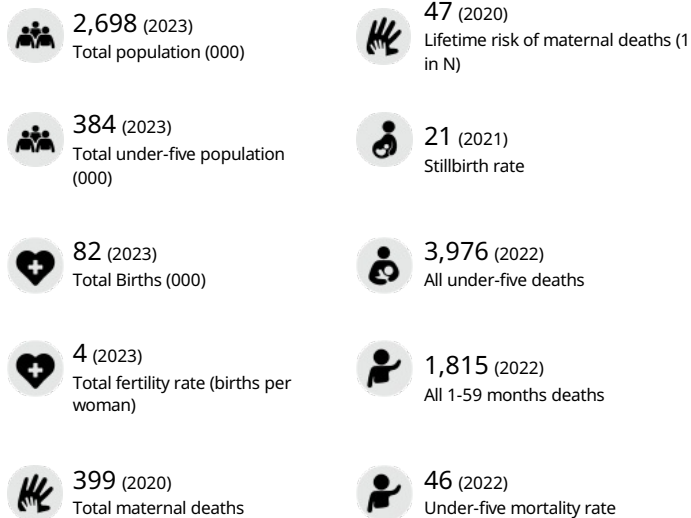




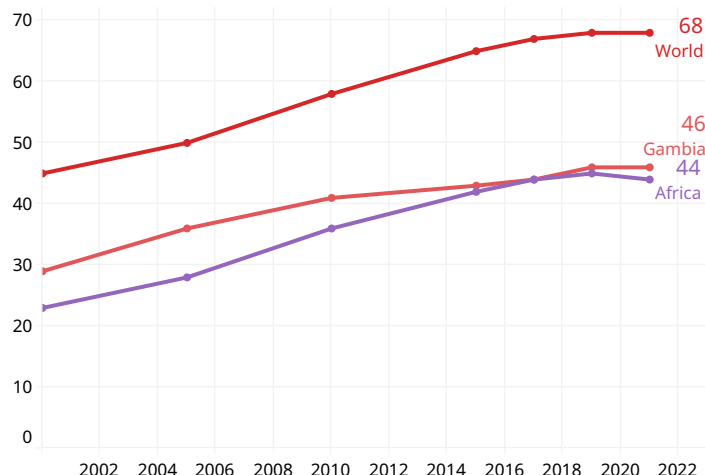
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### Country Context



### Universal Health Coverage Index



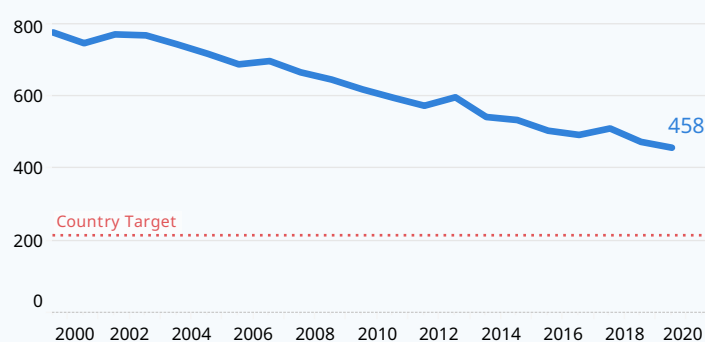
World Health Organization 2024 data.who.int, UHC service coverage index [Indicator]. Accessed on 26 September 2024

### Mortality Targets

- 215 per 100,000 live births by 2026  
Country-Reported Maternal Mortality Rate Target
- NA per 1,000 total births by NA  
Country-Reported Stillbirth Rate Target
- 11 per 1,000 live births by 2026  
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

