

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.

HUMAN RIGHTS

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

UDHR - Art. 25 CEDAW - Art. 11, 12 & 14
CESCR - Art. 10 & 12 CRC - Art. 24

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

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		Initial data (%)	2000 (%)	Progress or regression	1990 (%)	2000 (%)	Progress or regression	1995 Model	2000	1988 (%)	2000 (%)	Progress or regression	
○	Afghanistan	—				14 ^R		820	1900		10 ^R		
●	Albania	76				94 ^D		31	55		75 ^D		
●	Algeria	69	79			92		150	140	51 ^G	57 ^D	→	
○	Angola	—	81 ^D			47		1300	1700		6 ^P		
●	Antigua and Barbuda	—			100	100 ^S				53	53 ^M		
●	Argentina	53	82			99 ^S		85	82				
●	Armenia	51				97		29	55		61		
—	Aruba	—	52 ^R										
●	Australia	28				99		6	8	76 ^A			
●	Austria	6						11	4		51 ^K		
○	Azerbaijan	103	70 ^P			84		37	94		55 ^P		
●	Bahamas	60				99 ^R		10	60	62			
●	Bahrain	25	63 ^{±J}		98 ^J	99 ^R		38	28	54	62 ^J	→	
○	Bangladesh	159	26 ^{±K/L}	49 ^{±S}	→	8 ^{±K/L}	13 ^S	→	600	380	40 ^F	59 ^S	→
●	Barbados	37	89 ^P			100 ^R		33	95	55 ^B	55 ^M		
●	Belarus	37				100 ^D		33	35		50 ^J		
—	Belgium	6						8	10	78 ^G			
○	Belize	89				77 ^F	84 ^N	→	140	140	47 ^F	56 ^N	→
○	Benin	126	88 ^P			60 ^K	66 ^P	→	880	850	16 ^K	19 ^P	→
○	Bhutan	139				15 ^I	24	→	500	420	19 ^I	31	→
○	Bolivia	110	45 ^{±D}	79 ^{±R}	→	42 ^{±D}	61 ^S	→	550	420	30 ^D	58 ^R	→
●	Bosnia and Herzegovina	—	99			100		15	31		48		
●	Botswana	88	92 ^{±C}	99 ^{±P}	→	77 ^{±C}	94	→	480	100	33	48	→
●	Brazil	82	84 ^K			88 ^K		260	260	66 ^A	77 ^K	→	
—	British Virgin Islands	—			100	100 ^S							
●	Brunei Darussalam	47				100 ^D		22	37				
●	Bulgaria	41				99 ^D		23	32		42 ^L		
○	Burkina Faso	132	61 ^{±M/N}	73 ^{±R}	→	31 ^{±M/N}	57 ^R	→	1400	1000	8 ^H	14 ^R	→
○	Burundi	156	93 ^P			19 ^{±B}	25	→	1900	1000	9 ^B	16	→
○	Cambodia	153	44			32		590	450	13 ^J	24	→	
●	Cameroon	134	79 ^{±F}	83 ^{±S}	→	64 ^{±F}	62 ^S		720	730	16 ^F	26 ^S	→
●	Canada	28				98 ^P		6	6		75 ^J		
○	Cape Verde	89				89 ^M		190	150		53 ^M		
—	Cayman Islands	—			100	100 ^S							
○	Central African Republic	—				44		1200	1100	15 ^I	28	→	
○	Chad	162	32 ^{±K/L}	43 ^{±S}	→	15 ^{±K/L}	14 ^S		1500	1100	4 ^K	3 ^S	
●	Chile	22				100 ^J	100 ^R		33	31	56 ^E		
●	China	81				89 ^J	83 ^S	←	60	56	85 ^G	87 ^P	→
●	Colombia	93	82 ^{±E}	94 ^{±T}	→	81 [±]	91 ^T	→	120	130	66 ^E	77	→
○	Comoros	129	87 ^K			62		570	480	21 ^K	26	→	

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○	Congo, Dem. Rep.	—	72 ^P			61 ^P		940	990		31 ^P		
—	Congo, Rep.	—						1100	510				
—	Cook Islands	105				100 ^M	98 ^P	←					
●	Costa Rica	54				98 ^Q		35	43	75 ^H	80 ^N	→	
●	Côte d'Ivoire	133	84 ^N			47 ^{+MN}	63	→	1200	690	11 ^I	15 ^M	→
●	Croatia	33				100 ^Q		18	8				
●	Cuba	28				100 ^N	100 ^S		24	33	70 ^B	73	→
—	Cyprus	17						0	47				
●	Czech Republic	26					100 ^Q		14	9	69 ^H	72 ^L	→
—	Denmark	6						15	5	78			
○	Djibouti	114					61 ^R		520	730			
●	Dominica	75				100 ^J	100 ^R					50 ^M	
●	Dominican Republic	100	97 ^{+F}	98 ^{+Q}		93 ^{+F}	99 ^Q	→	110	150	56 ^F	70 ^Q	→
○	Ecuador	109	69 ^{+B}	56 ^N	←	61 ^{+B}	69 ^N	→	210	130	53 ^D	66 ^N	→
○	Egypt	94	53 ^{+C}	56 ^{+T}	→	35 ^{+C}	69 ^R	→	170	84	48 ^F	60 ^R	→
○	El Salvador	115				58 ^M	69 ^{Q/R}	→	180	150	47	67 ^R	→
○	Equatorial Guinea	154					65		1400	880			
○	Eritrea	141	70 ^Q				28 ^Q		1100	630	8 ^J	8 ^Q	
●	Estonia	28					100 ^Q		80	63		70 ^I	
○	Ethiopia	161	27				6		1800	850	4 ^E	8	→
○	Fiji	61				100 ^M	99	←	20	75		44 ^L	
●	Finland	1					100 ^Q		6	6	77 ^D		
●	France	26						20	17	80	71 ^I	←	
●	French Polynesia	—					99 ^N		20	20			
○	Gabon	106	94				86		620	420		33	
○	Gambia	138	92				55		1100	540		18 ^P	
●	Georgia	78		91 ^N			96 ^N		22	32		41 ^N	
—	Germany	6						12	8	75 ^G			
○	Ghana	142	82 ^{+C}	92 ^{+R}	→	40 ^{+C}	47 ^R	→	590	540	13	25 ^R	→
—	Greece	6						2	9				
●	Grenada	83				100	100 ^R					54 ^M	
●	Guadeloupe	—					100 ^R		5	5			
●	Guam	—					99 ^P		12	12			
○	Guatemala	131	86 ^N			35 ^{+J}	41 ^Q	→	270	240	23 ^B	43 ^Q	→
○	Guinea	140	74 ^N				35 ^N		1200	740	2 ^G	7 ^R	→
○	Guinea-Bissau	151	89 ^P				35		910	1100		8	
○	Guyana	108	88				86		150	170	31 ^E	37	→
○	Haiti	—	68 ^{+I/J}	80 ^{+T}	→	46 ^{+I/J}	24	←	1100	680	11 ^D	27	→
○	Honduras	130				54 ^K	56 ^P	→	220	110	47 ^F	62 ^P	→
—	Hong Kong (China)	—					100 ^Q				81 ^B		
●	Hungary	35					100 ^Q		23	16	73 ^H		
—	Iceland	1						16	0				
○	India	128	65 ^N				43		440	540	45	47	
○	Indonesia	102	97 ^R			35 ^{+F}	66 ^Q	→	470	230	50 ^F	57 ^S	→
●	Iran, Islamic Rep.	80					90		130	76	49 ^F	74	→
○	Iraq	121					72		370	250		44	
●	Ireland	17					100 ^Q		9	5	60 ^E		
—	Israel	17						8	17	68			
●	Italy	40						11	5		60 ^K		
●	Jamaica	73					95 ^L		120	87	55 ^D	65 ^L	→
●	Japan	1				100 ^K		12	10	56	59 ^I	→	
●	Jordan	42	80 ^{+E}	99 ^{+Q}	→	87 ^{+T}	100 ^Q	→	41	41	35 ^E	56 ^Q	→
●	Kazakhstan	54	82 ^N				99 ^N		80	210	59 ^J	66 ^N	→
○	Kenya	—	77 ^{+D}	88 ^{+R}	→	50 ^{+D}	42 ^R	←	1300	1000	27 ^D	39 ^R	→
○	Kiribati	—				85 ^M	89 ^Q	→				21 ^M	
●	Korea, Dem. Rep.	—	98				97		35	67	62 ^G		
●	Korea, Rep.	6				100 ^L	100		20	20	77	81 ^L	→
●	Kuwait	92	83 ^K				98 ^J		25	5		50 ^K	
●	Kyrgyzstan	—	88 ^L				98 ^L		80	110		60 ^L	
○	Lao PDR	155		44 ^P			19 ^P		650	650	25 ^I	32	→

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●	Latvia	37			100 ^J	100 ^Q		70	42		48 ^J	
●	Lebanon	56			88 ^K	93 ^P	→	130	150	61 ^K	63	→
●	Lesotho	137		91 ^P		55 ^S		530	550	23 ^F	30	→
○	Liberia	145	83 ^{±A}		58 ^{±A}	51	←	1000	760	6 ^A	10	→
○	Libya	—			94 ^J			120	97		45 ^J	
●	Lithuania	35				100 ^Q		27	13		47 ^J	
●	Luxembourg	49				100 ^Q		0	28			
—	Macao (China)	—				100 ^R		20				
●	Macedonia, FYR	62				98 ^Q		17	23			
●	Madagascar	144	78 ^{±G}	80 ^{±RS}	57 ^{±G}	51 ^{RS}	←	580	550	17 ^G	27 ^S	→
●	Malawi	148	90 ^{±G}	93 [±]	55 ^{±G}	61 ^Q	→	580	1800	13 ^G	31	→
●	Malaysia	73				97 ^Q		39	41	56	55 ^I	
●	Maldives	113		98 ^P		70 ^P		390	110		39 ^S	
○	Malï	143	31 ^{±B}	57 ^{±P}	26 ^{±B}	41 ^P	→	630	1200	5 ^B	8 ^P	→
—	Malta	17						0	21			
—	Marshall Islands	95			95 ^M	95 ^Q				37 ^I	34	←
○	Mauritania	120		63 ^P	40 ^F	57 ^P	→	870	1000		8 ^P	
●	Mauritius	33				99 ^M		45	24	75 ^F	76 ^Q	
●	Mexico	85	75 ^{±B}		69 ^{±B}	86 ^L	→	65	83	53 ^B	73 ^S	→
○	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	—				88 ^P					45 ^M	
●	Moldova	63	99 ^L			99 ^L		65	36	74 ^L	62	←
●	Mongolia	70				99 ^R		65	110		69 ^R	
●	Morocco	112	32 ^{±G}	68 ^{±RS}	31 ^{±G}	63 ^{RS}	→	390	220	42 ^G	63 ^S	→
○	Mozambique	150	71 ^L		44 ^L	48 ^R	→	980	1000	6 ^L	17 ^R	→
●	Myanmar	136				56 ^L		170	360	33 ^L	34 ^R	
○	Namibia	98	87 ^{±G}	91 [±]	68 ^{±G}	76	→	370	300	29 ^G	44	→
○	Nepal	157		49 ^P		11 ^P		830	740	24 ^F	38 ^S	→
●	Netherlands	6			100 ^J			10	16	76	75 ^M	
—	Netherlands Antilles	—	97 ^J					20	20			
—	New Caledonia	—						10	10			
●	New Zealand	6			100 ^J			15	7		75 ^J	
●	Nicaragua	127	82 ^{±LM}	86 ^{±P}	65 ^{±LM}	67 ^P	→	250	230	44 ^G	69 ^P	→
○	Niger	158	30 ^{±G}	39 ^{±M}	15 ^{±G}	16		920	1600	4 ^G	14	→
○	Nigeria	146	59 ^{±E}	60 ^{±R}	33 [±]	35 ^R		1100	800	6 ^E	13 ^R	→
—	Niue	—			100 ^K	100 ^Q						
—	Northern Mariana Islands	—				100						
—	Norway	1						9	16	74 ^D		
●	Oman	48	77 ^J		91 ^J	95	→	120	87	9 ^D	32	→
○	Pakistan	152	26 ^{±EF}	36 ^{±L}	19 ^{±EF}	23 ^{P/Q}	→	200	500	14 ^E	28 ^P	→
○	Palau	77			100 ^M	100 ^Q				47 ^E	17	←
●	Panama	86			90 ^M	93 ^R	→	100	160			
●	Papua New Guinea	122			53 ^K			390	300		26 ^K	
●	Paraguay	107	84 ^{±E}		66 [±]	77 ^S	→	170	170	48 ^E	57 ^M	→
●	Peru	101	66 ^{±G}	83 [±]	80 ^{±G}	71 ^S	←	240	410	55 ^F	69	→
●	Philippines	117	83 ^{±H}	88 ^{±R}	53 ^{±H}	60 ^R	→	240	200	36	49 ^R	→
●	Poland	22				100 ^Q		12	13	49 ^F		
●	Portugal	6				100		12	5			
●	Puerto Rico	—				100 ^R		30	25		78 ^J	
●	Qatar	57		62 ^M		100 ^Q		41	7	32 ^B	43 ^M	→
●	Romania	65		89 ^N		98 ^N		60	49	57 ^H	64 ^N	→
○	Russian Federation	—		96 ^N		99 ^Q		75	67	34 ^G	34 ^I	
○	Rwanda	160	94 ^{±G}	93 ^{±P}	26 ^{±G}	31	→	2300	1400	21 ^G	13	←
○	Samoa	50			100 ^M	100 ^R		15	130		30 ^J	
●	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	116		91		79					29	
●	Saudi Arabia	67	77 ^K		91 ^K	93 ^Q	→	23	23	32 ^K	21 ^N	←
●	Senegal	124	74 ^{±G/H}	82 ^{±N}	47 ^{±G/H}	58	→	1200	690	7 ^G	11	→
●	Serbia and Montenegro	—				93 ^P			11		58	
○	Sierra Leone	—		82 ^P		42		2100	2000		4	
○	Singapore	—			100 ^M	100 ^R		9	30			
●	Slovakia	57				99 ^Q		14	3	74 ^F		

