of care of SRMNCAH services	Yes	●

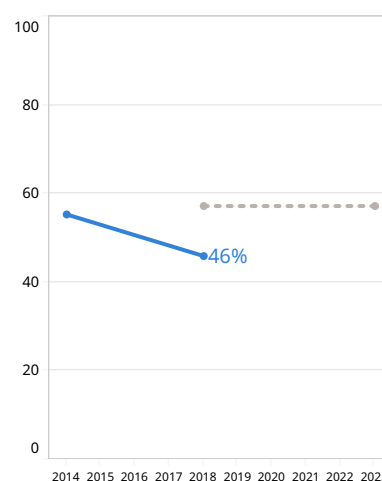
Maternal Death Review	A national maternal death review committee	Yes	●
	A national policy to notify all maternal deaths	Yes	●
	A national policy to review all maternal deaths	Yes	●

Child Health Policies	Costed national implementation plan(s) for maternal, newborn and child health available	Yes	●
	Integrated plan of SRMNCAH	Yes	●
	Birth registration requirement	Yes	●

Child Health Policies	Dedicated child health strategic plan	Yes	●
	Policy on the management of pneumonia in children 2 - 59 months	Yes	●
	Policy on the management of diarrhoea in children 0 - 9 years	Yes	●
	Policy on the management of hospitalised children 1 month - 9 years	Yes	●
	Policy on early childhood development	Yes	●
Child Health Policies	Policy on integrated management of childhood illness	Yes	●

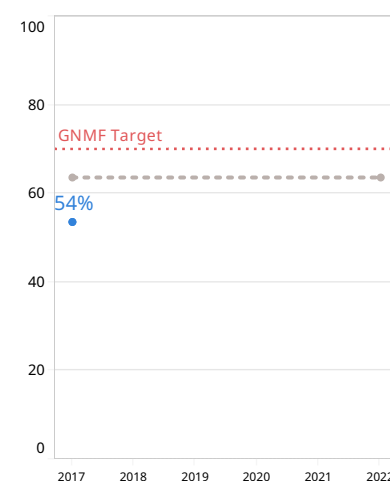
Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Policy Survey, 2024

Careseeking for fever (%)
Percentage of children under 5:



Comparison to Regional Estimate in gray. Household Survey Data. UNICEF Global Database, MNCAH estimates

Exclusive breastfeeding (0-5 months)
Percentage of children under 5:



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Investment, Response, Resiliency, Equity

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

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Commodities

Tracking availability/stock outs of caffeine citrate	Yes	●
Tracking availability/stock outs of dexamethasone	Yes	●
Tracking availability/stock outs of heat stable carbetoicin	Yes	●
Tracking availability/stock outs of magnesium sulfate	Yes	●
Tracking availability/stock outs of oxytocin	Yes	●

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Research and Innovation

Does the country have a national prioritised research agenda for maternal and ne..	No	●
Identified innovation needs for MNH	Yes	●
National mechanism for sharing learning	Yes	●

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Accountability

Representation from civil society, women's groups, and parent advocacy groups..	Yes	●
Representation from parent advocacy groups for MNH and prevention of stillbir..	Yes	●

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