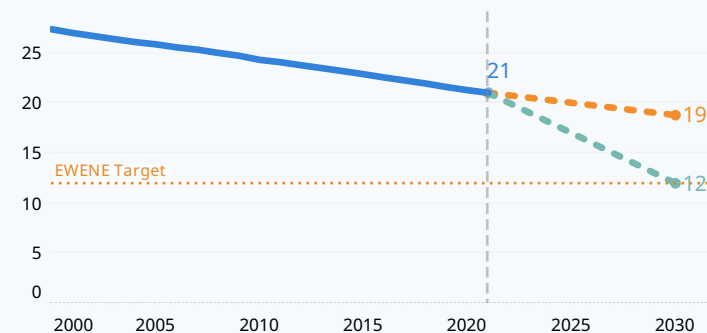
Maternal deaths per 100,000 live births



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### Stillbirth rate

deaths per 1,000 total births

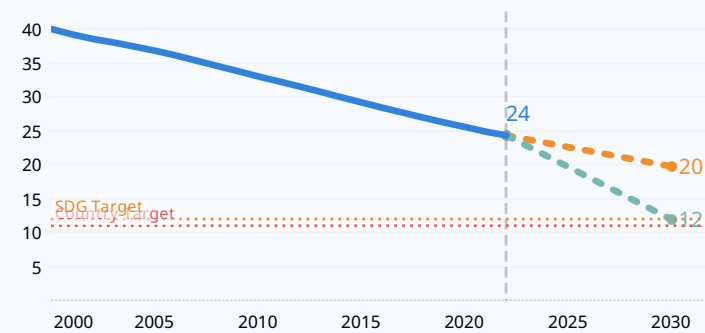


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Acceleration needed  
Current trend

### Neonatal mortality rate

deaths per 1,000 live births



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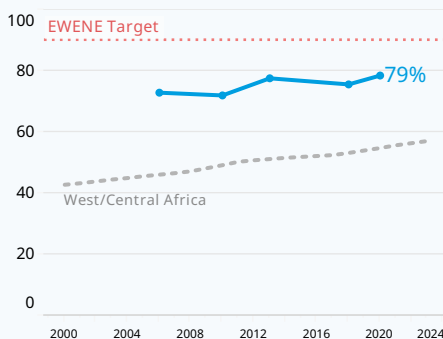
	Year	Country	Region
<b>Maternal Mortality</b>			
Total maternal deaths	2020	399	147,000
Lifetime risk of maternal deaths (1 in N)	2020	47	27
Stillbirth rate	2021	21	23
Maternal mortality ratio	2020	458	724
<b>Nutrition</b>			
Anemia in women aged 15-49 (%)	2019	50	49
Women of reproductive age, short stature (%)	2019	1	
Women (age 20+) underweight (BMI <18.5) (%):	2016		10
Iron and folic acid for pregnant women (%)	2019	58	
Low birth weight prevalence (%)	2020	13	
<b>Pre-pregnancy</b>			
Demand for family planning satisfied with modern methods (married/in union) (%)	2020	40	41
Informed decisions (15-19) for sexual reproductive health (%)	2020	13	12
<b>Birth</b>			
Skilled birth attendant (%)	2020	84	65
Caesarean section rate (%)	2020	4	5
Institutional deliveries (total) (%)	2020	84	64
Antenatal care (four or more visits) (%)	2020	79	55
<b>Pregnancy</b>			
Treatment of pregnant women living with HIV with ART (%)	2023	71	54
Intermittent preventive treatment for malaria during pregnancy 3+ (%)	2020	52	23
Neonatal tetanus protection	2023	96	77
<b>Postnatal</b>			
Postnatal care for mothers (%)	2020	88	59
Postnatal care for newborns (%)	2020	83	61
Minimum dietary diversity (6-23 months) (%)	2020	23	25
Baby weighed at birth (%)	2013	59	
Early initiation of breastfeeding	2020	36	41
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-5 months)	2020	54	64

### Progress to meet EWENE Coverage Targets

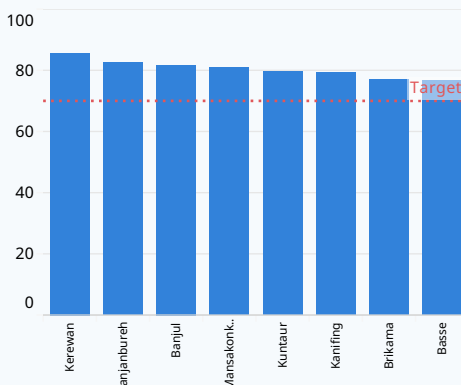


#### Four or more Antenatal Care Contact

Percentage of pregnant women with at least four antenatal care contacts

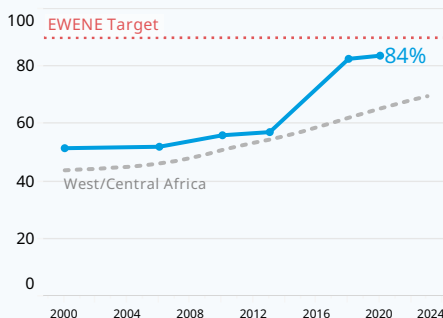


Percentage of pregnant women with at least four antenatal care contacts by division

