

## DRAFT FACT SHEET : GUINEA CHILDREN SURVIVAL

*In Guinea, main factors concerning the wellbeing of a child are not met yet (health, protection, schooling, nor nutrition).*

*As stated in the latest DHS 2005, 50% of child mortality cases in Guinea are related to malaria, birth complication, pneumonia, malnutrition and diarrheic disease. These are all factors that can be reduced to 50% with basic changes in behavior like exclusive breastfeeding, proper hand washing and use of LLIN.*

### Infant vaccination coverage

Guinea stands among countries where most children have not gotten basic vaccines to protect them from avoidable diseases. Only **37% infant 12-23 months** have gotten all needed vaccines, remaining **49%** are missing major shots (DHS 2005). Even though the situation has been improving for the past few years (**from 76% to 79% for BCG, 46% to 51% for DTC, 43% to 50% for polio** (eradicated for past few years), and **32% to 37%** for the complete package.

### Juvenile mortality

In Guinea, **91 children over 1000** stay alive at birth/**39 ‰ for neonatal and 52 ‰** for post-natal. Globally, **163 ‰** Children reach the age of 5. Maternal mortality was estimated at **1100 death for 100.000 birth in 2000 and 980 over 100.000 in 2005.**

These results contradict the results related to the use of medical services for pre-natal consultations (**79%**) and assisted childbirth (**38%**) (Quality of service is questionable.)

### Nutrition

At national level, **77 % of children** under 5 have some type of malnutrition, **23%** suffer from mild anemia, **47 %** medium level and **7 % severe** type. The situation is worse in rural (**78 %**) than urban (**73 %**).

At national level, **53 % of women** suffer from anemia, and the situation is worse in rural (**55 %**) areas than in urban (**49 %**).

### Exclusive breastfeeding

Breastfeeding is a natural gesture in the Guinean context, and it is continued until 2 years old for most mothers. **The major problem is the exclusive Breastfeeding and the "No water added" habit.** DHS (2005) shows that **98 %** of children are breastfed but only **27%** exclusively, **40 % to** the first hour; **74 %** within first 24 hours.

Most of the women give other type of liquid (**58%**) or food (**41%**)

### HIV/AIDS

National prevalence is **around 1.5 %**, women (**1, 9 %**) being higher than men (**0,9 %**)/DHS 2005.

In some communities like prostitute, the rate goes up to **32%** in 1995 and **42%** in 2002.

Adolescents and mostly girls are becoming the new Target (**2.5%**), worst in urban areas and forest Guinea (**4.2%**)

Concerning knowledge, (**97 %**) of men and (**99 %**) women think they know all about HIV/AIDS, but very few of them protect themselves (**44% for men, 26% for women**) in risky intercourse.

For 15-17 adolescents, **94% says** to know all about AIDS, but only **30% know** all 3 ways of contacting the virus. (DHS II 2001).

A survey done in Forest Guinea showed that **20%** of girls in school practice occasional prostitution (13-20 old) and only 20% among them use preservative (survey done in 20 schools)