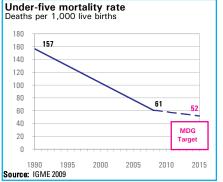
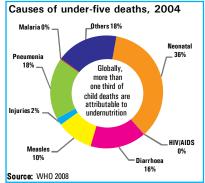
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Nutrition Profile

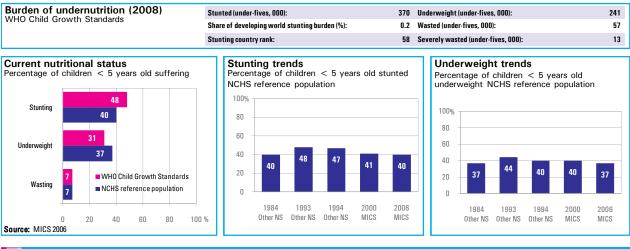
DEMOGRAPHICS

Total population (000)	6,205	(2008)		Uı De		
Total under-five population (000)	776	(2008)		1		
Total number of births (000)	170	(2008)		1		
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	61	(2008)		1		
Total number of under-five deaths (000)	10	(2008)		1		
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	48	(2008)				
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	30	(2004)				
HIV prevalence rate (15-49 years, %)	0.2	(2007)				
Population below international poverty line of US\$1.25 per day (%) 44 (2002-2003)						

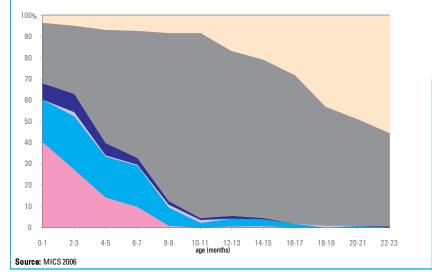




NUTRITIONAL STATUS

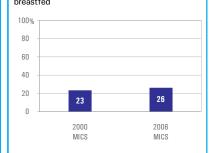


INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING





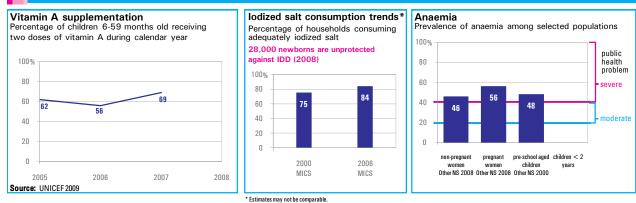
Exclusive breastfeeding Percentage of infants < 6 months old breastfed



Infant feeding practices, by age

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MICRONUTRIENTS



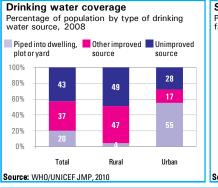
ESSENTIAL NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS DURING THE LIFE CYCLE

Pregnancy		Birth		0-5 months		6-23 months		24-59 months		
Jse of iron-folic acid Early initiation of breastfeeding			30%	International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes			Partial			
supplements	pplements (within 1 hour of birth)			Maternity protection in ac	ccordan	e with ILO Convention 183	No			
Household consumption of adequately iodized salt	84%	Infants not weighed at birth	78%	Exclusive breastfeeding (< 6 months)	26%	70%				
				Continued breastfeeding at two years	48%					
To increase children's chances of survival, improve						Full coverage of vitamin A supplementat		69%		
development and prevent stunting, nutrition interventions need to be delivered during the mother's pregnancy and the					National guidelines for management of severe acute malnutrition incorporating the community-based approach					
first two years of the child's life.						Policy on new ORS formula and zinc for management of diarrhoea*				
			Policy on community treatment of pneumonia with antibiotics*							

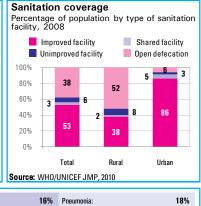
MATERNAL NUTRITION/HEALTH

WATER AND SANITATION

Maternal mortality ratio, adjusted (per 100,000 live births)	660	(2005)
Maternal mortality ratio, reported (per 100,000 live births)	410	(2005)
Total number of maternal deaths	1,300	(2005)
Lifetime risk of maternal deaths (1 in :)	33	(2005)
Women with low BMI ($< 18.5 kg/m^2,$ %)	-	
Anaemia, non-pregnant woman (< 120 g/l, %)	46	(2008)
Antenatal care (at least one visit, %)	35	(2006)
Antenatal care (at least four visits, %)	-	
Skilled attendant at birth (%)	20	(2006)
Low birthweight (< 2,500 grams, %)	11	(2006)
Primary school net enrolment or attendance ratio (% female, % male)	81, 86	(2006)
Gender parity index (primary school net enrolment or attendance ratio)	0.94	(2006)



Diarrhoea:



DISPARITIES IN NUTRITION

		Gender			Residence			Wealth quintile					
Indicator	Male	Female	Ratio of male to female	Urban	Rural	Ratio of urban to rural	Poorest	Second	Middle	Fourth	Richest	Ratio of richest to poorest	Source
Stunting prevalence (WHO Child Growth Standards, %)	48	47	1.0	32	51	0.6	59	51	46	40	23	0.4	MICS 2006
Underweight prevalence (WHO Child Growth Standards, %)	32	30	1.1	20	34	0.6	38	31	34	26	14	0.4	MICS 2006
Wasting prevalence (WHO Child Growth Standards, %)	8	7	1.1	7	7	1.0	7	8	8	7	7	1.0	MICS 2006
Infants not weighed at birth (%)			-	30	87	0.3	96	92	85	57	17	0.2	MICS 2006
Early initiation of breastfeeding (%)	-	-	-	53	25	2.1	22	25	30	33	56	2.5	MICS 2006
Women with low BMI ($<$ 18.5 kg/m², %)				-		-	-		-	-	-	•	

Under-five deaths caused by: