Mauritania

Maternal, Newborn & Child Survival

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**DEMOGRAPHICS**
- Total population (000): 3,460 (2010)
- Total under-five population (000): 513 (2010)
- Births (000): 117 (2010)
- Under-five mortality rate (per 1000 live births): 111 (2010)
- Infant mortality rate (per 1000 live births): 75 (2010)
- Total under-five deaths (000): 13 (2010)
- Maternal mortality ratio, adjusted (per 100,000 live births): 550 (2008)
- Maternal mortality ratio, reported (per 100,000 live births): 686 (2007)
- Total maternal deaths (number): 590 (2008)

**INTERVENTION COVERAGE FOR MOTHERS, NEWBORNS AND CHILDREN**

**NUTRITION**
- Wasting prevalence (based on 2006 WHO reference population, moderate and severe, %): 7 (2010)
- Low birthweight incidence (%): 34 (2007)

**CHILDBIRTH HEALTH**
- Immunization:
  - Percent of children immunised against measles
  - Percent of children immunised with 3 doses DPT
  - Percent of children immunised with 3 doses of Hib
- Pneumonia treatment:
  - Percent of children <5 years with suspected pneumonia taken to appropriate health provider
  - Percent of children <5 years with suspected pneumonia receiving antibiotics
- Vitamin A suppletion:
  - Percent of children 6-59 months receiving two doses of vitamin A during calendar year
- Diarrhoeal disease treatment:
  - Percent of children <5 years with diarrhoea receiving oral rehydration therapy (ORS, recommended homemade fluids or increased fluids), with continued feeding
- Malaria treatment:
  - Percent of febrile children <5 years using anti-malarials
- Malaria prevention:
  - Percent of children <5 years sleeping under ITNs

**CAUSES OF UNDER-FIVE DEATHS**
- Globally more than one third of child deaths are attributable to under nutrition
- Causes of under-five deaths, 2008
- Causes of neonatal deaths, 2008
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### Maternal and Newborn Health

- **Proportion of women with low BMI (< 18.5 Kg/m²):** 13 (2001)
- **Demand for family planning satisfied (%):** 20 (2007)
- **Total fertility rate:** 4.5 (2010)
- **Adolescent birth rate:** 88 (1999-2007)
- **Antenatal visit for woman (4 or more visits, %):** 16 (2000-2001)
- **Early initiation of breastfeeding (within 1 hour of birth, %):** 81 (2010)
- **Institutional deliveries (%):** 48 (2007)
- **Postnatal visit for baby (within 2 days for home births, %):** -
- **Postnatal visit for mother (within 2 days, %):** -

#### Antenatal care

- Percent of women aged 15-49 years attended at least once by a skilled health provider during pregnancy:
  - 1990-1991: 48 Other NS
  - 2000-2001: 64 DHS
  - 2007: 75 MICS

#### Skilled attendant at delivery

- Percent of live births attended by skilled health personnel:
  - 1990-1991: 0%
  - 2000-2001: 20%
  - 2007: 40%

#### Neonatal tetanus protection

- Percent of newborns protected against tetanus:
  - 1990: 0%
  - 2000: 20%
  - 2005: 40%
  - 2010: 60%

### HIV and AIDS

- **HIV prevalence among young women (15-24 yrs, %):** 0.3 [0.1 - 0.5] (2009)
- **HIV prevalence among young men (15-24 yrs, %):** 0.4 [0.2 - 1.4] (2009)
- **Orphan school attendance ratio:** 0.66 (2007)

### Water and Sanitation

- **Drinking water coverage**
  - Percent of population by type of drinking water source, 2010:
    - Piped onto premises: 4%
    - Other improved: 46%
    - Unimproved sources: 46%
  - Urban: 27%
  - Rural: 23%

- **Sanitation coverage**
  - Percent of population by type of sanitation facility, 2010:
    - Improved facility: 54%
    - Shared facility: 15
    - Unimproved facility: 16
    - Open defecation: 81
  - Urban: 10%
  - Rural: 26%

### Education

- **Survival to last grade of primary school (total, admin data, %):** 41 (2007)
- **Survival to last grade of primary school (male, admin data, %):** 40 (2007)
- **Survival to last grade of primary school (female, admin data, %):** 42 (2007)
- **Primary school net enrolment ratio (total, admin data, %):** 76 (2009)
- **Primary school net enrolment ratio (male, admin data, %):** 74 (2009)
- **Primary school net enrolment ratio (female, admin data, %):** 79 (2009)

### Child Protection

- **Women aged 20-24 years who were married or in union by age 18 (%):** 35 (2007)
- **Birth registration (%):** 56 (2007)
- **Female genital mutilation/cutting (%):** 72 (2007)
### DISPARITIES IN INTERVENTION COVERAGE

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**Note:** The format for this Country Profile has been adapted from the Countdown to 2015 report. Coverage data have been largely derived from national household surveys such as the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) and Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS). For the majority of coverage indicators, UNICEF global databases were used. Other organizations such as the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, United Nations Population Fund, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Saving Newborn Lives also provided data. Details on indicators, data sources, and definitions of indicators, can be found at www.childinfo.org.

1. **Disparities:** Disparity information is only available for data directly derived from household surveys such as MICS and DHS. Therefore, disparity data are not available for the following indicators: vitamin A supplementation, immunization, and for HIV/AIDS. In addition, neither UNICEF Global Databases nor databases from partner organizations maintain disparity data for the following indicators: total fertility rate, unmet need, institutional deliveries, contraceptive prevalence, adolescent birth rate.

2. **Equity chart:** Displays values for the five wealth quintiles to the left. The scale is 0 to 100% for all charts except U5MR, which shows a range of 0 to 300 deaths per 1,000 live births.

3. **Gender:** 2010 data were derived from MICS, DHS or other surveys. The total is the inter-agency estimate published by the UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (IGME).

4. **Anthropometric Indicators - Reference Standards for Underweight, Stunting and Wasting:** New international CIHN Growth Standards for infants and young children were released by WHO in 2006, replacing the older NCHS/WHO reference population. In using the 2006 WHO reference population, estimates generally change in the following manner: stunting is greater throughout childhood; underweight rates are higher during the first half of infancy and lower thereafter; and, wasting rates are higher during infancy. Please note that there may be small discrepancies between the totals and the disparity data, as the totals have undergone additional analysis.

5. **Child Health:** All indicators in this section refer to children under 5 years of age.

6. **Water and sanitation:** Wealth quintile data are derived from MICS or DHS surveys. Urban, rural and total coverage estimates provided are for 2010 and are those published by the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation.