

WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: The governments of the world agreed on...






"... States Parties shall ensure to women appropriate services in connection with pregnancy, confinement and the post-natal period, granting free services where necessary, as well as adequate nutrition during pregnancy and lactation."

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Article 12. 1979.






"Provide more accessible, available and affordable primary health-care services of high quality, including sexual and reproductive health care, which includes family planning information and services, and giving particular attention to maternal and emergency obstetric care..."

Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action, Paragraph 106. 1995.

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Countries in better situation											
Albania		95 ^R			99 ^P		31	55		58 ^R	
Antigua and Barbuda		82 ^P		100 ^N	100 ^P					53 ^E	
Argentina		95 ^I		96 ^I	98 ^O	→	85	82			
Armenia	82 ^O	92 ^R	→	96 ^O	97 ^R		29	55		61 ^R	
Australia		100 ^H			100 ^P		6	8	76 ^C		
Austria		100 ^I			100 ^P		11	4		51 ^N	
Bahamas					99 ^P		10	60	62 ^E		
Bahrain		97 ^M		94 ^E	98 ^M	→	38	28	53 ^F	62 ^M	→
Belarus		100 ^O		100 ^C	100 ^O		33	35		50 ^M	
Belgium					100 ^P		8	10	78 ^I		
Belize	96 ^F	96 ^O			83 ^P		140	140	47 ^H		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		99 ^R		97 ^H	100 ^R	→	15	31		48 ^R	
British Virgin Islands		100 ^G		100 ^K	100 ^O						
Brunei Darussalam		100 ^L			99 ^P		22	37			
Canada					98 ^P		6	6		75 ^M	
Chile		95 ^I		99 ^K	100 ^P		33	31			
China				50 ^E	70 ^O	→	60	56	83 ^I	84 ^O	
Cook Islands					100 ^P					63 ^N	
Costa Rica	95 ^G	70 ^O	←	98 ^I	98 ^O		35	43	75 ^K		
Croatia					100 ^P		18	8			
Cuba	100 ^P	100 ^R		100 ^K	100 ^O		24	33	70 ^O		
Cyprus					100 ^P			47			
Czech Republic		99 ^K			99 ^P		14	9	78 ^H	72 ^O	←
Denmark					100 ^P		15	5	78 ^E		
Dominica	90 ^G	100 ^O	→		100 ^P				50 ^D		
Dominican Republic	97 ^H	98 ^N	→	92 ^H	95 ^N	→	110	150	56 ^H	64 ^N	→
Estonia							80	63		70 ^L	
Fiji					100 ^P		20	75			
Finland		100 ^J			100 ^P		6	6	77 ^F		
France		99 ^J			99 ^P		20	17		75 ^L	
Georgia	74 ^O	95 ^O	→		96 ^P		22	32		41 ^R	
Germany					100 ^P		12	8	75 ^I		
Grenada	100 ^G	98 ^O	←	99 ^P	99 ^O				54 ^G		
Guyana				95 ^O	96 ^O	→	150	170			
Ireland					100 ^P		9	5			
Israel					99 ^P		8	17			
Italy							11	5		60 ^N	
Jamaica	98 ^O	99 ^O		79 ^F	88 ^O	→	120	87	55 ^F	66 ^O	→
Japan					100 ^P		12	10	58 ^G	59 ^L	
Jordan	80 ^G	96 ^O	→	87 ^G	97 ^O	→	41	41	35 ^G	53 ^O	→
Kazakhstan	93 ^M	91 ^O	←	100 ^M	99 ^O		80	210	59 ^M	66 ^O	→
Korea, Dem. Rep.					97 ^P		35	67	62 ^I		
Korea, Rep.					100 ^P		20	20	79 ^H	81 ^O	
Kuwait		95 ^M		96 ^C	98 ^N	→	25	5		50 ^N	
Kyrgyzstan		97 ^O			98 ^P		80	110		60 ^O	

