**DEMOGRAPHICS**

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**NUTRITIONAL STATUS**

**Burden of undernutrition (2008)**

- Stunted (under-fives, 000): 5
- Underweight (under-fives, 000): 4
- Wasted (under-fives, 000): 2
- Severely wasted (under-fives, 000): 0
- Stunting country rank: 131
- Share of developing world stunting burden (%): 0.0

**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

**INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING**

**Infant feeding practices, by age**

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

**Exclusive breastfeeding**

Percentage of infants < 6 months old exclusively breastfed

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Source: Suriname MICS 2006
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.

**ESSENTIAL NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS DURING THE LIFE CYCLE**

**Pregnancy**
- Use of iron-folic acid supplements
- Household consumption of adequately iodized salt

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

**0-5 months**
- Vitamin A supplementation

**6-23 months**
- Anaemia

**24-59 months**
- Maternal mortality ratio, adjusted (per 100,000 live births)
- Total number of maternal deaths
- Lifetime risk of maternal deaths (1 in X)
- Women with low BMI (< 18.5 kg/m², %)
- Antenatal care (at least one visit, %)
- Antenatal care (at least four visits, %)
- Skilled attendant at birth (%)
- Low birthweight (< 2,500 grams, %)
- Primary school net enrolment or attendance ratio (% female, % male)
- Gender parity index (primary school net enrolment or attendance ratio)

**Anaemia**
Prevalence of anaemia among selected populations

**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

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**MATERIAL NUTRITION/HEALTH**

**WATER AND SANITATION**

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

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

**DISPARITIES IN NUTRITION**

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