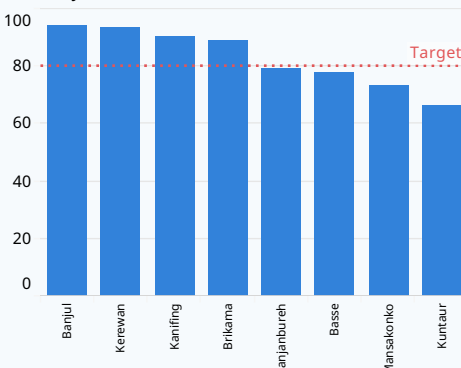


#### Skilled Attendant at Birth

Percentage of women with skilled attendant at last birth

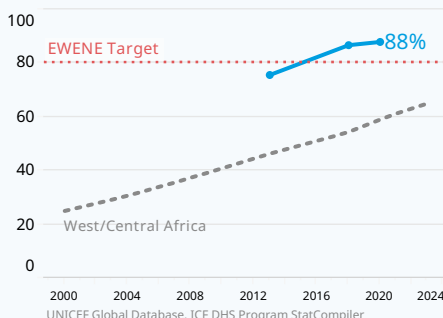


Percentage of women with skilled attendant at last birth by division

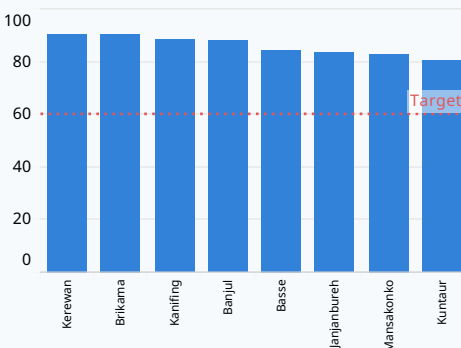


#### Postnatal Care for Women

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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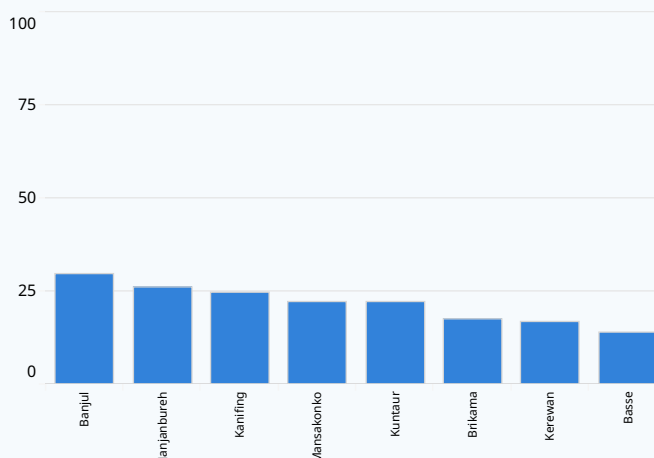
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### National Policy

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)	No	●
	Defined minimum number of midwives to be staffed in an EmOC health facility for providing 24h/7d care	No	●
	Standardized designs and floor plans for the basic EmOC health facilities	No	●
	Country capacity to provide yearly data on the performance of EmOC signal functions for measuring the availability of EmOC	No	●
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)	No	●
	Defined Human Resources staffing norms for level 2 newborn care	No	●
	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)	Yes	●
	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 (%)



Women who make their own informed decisions (%) 20 2020

Contraceptive use 87 2020

Reproductive health care 49 2020

Sexual relations 45 2020

Access to women and men aged 15 years and older to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education (%) 2022

Maternity Care 2022

Contraceptive and Family Planning 100 2022

Sexuality Education 100 2022

HIV and HPV 75 2022

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	Yes	●	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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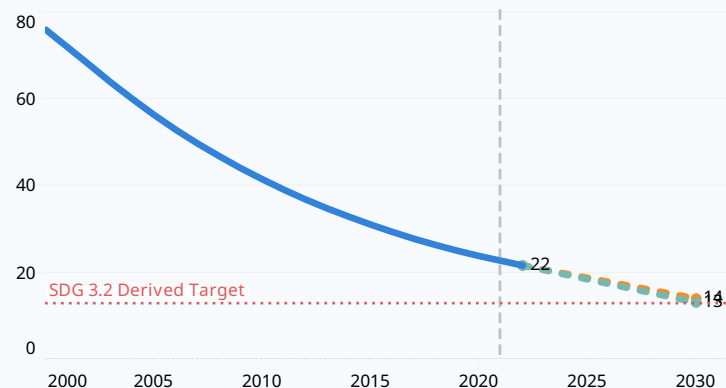
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### Child Mortality and Nutrition Outcomes