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Latvia					100 ^P		70	42		48 ^M	
Lithuania							27	13		47 ^M	
Luxembourg					100 ^P			28			
Macedonia, FYR		100 ^O			97 ^P		17	23			
Malaysia					97 ^P		39	41		55 ^L	
Mauritius				97 ^L	99 ^O	→	45	24	75 ^H		
Moldova		99 ^O			99 ^P		65	36	74 ^O	62 ^R	←
Mongolia	90 ^P	97 ^R	→		97 ^P		65	110	65 ^L	60 ^P	←
Netherlands					100 ^P		10	16	79 ^K		
New Zealand		95 ^L			100 ^P		15	7		75 ^M	
Norway					100 ^P		9	16	74 ^F		
Poland					99 ^P		12	13	49 ^H		
Portugal					100 ^P		12	5			
Qatar		94 ^O			98 ^P		41	7		43 ^P	
Romania				99 ^K	99 ^N		60	49	57 ^K	64 ^O	→
Russian Federation				99 ^P	99 ^O		75	67			
Samoa					100 ^P		15	130			
Serbia and Montenegro					99 ^P			11		58 ^R	
Singapore					100 ^P		9	30			
Slovenia		98 ^I			100 ^P		17	17		74 ^L	
Spain							8	4		81 ^M	
Sri Lanka	80 ^K	98 ^R	→		97 ^P		60	92	66 ^K		
St. Kitts and Nevis		100 ^G			99 ^P				41 ^B		
St. Lucia		100 ^G			100 ^P				47 ^E		
St. Vincent and Grenadines		92 ^O			100 ^P				58 ^E		
Sweden					100 ^P		8	2			
Switzerland							8	7		82 ^M	
Thailand		86 ^N			99 ^P		44	44	74 ^K	72 ^O	←
Trinidad and Tobago		98 ^O		98 ^O	99 ^O		65	160	53 ^O		
Turkmenistan				96 ^N	97 ^R	→	65	31		62 ^R	
Ukraine				100 ^N	100 ^O		45	35		68 ^O	
United Arab Emirates		97 ^M			96 ^P		30	54		28 ^M	
United Kingdom					99 ^P		10	13	82 ^K		
United States of America		99 ^F			99 ^P		12	17	71 ^G	76 ^M	→
Uruguay		94 ^O			100 ^P		50	27			
Uzbekistan	95 ^N	97 ^R	→	98 ^N	96 ^R	←	60	24	56 ^N	67 ^R	→
West Bank and Gaza		96 ^R		95 ^N	97 ^R	→	120	100			
Countries above average											
Algeria		58 ^G			92 ^P		150	140	47 ^I	64 ^R	→
Azerbaijan	98 ^O	69 ^R	←	100 ^P	88 ^R	←	37	94	55 ^R	55 ^S	→
Barbados	100 ^G	89 ^O	←	100 ^M	91 ^O	←	33	95	55 ^E		
Botswana	92 ^E	97 ^R	→	87 ^N	99 ^R	→	480	100	33 ^E	40 ^R	→
Brazil	74 ^C	86 ^N	→	76 ^H	92 ^N	→	260	260		77 ^N	
Bulgaria							23	32		42 ^O	
Cape Verde		99 ^P		54 ^M	89 ^P	→	190	150		53 ^P	
Colombia	83 ^G	91 ^R	→	76 ^G	88 ^R	→	120	130	66 ^G	77 ^R	→
Ecuador	76 ^F	69 ^P	←	66 ^F	69 ^O	→	210	130	53 ^F	66 ^O	→
Gabon		94 ^R			86 ^P		620	420		33 ^R	
Honduras	88 ^I	84 ^N	←	45 ^I	54 ^N	→	220	110	47 ^I	62 ^S	→
Iran, Islamic Rep.		77 ^O			90 ^P		130	76	49 ^F	73 ^O	→
Kiribati		88 ^L			85 ^P						
Lebanon		87 ^M			89 ^P		130	150		61 ^N	
Libya		81 ^M			94 ^P		120	97		40 ^M	
Mexico	78 ^O	86 ^M	→		86 ^P		65	83		67 ^M	
Namibia		87 ^I		68 ^I	76 ^R	→	370	300	29 ^I		
Oman	88 ^O	96 ^O	→	87 ^O	91 ^M	→	120	87		24 ^M	
Panama		72 ^P		86 ^K	90 ^P	→	100	160	58 ^B		
Paraguay	84 ^G	89 ^P	→	53 ^G	59 ^P	→	170	170	44 ^G	57 ^P	→
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Philippines	83 ^K	86 ^P	➡	53 ^K	56 ^P	➡	240	200		47 ^P	
Saudi Arabia		90 ^N			91 ^P		23	23		32 ^N	
Solomon Islands					85 ^P		60	130			
South Africa	89 ^M	94 ^P	➡	82 ^M	84 ^P	➡	340	230		56 ^P	
Suriname	91 ^N	91 ^R		91 ^D	95 ^N	➡	230	110			
Tunisia	58 ^E	79 ^M	➡	69 ^E	90 ^R	➡	70	120	60 ^L		
Turkey	62 ^K	68 ^P	➡	76 ^K	81 ^P	➡	55	70		64 ^P	
Turks and Caicos Islands	100 ^P	82 ^O	⬅	100 ^P	88 ^O	⬅					
Vanuatu					89 ^P		32	130			
Venezuela		90 ^R		95 ^O	95 ^R		43	96			
Viet Nam	71 ^O	68 ^R	⬅	77 ^O	70 ^R	⬅	95	130		75 ^O	
Countries below average											
Bolivia	46 ^F	69 ^P	➡	38 ^F	56 ^P	➡	550	420	30 ^F	53 ^R	➡
Côte d'Ivoire	83 ^M	88 ^R	➡	45 ^L	47 ^O	➡	1200	690	11 ^L	15 ^O	➡
Egypt	52 ^H	53 ^R		37 ^H	61 ^R	➡	170	84	46 ^H	56 ^R	➡
El Salvador	69 ^K	76 ^P	➡	52 ^E	58 ^P	➡	180	150		60 ^P	
Ghana	82 ^E	88 ^P	➡	40 ^E	44 ^P	➡	590	540		22 ^O	
Haiti	68 ^M	79 ^R	➡	23 ^F	60 ^R	➡	1100	680	10 ^F	27 ^R	➡
Indonesia	76 ^H	89 ^O	➡	32 ^H	56 ^O	➡	470	230	50 ^H	57 ^O	➡
Iraq		78 ^M			72 ^P		370	250	14 ^F		
Lesotho	91 ^K	88 ^M	⬅	50 ^K	60 ^R	➡	530	550	23 ^J	30 ^R	➡
Liberia		83 ^C			51 ^P		1000	760	6 ^C		
Malawi		90 ^I			56 ^P		580	1800	13 ^I	31 ^R	➡
Maldives					70 ^P		390	110			
Morocco	32 ^I	42 ^O	➡	31 ^I	40 ^M	➡	390	220	42 ^I	50 ^M	➡
Myanmar		76 ^O			56 ^P		170	360	17 ^I	33 ^O	➡
Nicaragua	72 ^K	82 ^P	➡	59 ^K	64 ^P	➡	250	230	49 ^I	60 ^P	➡
Papua New Guinea		78 ^N			53 ^P		390	300		26 ^N	
Peru	64 ^J	67 ^N	➡	46 ^J	50 ^N	➡	240	410	59 ^J	69 ^R	➡
Sudan	70 ^G	75 ^K	➡		86 ^P		1500	590	9 ^G	8 ^K	
Swaziland					70 ^P		370	370	20 ^E		
Syrian Arab Republic		51 ^K			76 ^P		200	160	36 ^K		
Tajikistan		71 ^R		79 ^N	71 ^R	⬅	120	100		34 ^R	
Togo	43 ^E	82 ^P	➡	31 ^E	51 ^P	➡	980	570		24 ^P	
Zambia	92 ^J	96 ^N	➡	51 ^J	47 ^N	⬅	870	750	15 ^J	25 ^N	➡
Zimbabwe	91 ^E	93 ^O		70 ^E	73 ^O	➡	610	1100	43 ^F	54 ^O	➡
Countries in worse situation											
Afghanistan					12 ^P		820	1900		5 ^R	
Angola					45 ^P		1300	1700		8 ^N	
Bangladesh	26 ^L	33 ^R	➡	10 ^L	13 ^O	➡	600	380	40 ^H	54 ^R	➡
Benin		80 ^N			66 ^P		880	850	16 ^N	19 ^S	➡
Bhutan					24 ^P		500	420		19 ^L	
Burkina Faso	59 ^K	61 ^O	➡	42 ^K	31 ^P	⬅	1400	1000	8 ^K	12 ^O	➡
Burundi		79 ^O			25 ^P		1900	1000	9 ^O		
Cambodia	34 ^P	38 ^R	➡	34 ^P	34 ^R		590	450	13 ^M	24 ^R	➡
Cameroon	79 ^H	75 ^R	⬅	58 ^H	56 ^R	⬅	720	730	16 ^H	19 ^P	➡
Central African Republic		67 ^M		46 ^M	44 ^R	⬅	1200	1100		15 ^M	
Chad	23 ^O	42 ^R	➡	15 ^O	16 ^R	➡	1500	1100	4 ^O	8 ^R	➡
Comoros	85 ^N	74 ^R	⬅	52 ^N	62 ^R	➡	570	480		21 ^N	
Congo, Dem. Rep.					61 ^P		940	990	8 ^H		
Equatorial Guinea		37 ^L			65 ^P		1400	880			
Eritrea		49 ^M			21 ^P		1100	630		5 ^M	
Ethiopia		27 ^R			6 ^P		1800	850	4 ^G	8 ^R	➡
Gambia					55 ^P		1100	540	12 ^G	10 ^R	
Guatemala	53 ^M	60 ^O	➡	34 ^M	40 ^O	➡	270	240		38 ^O	
Guinea	58 ^I	71 ^O	➡	31 ^I	35 ^O	➡	1200	740	2 ^K	6 ^O	➡
Guinea-Bissau		62 ^R			35 ^P		910	1100		8 ^R	

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India	49 ^K	60 ^O	➡	34 ^K	42 ^P	➡	440	540		48 ^O	
Kenya	77 ^F	76 ^R		50 ^F	44 ^P	➡	1300	1000	27 ^F	39 ^P	➡
Lao PDR		29 ^R			21 ^R		650	650	19 ^K	32 ^R	➡
Madagascar	78 ^I	73 ^R	➡	57 ^I	46 ^R	➡	580	550	17 ^I	19 ^R	➡
Mali	31 ^O	47 ^M	➡	32 ^O	24 ^M	➡	630	1200	7 ^N	8 ^S	➡
Mauritania		48 ^H			57 ^P		870	1000	3 ^H	8 ^S	➡
Mozambique		71 ^O			44 ^P		980	1000		6 ^O	
Nepal	15 ^H	27 ^R	➡	7 ^H	12 ^R	➡	830	740	23 ^H	39 ^S	➡
Niger	30 ^I	41 ^R	➡	15 ^I	16 ^R		920	1600	4 ^I	14 ^R	➡
Nigeria	57 ^G	64 ^O	➡	31 ^G	42 ^O	➡	1100	800	6 ^G	15 ^O	➡
Pakistan	27 ^H	28 ^O		19 ^H	20 ^P		200	500	12 ^H	28 ^S	➡
Rwanda	94 ^I	92 ^R	➡	26 ^I	31 ^R	➡	2300	1400	21 ^I	13 ^R	➡
Senegal	74 ^K	77 ^R	➡	41 ^C	51 ^O	➡	1200	690	7 ^K	13 ^O	➡
Sierra Leone		68 ^R			42 ^P		2100	2000		4 ^R	
Somalia		32 ^O			34 ^P		1600	1100			
Tanzania	62 ^I	49 ^O	➡	44 ^H	36 ^O	➡	1100	1500	10 ^H	25 ^O	➡
Timor-Leste					24 ^P		850	660			
Uganda	87 ^F	91 ^M	➡	38 ^F	38 ^M		1100	880	5 ^F	23 ^R	➡
Yemen	26 ^I	34 ^O	➡	16 ^I	22 ^O	➡	850	570	7 ^I	21 ^O	➡

