**Globally, more than one third of child deaths are attributable to undernutrition**

**Burden of undernutrition (2008)**
- Stunted (under-fives, 000): 46
- Underweight (under-fives, 000): 15
- Share of developing world stunting burden (%): 0.0
- Wasted (under-fives, 000): 7
- Stunting country rank: 101
- Severe wasting (under-fives, 000): 2

**Current nutritional status**

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<th>Condition</th>
<th>Percentage of children &lt; 5 years old suffering from:</th>
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**Underweight trends**

- Percentage of children < 5 years old underweight, NCHS reference population:
  - 2000: 21
  - 2005: 0

**Stunting trends**

- Percentage of children < 5 years old stunted NCHS reference population:
  - 2000: 21
  - 2005: 0

**Under-five mortality rate**

- Deaths per 1,000 live births:
  - 1990: 67
  - 2015: 27

**Causes of under-five deaths, 2004**

- Malaria: 26%
- Neonatal: 13%
- Pneumonia: 8%
- Diarrhoea: 6%
- Measles: 1%
- Injuries: 4%
- Others: 13%

**HIV prevalence rate (15-49 years, %)**

- 2004: 5.9

**Population below international poverty line of US$1.25 per day ( %)**

- 2004: 5

**HIV/AIDS**

- 2008: 0%

**Infant feeding practices, by age**

- Weaned (not breastfed)
- Breastfed and solid/semi-solid foods
- Breastfed and other milk/formula
- Breastfed and plain water only
- Exclusively breastfed

**Exclusive breastfeeding**

- Percentage of infants < 6 months old exclusively breastfed:
  - 2000: 6

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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.

**Vitamin A supplementation**
Percentage of children 6-59 months old receiving two doses of vitamin A during calendar year

**Iodized salt consumption trends**
Percentage of households consuming adequately iodized salt

**Anaemia**
Prevalence of anaemia among selected populations

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**ESSENTIAL NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS DURING THE LIFE CYCLE**

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<td>Use iron-folate supplements</td>
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<td>Early initiation of breastfeeding (within 1 hour of birth)</td>
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<td>Maturity protection in accordance with ILO Convention 183</td>
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<td>Household consumption of adequately iodized salt</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>Infants not weighed at birth</td>
<td>9%</td>
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**MATERNAL NUTRITION/HEALTH**

**Drinking water coverage**
Percentage of population by type of drinking water source, 2008

**Sanitation coverage**
Percentage of population by type of sanitation facility, 2008

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**DISPARITIES IN NUTRITION**

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