**DEMOGRAPHICS**

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<td>Total under-five population (000)</td>
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<td>Total number of births</td>
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<td>Under-five mortality rate (%)</td>
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<td>HIV prevalence rate (%)</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

Source: IGME 2009

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

- Malaria: 9%
- HIV/AIDS: 1%
- Diarrhoea: 18%
- Other: 24%

**Nutrition Profile**

**Nutritional Status**

**Burden of undernutrition (2008)**

- Stunted (under-fives, 000): 405
- Underweight (under-fives, 000): 175
- Stunting country rank: 56
- Severely wasted (under-fives, 000): 9

**Current nutritional status**

Percentage of children < 5 years old suffering

- Stunted: 43%
- Underweight: 38%
- Wasting: 5%

Source: Other NS 2005

**Stunting trends**

Percentage of children < 5 years old stunted NCHS reference population

1982: 43%
2005: 36%

**Underweight trends**

Percentage of children < 5 years old underweight NCHS reference population

1982: 30%
1994: 35%
2005: 26%

**INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING**

**Infant feeding practices, by age**

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

**Exclusive breastfeeding**

Percentage of infants < 6 months old breastfed

1996: 59%
2006: 56%

Source: WHO 2008
**ESSENTIAL NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS DURING THE LIFE CYCLE**

*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.*

**Pregnancy**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding (within 1 hour of birth)
- Exclusive breastfeeding (<6 months)
- Timely introduction of complementary foods (with continued breastfeeding)

**Birth**

- Maternity protection in accordance with ILO Convention 183

**0-5 months**

- Full coverage of vitamin A supplementation
- National guidelines for management of severe acute malnutrition incorporating the community-based approach
- Policy on community treatment of pneumonia with antibiotics

**6-23 months**

- Partial

**24-59 months**

- Partial

**WATER AND SANITATION**

**Drinking water coverage**

Percentage of population by type of drinking water source, 2008

| Source: WHO/UNICEF JMP, 2010 |

**Sanitation coverage**

Percentage of population by type of sanitation facility, 2008

| Source: WHO/UNICEF JMP, 2010 |

**DISPARITIES IN NUTRITION**

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