

## HEALTH: The governments of the world agreed on...

"(We) recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health... The provision for the reduction of the stillbirth-rate and of infant mortality and for the healthy development of the child... The prevention, treatment and control of epidemic, endemic, occupational and other diseases..."

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 12, 1966.

"...take specific measures for closing the gender gaps in morbidity and mortality where girls are disadvantaged, while achieving internationally approved goals for the reduction of infant and child mortality."

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

### HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to health and health services is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 25    CEDAW - Art. 11 & 14  
CERD - Art. 5    CRC - Art. 24  
CESCR - Art. 12

### INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Health is considered in:

Millennium Development Goals - Goals 4 & 6  
World Summit for Social Development - Commitments 8 & 10  
Fourth World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

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○	Afghanistan	—	23	24.7		826	661	→				168	165	→	260	257	→
●	Albania	76				41	31	→				37	17	→	45	19	→
●	Algeria	69	<0.1	<0.1 <sup>Q</sup>		43	54	←	<0.1	0.1		54	35	→	69	40	→
●	Andorra	—				32	17	→					6			7	
○	Angola	—	26.1	106.9 <sup>Q</sup>	←	520	310	→	3.7	3.9		154	154		260	260	
○	Antigua and Barbuda	—				14	10	→					11			12	
●	Argentina	53	0.1	<0.1		118	53	→	0.7	0.7		26	16	→	29	18	→
●	Armenia	51	0	<0.1		43	98	←	0.1	0.1		52	29	→	60	32	→
●	Australia	28				7	6		0.1	0.1		8	5	→	10	6	→
●	Austria	6				16	11	→	0.2	0.3		8	5	→	10	5	→
○	Azerbaijan	103	<0.1	0.1		57	90	←		<0.1		84	75	→	105	90	→
○	Bahamas	60				94	50	→	3	3		24	10	→	29	13	→
○	Bahrain	25				108	50	→	0.1	0.2		15	9	→	19	11	→
○	Bangladesh	159	0.5	0.4		640	435	→				100	56	→	149	77	→
●	Barbados	37				29	12	→	1.5	1.5		14	10	→	16	12	→
●	Belarus	37				63	68	←				13	9	→	17	11	→
●	Belgium	6				15	10	→	0.2	0.2		8	4	→	10	5	→
○	Belize	89	16.3	3.7 <sup>Q</sup>	→	77	59	→	2.1	2.4		39	32	→	49	39	→
○	Benin	126	20	122 <sup>P</sup>	←	146	142	→	1.9	1.9		111	90	→	185	152	→
—	Bermuda	—				9	7										
○	Bhutan	139	5.6	1.7	→	371	184	→				107	67	→	166	80	→
○	Bolivia	110	3	2.3		453	290	→	0.1	0.1		89	54	→	125	69	→
●	Bosnia and Herzegovina	—				160	53	→		<0.1		18	13	→	22	15	→
●	Botswana	88	7.9	12.6	←	303	553	←	38	37.3	→	45	84	←	58	116	←
○	Brazil	82	3.8	2.1		148	77	→	0.6	0.7		50	32	→	60	34	→
—	British Virgin Islands	—					0 <sup>R</sup>										
●	Brunei Darussalam	47				114	63	→	<0.1	<0.1		10	8		11	9	
●	Bulgaria	41				44	36	→		<0.1		15	12	→	18	15	→
○	Burkina Faso	132	55.7	114.9 <sup>Q</sup>	←	322	365	←	4.2	4.2		113	97	→	210	192	→
○	Burundi	156	16.6	274 <sup>Q</sup>	←	235	564	←	6.2	6		114	114		190	190	
○	Cambodia	153	12.7	5	→	947	709	→	2.7	2.6		80	97	←	115	141	←
○	Cameroon	134	74.5	46 <sup>M</sup>	→	163	227	←	7	6.9		85	87		139	149	←
●	Canada	28				7	4	→	0.3	0.3		7	5		8	6	
○	Cape Verde	89	0.2	0.3 <sup>Q</sup>		404	314	→				45	27	→	60	36	→
—	Cayman Islands	—		24.7	→	9	6	→									
—	Central African Republic	—	59.3			262	549	←	13.5	13.5		102	115	←	168	193	←
○	Chad	162	36.5	47.7 <sup>P</sup>	←	209	566	←	4.9	4.8		117	117		203	200	→
●	Chile	22				62	16	→	0.3	0.3		17	8	→	21	8	→
○	China	81	0.1	<0.1 <sup>Q</sup>		327	221	→	0.1	0.1		38	26	→	49	31	→
○	Colombia	93	2.8	3.7		99	75	→	0.5	0.7		30	18	→	36	21	→

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○	Comoros	129	20.9 <sup>H</sup>	5.1 <sup>P</sup>	→	193	95	→				88	52	→	120	70	→
○	Congo. Dem. Rep.	—	4.4 <sup>K</sup>	5.3	→	226	551	←	4.2	4.2		129	129		205	205	
○	Congo. Rep.	—	13	<sup>M</sup>		208	464	←	5.3	4.9		83	81		110	108	
●	Cook Islands	105		0.2		117	51	→				26	18	→	32	21	→
○	Costa Rica	54	0.4	24.9	→	38	15	→	0.6	0.6		16	11	→	18	13	→
●	Côte d'Ivoire	133	40.9	<sup>P</sup>		262	651	←	6.7	7		103	117	←	157	194	←
●	Croatia	33				126	65	→		<0.1		11	6	→	12	7	→
●	Cuba	28				40	12	→	0.1	0.1		11	6	→	13	7	→
●	Cyprus	17				10	4	→				10	5	→	12	5	→
●	Czech Republic	26				38	11	→	<0.1	0.1		11	4	→	13	4	→
○	Denmark	6		7.2		12	6	→	0.2	0.2		8	4	→	9	5	→
○	Djibouti	114	6.1			1553	1137	→	2.8	2.9		122	101	→	163	126	→
○	Dominica	75		0.1		32	23	→				15	13		17	14	→
○	Dominican Republic	100	0.1	0.7		237	118	→	1.8	1.7		50	27	→	65	32	→
○	Ecuador	109	7	83.1	←	353	196	→	0.3	0.3		43	23	→	57	26	→
○	Egypt	94	<0.1	4	→	53	35	→	<0.1	<0.1		76	26	→	104	36	→
○	El Salvador	115	1.8	0		163	74	→	0.6	0.7		47	24	→	60	28	→
○	Equatorial Guinea	154	72.3	<0.1		150	322	←				103	122	←	170	204	←
○	Eritrea	141	25.3 <sup>J</sup>			580	437	→	2.8	2.7		88	52	→	147	82	→
●	Estonia	28		17.4	→	53	49	→	0.7	1.1	←	12	6	→	16	8	→
●	Ethiopia	161	4 <sup>G</sup>			256	533	←	4.1	4.4		131	110	→	204	166	→
○	Fiji	61		8	←	85	41	→	0.1	0.1		25	16	→	31	20	→
●	Finland	1				14	7	→	0.1	0.1		6	3	→	7	4	→
●	France	26				23	10	→	0.4	0.4		7	4	→	9	5	→
●	French Polynesia	—				117	56	→									
—	Gabon	106	60.3	<sup>M</sup>		355	339	→	6.9	8.1	←	60	60		92	91	
○	Gambia	138	237.7	66.8 <sup>N</sup>	←	365	329	→	1.2	1.2		103	89	→	154	122	→
○	Georgia	78	0	100.5	→	52	89	←	<0.1	0.1		43	41		47	45	
●	Germany	6		0.1		20	6	→	0.1	0.1		7	4	→	9	5	→
●	Ghana	142	94.2			516	376	→	3.1	3.1		75	68	→	122	112	→
○	Greece	6		169.8	←	28	17	→	0.2	0.2		10	4	→	11	5	→
●	Grenada	83				10	8					30	18	→	37	21	→
●	Guam	—				303	91	→									
—	Guatemala	131	4.8			144	107	→	1.1	1.1		60	33	→	82	45	→
○	Guinea	140	3.6	2.5 <sup>O</sup>		254	410	←	2.8	3.2	←	145	101	→	240	155	→
○	Guinea—Bissau	151	80.5	109.5 <sup>Q</sup>	←	424	306	→				153	126	→	253	203	→
○	Guyana	108	31	134.6	←	67	185	←	2.5	2.5		64	48	→	88	64	→
○	Haiti	—	0.7	36.1	←	719	387	→	5.5	5.6		102	74	→	150	117	→
○	Honduras	130	10.9	1.2		194	97	→	1.6	1.8		44	31	→	59	41	→
○	Hong Kong (China)	—		1.5	→				0.1	0.1							
—	Hungary	35				67	30	→		0.1		15	7	→	17	8	→
●	Iceland	1				5	2	→	0.2	0.2		6	2	→	7	3	→
●	India	128	2.4			570	312	→	0.8	0.9		84	62	→	123	85	→
○	Indonesia	102	0.9	1.7 <sup>O</sup>		443	275	→	0.1	0.1		60	30	→	91	38	→
○	Iran. Islamic Rep.	80	1.4	1		57	35	→	0.1	0.1		54	32	→	72	38	→
●	Iraq	121	0.2	0.2		223	200	→		<0.1		40	102	←	50	125	←
○	Ireland	17		<0.1		20	9	→	0.1	0.1		8	5	→	10	6	→
●	Israel	17				15	7	→		0.1		10	5	→	12	6	→
●	Italy	40				11	6	→	0.5	0.5		9	4	→	9	5	→
○	Jamaica	73				13	9	→	0.8	1.2		17	17		20	20	
○	Japan	1				71	39	→	<0.1	<0.1		5	3		6	4	
●	Jordan	42				12	5	→	<0.1	<0.1		33	23	→	40	27	→
●	Kazakhstan	54				96	160	←	0.1	0.2		53	63	←	63	73	←
○	Kenya	—	228.9 <sup>I</sup>	<sup>O</sup>		167	888	←	8	6.7	→	64	79	←	97	120	←
○	Kiribati	—		3.9	→	303	59	→				65	49	→	88	65	→
○	Korea. Dem. Rep.	—				424	178	→				42	42		55	55	
●	Korea. Rep.	6	0			130	125	→	<0.1	<0.1		8	5	→	9	6	→
○	Kuwait	92		0.1		80	30	→				14	10	→	16	12	→
○	Kyrgyzstan	—	0	3.3		90	137	←	<0.1	0.1		68	58	→	80	68	→

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●	Lao PDR	155	5.3		474	318	→	<0.1	0.1		120	65	→	163	83	→
●	Latvia	37			55	71	←	0.5	0.6		14	10	→	18	12	→
○	Lebanon	56			46	12	→	0.1	0.1		32	27	→	37	31	→
○	Lesotho	137			248	544	←	29.6	28.9	→	84	61	→	120	82	→
○	Liberia	145	209.1 <sup>H</sup>	<sup>M</sup>	265	447	←	5.1	5.9	←	157	157		235	235	
—	Libya	—			47	20	→		0.3		35	18	→	41	20	→
●	Liechtenstein	—									9	4	→	10	5	→
●	Lithuania	35			65	67		0.1	0.1		10	8		13	8	→
●	Luxembourg	49			19	9	→	0.2	0.2		7	5		10	6	→
○	Macedonia, FYR	62		121.5	91	34	→	<0.1	<0.1		33	13	→	38	14	→
○	Madagascar	144	14.2 <sup>J</sup>	240.4	398	351	→	1.3	1.7		103	76	→	168	123	→
●	Malawi	148	409.3	0.2 <sup>O</sup>	424	501	←	14.3	14.2		146	110	→	241	175	→
●	Malaysia	73	2.8		197	133	→	0.4	0.4		16	10	→	22	12	→
○	Maldives	113		62.2	155	57	→				79	35	→	111	46	→
●	Mali	143	27.5		706	578	→	1.9	1.9		140	121	→	250	219	→
○	Malta	17			10	5	→	0.1	0.2		9	5	→	11	6	→
○	Marshall Islands	95		59.6	303	59	→				63	52	→	92	59	→
●	Mauritania	120	13.3	<0.1 <sup>O</sup>	607	502	→	0.5	0.6		85	78	→	133	125	→
●	Mauritius	33	0.1	<0.1 <sup>O</sup>	157	135	→				21	14	→	23	15	→
●	Mexico	85	0.5		83	43	→	0.3	0.3		37	23	→	46	28	→
○	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	—			218	59	→				26	19	→	31	23	→
●	Moldova	63			104	214	←		0.2		30	23	→	40	28	→
●	Monaco	—			4	2					7	4	→	9	5	→
●	Mongolia	70		<0.1	574	209	→	<0.1	<0.1		78	41	→	108	52	→
○	Morocco	112	<0.1	269.7	117	105	→		0.1		69	38	→	89	43	→
○	Mozambique	150	0.8 <sup>K</sup>	14.5	275	635	←	12.1	12.2		158	104	→	235	152	→
○	Myanmar	136	24.4	223.4	419	180	→	1	1.2		91	76	→	130	106	→
●	Namibia	98	245.2 <sup>H</sup>		585	586		21.3	21.3		60	47	→	86	63	→
○	Nauru	—		0.4	117	35	→					25			30	
●	Nepal	157	1.2		616	257	→	0.4	0.5		100	59	→	145	76	→
—	Netherlands	6			10	6	→	0.2	0.2		7	5		9	6	→
—	Netherlands Antilles	—			24	18	→									
●	New Caledonia	—			243	117	→									
●	New Zealand	6		1.2	11	11		0.1	0.1		8	5	→	11	6	→
○	Nicaragua	127	9.4	59.1	198	80	→	0.2	0.2		52	31	→	68	38	→
○	Niger	158	152	21 <sup>O</sup>	332	288	→	1.1	1.2		191	152	→	320	259	→
—	Nigeria	146	13		231	531	←	5.5	5.4		120	101	→	230	197	→
—	Niue	—			117	57	→									
—	Northern Mariana Islands	—			303	68	→									
●	Norway	1		<0.1	9	4	→	0.1	0.1		7	4	→	9	4	→
○	Oman	48	17.7	0.8	24	12	→	0.1	0.1		25	10	→	32	13	→
●	Pakistan	152	0.7		430	329	→	0.1	0.1		100	80	→	130	101	→
●	Palau	77		2.9	169	91	→				28	22	→	34	27	→
○	Panama	86	0.2	12.3	117	45	→	0.7	0.9		27	19	→	34	24	→
●	Papua New Guinea	122	25.5	0.2	843	448	→	0.4	0.6		74	68	→	101	93	→
○	Paraguay	107	0.7	2.9	117	107	→	0.4	0.5		33	21	→	41	24	→
○	Peru	101	1.3	0.5	508	216	→	0.4	0.5		60	24	→	80	29	→
●	Philippines	117	1.4		893	463	→	<0.1	<0.1		41	26	→	62	34	→
●	Poland	22			88	32	→		0.1		19	7	→	18	8	→
—	Portugal	6			57	35	→	0.4	0.4		11	4	→	14	5	→
—	Puerto Rico	—			36	6	→									
●	Qatar	57		<0.1	74	77	←				21	18	→	26	21	→
○	Romania	65			121	188	←		<0.1		27	17	→	31	20	→
○	Russian Federation	—			82	160	←	0.7	1.1	←	23	17	→	29	21	→
○	Rwanda	160	189.2	102.1	252	660	←	5.1	5.1		103	118	←	173	203	←
●	Samoa	50			28.3 <sup>I</sup>	15 <sup>R</sup>	→				40	25	→	50	30	→
○	San Marino	—			10	5	→				13	3	→	14	4	→
○	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	116	396.3 <sup>J</sup>	393.5	345	253	→				75	75		118	118	
○	Saudi Arabia	67	0.9	<0.1	86	55	→				35	21	→	44	27	→

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●	Senegal	124	55.3 <sup>I</sup>	119.3 <sup>O</sup>	←	401	451	←	0.8	0.8		90	78	→	148	137	→
●	Serbia and Montenegro	—				101	50	→	0.2	0.2		24	13	→	28	15	→
●	Seychelles	—				113	83	→				17	12	→	19	14	→
○	Sierra Leone	—	2.4 <sup>H</sup>	95.4 <sup>N</sup>	←	512	847	←				175	165	→	302	283	→
●	Singapore	—				62	41	→	0.2	0.2		7	3	→	9	3	→
●	Slovakia	57				54	23	→		<0.1		12	6	→	14	9	→
●	Slovenia	32				71	17	→	<0.1	<0.1		8	4	→	10	4	→
●	Solomon Islands	—	365.7	189.9	→	303	59	→				38	34	→	63	56	→
○	Somalia	—	0.4 <sup>H</sup>	2.4		808	673	→				133	133		225	225	
●	South Africa	96	0.2	0.3		229.7 <sup>I</sup>	505 <sup>R</sup>	←	20.9	21.5	←	45	54	←	60	67	←
●	Spain	6				52	20	→	0.6	0.7		8	3	→	9	5	→
●	Sri Lanka	—	17.1	0.6	→	109	91	→	<0.1	<0.1		26	12	→	32	14	→
●	St. Kitts and Nevis	66				22	15	→				30	18	→	36	21	→
●	St. Lucia	57				34	21	→				20	13	→	21	14	→
●	St. Vincent and Grenadines	63				11.9 <sup>J</sup>	12 <sup>R</sup>					22	18	→	25	22	→
●	Sudan	110	301.2	91.8	→	443	370	→	1.9	2.3		74	63	→	120	91	→
●	Suriname	91	4	33.7	←	167	98	→	1.3	1.7		35	30	→	48	39	→
○	Swaziland	118	14.6 <sup>J</sup>	34	←	620	1120	←	38.2	38.8	←	78	108	←	110	156	←
●	Sweden	1				6	3	→	0.1	0.1		6	3	→	7	4	→
●	Switzerland	6				13	6	→	0.4	0.4		7	5		9	5	→
●	Syrian Arab Republic	97	<0.1	<0.1		108	51	→		<0.1		35	15	→	44	16	→
●	Tajikistan	103	<0.1	0.9		195	277	←		<0.1		99	91	→	128	118	→
●	Tanzania	125	411.1	0.6	→	116.3 <sup>I</sup>	167 <sup>R</sup>	←	9	8.8		102	78	→	161	126	→
●	Thailand	45	5	40.9	→	360	208	→	1.7	1.5		31	18	→	37	21	→
○	Timor-Leste	—		92.1	→	1186	692	→				130	64	→	172	80	→
●	Togo	135	234.6	<sup>P</sup>		839	718	→	4.3	4.1		88	78	→	152	140	→
●	Tonga	79				92	42	→				26	20	→	32	25	→
●	Trinidad and Tobago	45				22	12	→	3	3.2		28	18	→	33	20	→
●	Tunisia	70		0.1		51	24	→	<0.1	<0.1		41	21	→	52	25	→
●	Turkey	83	0.2	<0.1		37.4 <sup>J</sup>	26 <sup>Q</sup>	→				67	28	→	82	32	→
—	Turkmenistan	—	0			106	83	→		<0.1		80	80		97	103	←
●	Turks and Caicos Islands	—				41	31	→									
●	Tuvalu	—		477.9	←	203.3 <sup>I</sup>	283 <sup>R</sup>	←				40	36	→	56	51	→
●	Uganda	146	132.1 <sup>G</sup>			138.3 <sup>I</sup>	162 <sup>R</sup>	←	5.1	4.1	→	93	80	→	160	138	→
●	Ukraine	42				39.9 <sup>I</sup>	0 <sup>R</sup>	→	1.2	1.4		19	14	→	26	18	→
●	United Arab Emirates	42				42	26	→				12	7	→	14	8	→
●	United Kingdom	17				9	9					8	5	→	10	6	→
●	United States of America	22		289.7	→	9.2 <sup>I</sup>	5 <sup>R</sup>	→	0.6	0.6		9	7		12	8	→
●	Uruguay	52				20.8 <sup>I</sup>	19 <sup>R</sup>	→	0.3	0.3		20	15	→	25	17	→
●	Uzbekistan	—	<0.1	<0.1		66.6 <sup>I</sup>	80 <sup>Q</sup>	←	<0.1	0.1		65	57	→	79	69	→
●	Vanuatu	99	192.7	71.9	→	90.8 <sup>I</sup>	49 <sup>R</sup>	→				48	32	→	62	40	→
●	Venezuela	72	2.4	1.2		22.8 <sup>I</sup>	26 <sup>R</sup>	←	0.6	0.7		24	16	→	27	19	→
●	Viet Nam	87	1.9	0.5		72.3 <sup>I</sup>	114 <sup>R</sup>	←	0.3	0.4		38	17	→	53	23	→
—	Virgin Islands (USA)	—				8.9 <sup>I</sup>	8 <sup>K</sup>	→									
●	West Bank and Gaza	67				57	36	→				34	22	→	40	24	→
●	Yemen	149	1	13.2	←	96.9 <sup>I</sup>	52 <sup>R</sup>	→		0.1		98	82	→	142	111	→
○	Zambia	123	235.8	190.2 <sup>P</sup>	→	392.2 <sup>I</sup>	499 <sup>R</sup>	←	16.7	16.5		101	102		180	182	
●	Zimbabwe	119	63.3	97.6 <sup>O</sup>	←	213.1 <sup>I</sup>	413 <sup>R</sup>	←	24.9	24.6		53	79	←	80	129	←

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**CERD:** International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

**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

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- Countries in better situation
- Countries above average
- Countries below average
- Countries in worse situation
- Countries with insufficient data

- Significant progress
- Slight progress
- || Stagnant
- ← Slight regression
- ← Significant regression

**Notes:** Children immunization status is included among the indicators used to build the ranking.

**Data source year:** G: 1992; H: 1993; I: 1994; J: 1995; K: 1996; M: 1998; N: 1999; P: 2001; Q: 2002; R: 2003.