Nutrition Profile

Paraguay

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Total population (000) 6,238 (2008)
- Total under five population (000) 736 (2008)
- Total number of births (000) 154 (2008)
- Under five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) 28 (2008)
- Total number of under five deaths (000) 4 (2008)
- Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) 24 (2008)
- Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) 12 (2004)
- HIV prevalence rate (15-49 years, %) 0.6 (2007)
- Population below international poverty line of US$1.25 per day (%) 7 (2007)

Under-five mortality rate
Deaths per 1,000 live births

Causes of under-five deaths, 2004

NUTRITIONAL STATUS

Burden of undernutrition (2008)
WHO Child Growth Standards

- Stunted (under-fives, 000): 129
- Underweight (under-fives, 000): 25
- Share of developing world stunting burden (%): 0.1
- Stunting country rank: 81
- Wasted (under-fives, 000): 8
- Severely wasted (under-fives, 000):

Current nutritional status
Percentage of children < 5 years old suffering from:

- Stunting
- Underweight
- Wasting

Stunting trends
Percentage of children < 5 years old stunted

NCHS reference population

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

Source: IGME 2009
Source: WHO 2008

INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING

Infant feeding practices, by age

No Data

Exclusive breastfeeding
Percentage of infants < 6 months old exclusively breastfed

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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.

**Disparities in Nutrition**

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