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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

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<td>Total under-five population (000)</td>
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<td>Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)</td>
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<td>Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)</td>
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<td>Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)</td>
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<td>HIV prevalence rate (15-49 years, %)</td>
<td>1.8 (2007)</td>
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<td>Population below international poverty line of US$1.25 per day (%)</td>
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**UNDER-FIVE MORTALITY RATE**

*Deaths per 1,000 live births*

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**CAUSES OF UNDER-FIVE DEATHS, 2004**

[Diagram showing causes of under-five deaths with percentages: Malaria 24%, Diarrhea 29%, Measles 5%, Others 13%]

**BURDEN OF UNDERNUTRITION (2008)**

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<td>Underweight (under-fives, 000):</td>
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<td>Share of developing world stunting burden (%):</td>
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<td>Wasted (under-fives, 000):</td>
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<td>Severe wasting (under-fives, 000):</td>
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<td>Stunting country rank:</td>
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**CURRENT NUTRITIONAL STATUS**

Percentage of children < 5 years old suffering from:

- Stunting: 47%
- Underweight: 15%
- Wasting: 7%

**STUNTING TRENDS**

Percentage of children < 5 years old stunted NCHS reference population

2000 MICS: 30%
2006 MICS: 41%

**UNDERWEIGHT TRENDS**

Percentage of children < 5 years old underweight, NCHS reference population

2000 MICS: 23%
2006 MICS: 19%

**INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING**

Infant feeding practices, by age

- Exclusively breastfed
- Breastfed and other milk/formula
- Breastfed and non-milk liquids
- Breastfed and plain water only
- Weaned (not breastfed)

**Exclusive breastfeeding**

Percentage of infants < 6 months exclusively breastfed

2000 MICS: 37%
2006 MICS: 19%

**REFERENCES**

- WHO Child Growth Standards
- MICS 2006
- MDG Targets
- IGME 2009
- WHO 2008

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**MICRONUTRIENTS**

**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
64,000 newborns are unprotected against IDD (2008)

**Anaemia**
Prevalence of anaemia among selected populations

**ESSENTIAL NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS DURING THE LIFE CYCLE**

**Pregnancy**
- Use of iron-folic acid supplements
- Household consumption of adequately iodized salt
- Infants not weighed at birth

**Birth**
- Early initiation of breastfeeding (within 1 hour of birth)

**0-5 months**
- Exclusive breastfeeding (<6 months)
- Timely introduction of complementary foods (with continued breastfeeding)

**6-23 months**
- Continued breastfeeding at two years

**24-59 months**
- National guidelines for management of severe acute malnutrition incorporating the community-based approach

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.

**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

**WATER AND SANITATION**

**DISPARITIES IN NUTRITION**

**Indicator**
- Starting prevalence (WHO Child Growth Standards, %)
- Underweight prevalence (WHO Child Growth Standards, %)
- Wasting prevalence (WHO Child Growth Standards, %)
- Infants not weighed at birth (%)
- Early initiation of breastfeeding (%)
- Women with low BMI (<18.5 kg/m², %)

**Gender**
- Male
- Female

**Residence**
- Urban
- Rural

**Wealth quintile**
- Poorest
- Second
- Middle
- Fourth
- Richest

**Ratio of richest to poorest**

**Source**
- MICS 2006