Countries with insufficient data to summarise the area

Congo, Rep.							1100	510			
Djibouti							520	730			
French Polynesia							20				
Greece								9			
Guadeloupe							5				
Guam							12				
Hong Kong (China)									86 ^I		
Hungary							23	16	77 ^K		
Iceland							16				
Macao (China)							20				
Malta					98						
Marshall Islands					95						
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.					93						
Netherlands Antilles							20				
New Caledonia							10				
Niue					100						
Palau					100						
Puerto Rico							30			78 ^N	
Sao Tomé and Príncipe					79						
Slovakia							14	3	74 ^H		
Tonga					92						
Tuvalu					99						

HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to women's reproductive health is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 25

CESCR - Art. 10 & 12

CEDAW - Art. 11, 12 & 14

CRC - Art. 24

UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

CESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Women's reproductive health is considered in:

Millennium Development Goals - Goals 5

World Summit for Social Development - Commitment 8

Fourth World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform

for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

Sources:

Women aged 15-49 attended at least once during pregnancy: UNICEF End Decade Website Database (www.childinfo.org).

Births attended by skilled health personnel: UNICEF End Decade Website Database (www.childinfo.org) and The State of the World's Children 2004, UNICEF (www.unicef.org/sowc04).

Maternal mortality ratio: UNICEF End Decade Website Database (www.childinfo.org) and The State of the World's Children 2004, UNICEF (www.unicef.org/sowc04).

Contraceptive use: The UN Statistics Division Website (unstats.un.org/unsd/) and UN Population Information Network website (www.un.org/popin/).

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