Nutrition Profile

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- Total population (000): 81,527 (2008)
- Total under-five population (000): 9,447 (2008)
- Total number of births: 2,015 (2008)
- Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 23 (2008)
- Total number of under-five deaths (000): 45 (2008)
- Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 20 (2008)
- Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 17 (2004)
- HIV prevalence rate (15-49 years, %): -
- Population below international poverty line of US$1.25 per day (%): < 2 (2004-2005)

**NUTRITIONAL STATUS**

- **Burden of undernutrition (2008)**
  - Stunted (under-fives, 000): 2,730
  - Underweight (under-fives, 000): 567
  - Share of developing world stunting burden (%): 1.4
  - Wasted (under-fives, 000): 680
  - Stunting country rank: 12
  - Severely wasted (under-fives, 000): 302

- **Current nutritional status**
  - Percentage of children < 5 years old suffering from:
    - Stunting: 28%
    - Underweight: 4%
    - Wasting: 7%

- **Stunting trends**
  - Percentage of children < 5 years old stunted NCHS reference population

- **Underweight trends**
  - Percentage of children < 5 years old underweight, NCHS reference population

**INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING**

- **Infant feeding practices, by age**

- **Exclusive breastfeeding**
  - Percentage of infants < 6 months old exclusively breastfed

Source: DHS 2008
To increase children’s chances of survival, improve development and prevent stunting, nutrition interventions need to be delivered during the mother’s pregnancy and the first two years of the child’s life.