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● Slovenia	32					100 ^Q		17	17		74 ^I	
○ Solomon Islands	—					85 ^N		60	130		11 ^K	
○ Somalia	—					34 ^N		1600	1100	1		
● South Africa	96		89 ^M			84 ^M		340	230	57 ^E	56 ^M	⇐
● Spain	6							8	4		81 ^J	
● Sri Lanka	—				94 ^H	97	→	60	92	62 ^B	70	→
— St. Kitts and Nevis	66				100 ^J	100 ^S	⇐					
— St. Lucia	57				100 ^J	99 ^R	⇐			47		
● St. Vincent and the Grenadines	63				100	100 ^S	⇐				58 ^M	
○ Sudan	110	71 ^{±E}			69 [±]	57 ^L	←	1500	590	9 ^E	7	⇐
● Suriname	91		91 ^P			85		230	110		42	
— Swaziland	118					70		370	370		48 ^Q	
— Sweden	1							8	2			
● Switzerland	6							8	7		82 ^J	
● Syrian Arab Republic	97					70 ^Q		200	160	40 ^H	48 ^P	→
● Tajikistan	103		75			71		120	100		34	
○ Tanzania	125	92 ^{±G}			53 ^{±G}	46 ^{S/T}	←	1100	1500	10 ^F	25 ^N	→
● Thailand	45	77 ^{±B}			66 ^{±B}	99	→	44	44	66 ^B	72	→
○ Timor-Leste	—					24 ^Q		850	660		10 ^R	
● Togo	135	65 ^{±C}	78 ^{±M}	→	46 ^{±C}	49	→	980	570	34	26	←
● Tonga	79					91 ^Q				41 ^L	33	←
● Trinidad and Tobago	45	98 ^{±B}	96 ^P	⇐	98 ^{±B}	96	⇐	65	160	53 ^B	38	←
● Tunisia	70	58 ^{±C}			69 ^{±C}	90	→	70	120	50	66	→
● Turkey	83		67 ^M		81 ^M	83 ^R	→	55	70	63	71 ^R	→
● Turkmenistan	—		87			97		65	31		62	
— Turks and Caicos Islands	—					100 ^S						
— Tuvalu	—				99 ^L	100 ^Q	⇐					
○ Uganda	146	87 ^{±C}	92 ^{±O/P}	→	38 ^{±C}	39	⇐	1100	880	5	23 ^P	→
● Ukraine	42		90 ^N			99 ^N		45	35		89	
● United Arab Emirates	42				99 ^J	100 ^R	⇐	30	54		28 ^J	
● United Kingdom	17					99 ^M		10	13	82 ^H		
● United States of America	22				99 ^L	99 ^P	⇐	12	17	76 ^J	64 ^N	←
● Uruguay	52				99 ^J	99 ^Q	⇐	50	27			
● Uzbekistan	—	95 ^K				96		60	24	56 ^K	68 ^Q	→
● Vanuatu	99				89 ^J	87 ^R	←	32	130	15 ^F	28	→
● Venezuela	72				95 ^J	94	⇐	43	96		77 ^M	
● Viet Nam	87		70 ^Q			85 ^Q		95	130	58 ^A	79 ^Q	→
— Virgin Islands (USA)	—				100	98 ^Q	⇐					
● West Bank and Gaza	67					97		120	100		42 ^K	
○ Yemen	149	26 ^{±F/G}	34 ^{±L}	→	34 ^{±F/G}	22 ^L	←	850	570	10 ^F	23 ^R	→
● Zambia	123	92 ^{±G}	93 ^{±P/Q}	⇐	50 ^{±G}	43 ^{P/Q}	←	870	750	15 ^G	34 ^Q	→
● Zimbabwe	119	91 ^{±C}	93 ^{±N}	⇐	70 ^{±C}	73 ^N	→	610	1100	43	54 ^N	→

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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

Sources:
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