#### Mortality rate 1-59 months

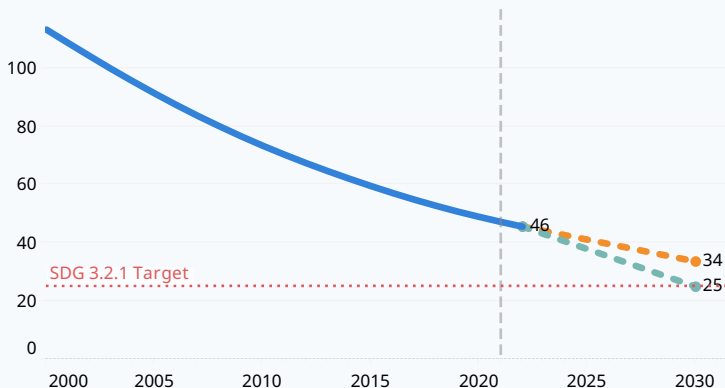
deaths per 1,000 live births



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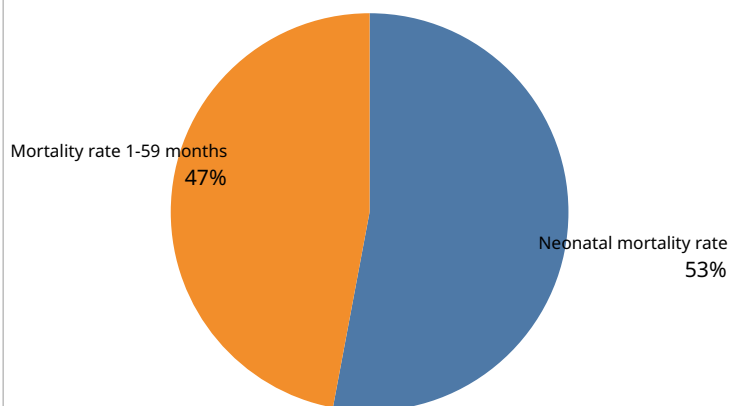
#### Under-five mortality rate

deaths per 1,000 live births



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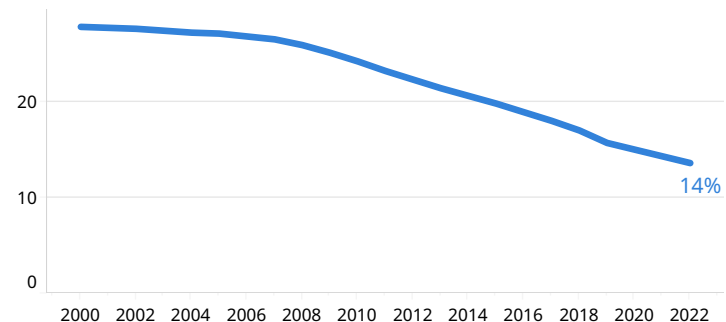
#### Percentage of Under-5 deaths by age



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#### Under-five stunting (%)

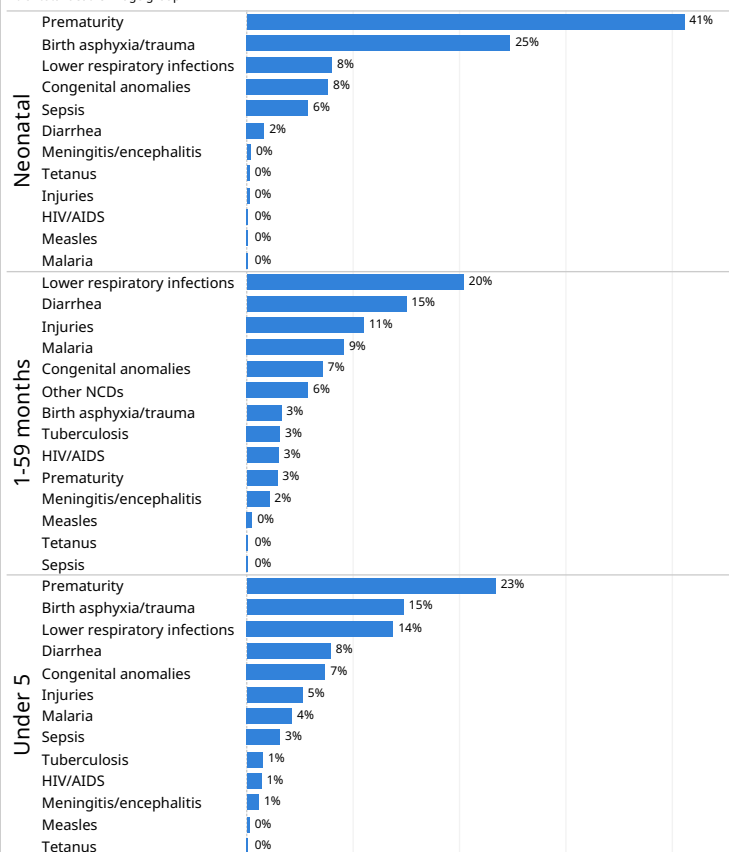
Percentage of children under 5:



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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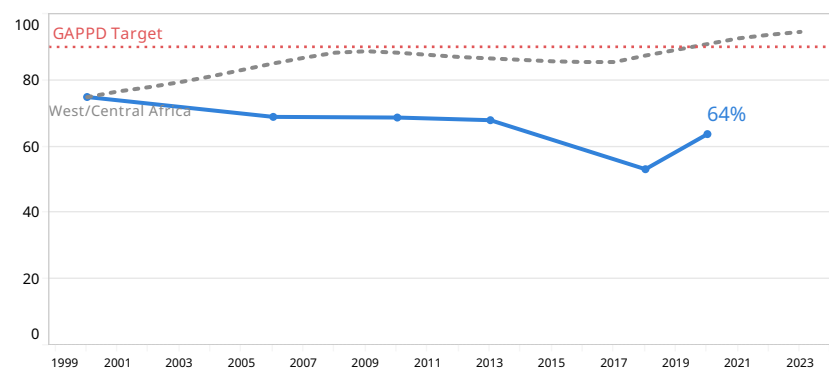
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	Year	Country	Region
Neonatal deaths, as % of all <5	2022	54	35
Mortality			
All under-five deaths	2022	3,976	1,863,489
Under-five mortality rate	2022	46	89
Neonatal mortality rate	2022	24	30
Mortality rate 1-59 months	2022	22	61
Nutrition			
Under-five stunting (%)	2022	14	32
Under-five wasting (%)	2020	5	7
Under-five overweight (%)	2022	2	3
Prevent			
Immunization - DTP3	2023	84	69
Immunization - Measles	2023	80	40
Immunization - PCV3	2023	80	64
Malaria prevention in children under-five - sleeping under ITNs (%)	2023		52
Immunization - Rotavirus	2023	83	56
DTP1-DTP3 dropout (%)	2023	0	
DTP1-MCV1 dropout (%)	2023	5	
Zero-dose children	2023	13,000	
Vitamin A supplementation, full coverage	2022	24	71
Promote			
Minimum dietary diversity (6-23 months) (%)	2020	23	25
Early initiation of breastfeeding	2020	36	41
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-5 months)	2020	54	64
Continued breastfeeding (12-23 months)	2020	74	64
Treat			
Careseeking for symptoms of ARI	2020	64	42
Careseeking for fever (%)	2020	64	57
Diarrhoea treatment: ORS	2020	44	35
Diarrhoea treatment - ORS + zinc	2020	21	18
Malaria diagnostics in children under-five with fever (%)	2020	27	24
Treatment with ACT amongst children receiving any antimalarials (%)	2020	47	
Population using at least basic drinking-water services	2022	86	
Population using at least basic sanitation services	2022	48	
Population with hand washing facilities with soap and water at home	2022	13	
Context			
Total under-five population (000)	2023	384	95,801
Total Births (000)	2023	82	21,418
Birth registration (%)	2020	59	59
Reliance on clean fuels and technologies (%)	2022	2	
UHC Service Coverage Index (SDG 3.8.1)	2021	46	

### Child Health Interventions

#### Careseeking for symptoms of ARI

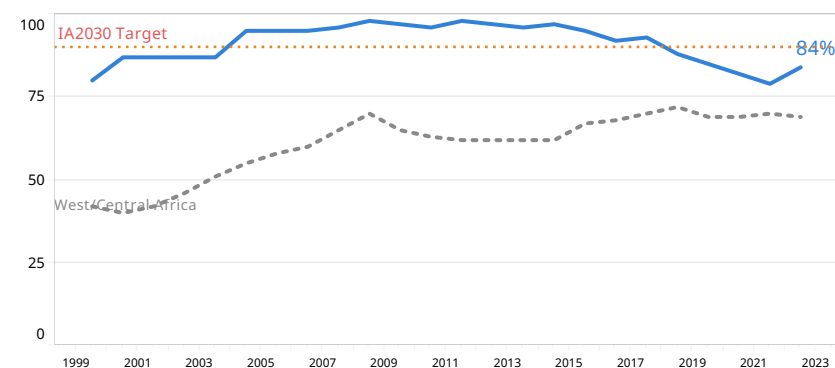
Percentage of children under 5 years:



Household Survey Data. UNICEF Global Database, MNCAH estimates

#### Immunization - DTP3

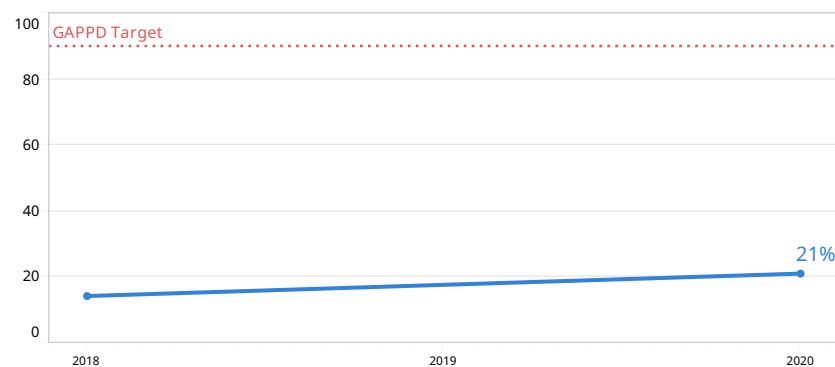
Percentage of children immunized:



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

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

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	No data	●
	Dedicated adolescent health/well-being strategic plan	No data	●
	International code of marketing of breastmilk substitutes	Yes	●
	Maternity protection (Convention 183)	No	●
	National coordinating body that looks at RMNCAH or its components	No data	●
	National policy or guideline to improve quality of care of SRMNCAH services	No data	●

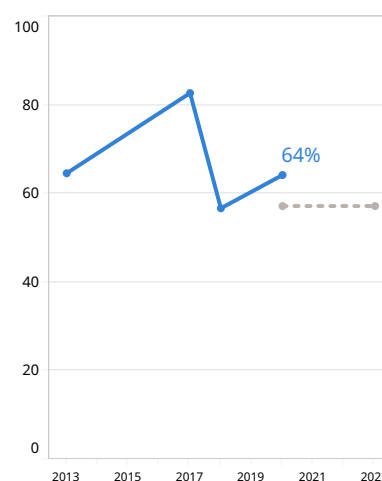
Maternal Death Review	A national maternal death review committee	No data	●
	A national policy to notify all maternal deaths	No data	●
	A national policy to review all maternal deaths	No data	●

	Costed national implementation plan(s) for maternal, newborn and child health available	No data	●
	Integrated plan of SRMNCAH	No data	●
	Birth registration requirement	No data	●

Child Health Policies	Dedicated child health strategic plan	No data	●
	Policy on the management of pneumonia in children 2 - 59 months	No data	●
	Policy on the management of diarrhoea in children 0 - 9 years	No data	●
	Policy on the management of hospitalised children 1 month - 9 years	No data	●
	Policy on early childhood development	No data	●
	Policy on integrated management of childhood illness	No data	●

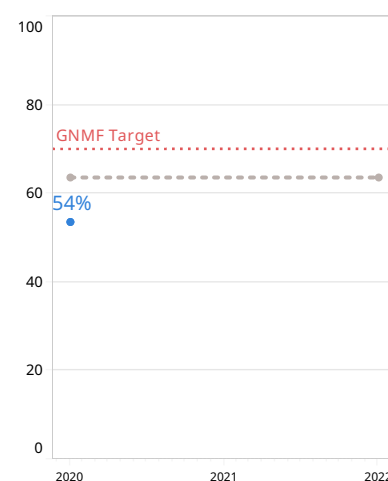
Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Policy Survey, 2024

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:



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

### Investment, Response, Resiliency, Equity

Budgeted RMNCAH strategy (including MNH)	No	●
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	No	●
User-fee exemptions for MNH	Yes	●
Insurance or financial protection scheme for MNH	No	●
Emergency transport system for MNH	Partial	●
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..	Yes	●
Identified innovation needs for MNH	No	●
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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