Solomon Islands

Maternal, Newborn & Child Survival

November 2008
### DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Total population (000)**: 496 (2007)
- **Total under-five population (000)**: 71 (2007)
- **Births (000)**: 15 (2007)
- **Under-five mortality rate (per 1000 live births)**: 70 (2007)
- **Infant mortality rate (per 1000 live births)**: 53 (2007)
- **Neonatal mortality rate (per 1000 live births)**: 23 (2004)
- **Total under-five deaths (000)**: 1 (2007)
- **Maternal mortality ratio (per 100,000 live births)**: 220 (2005)
- **Lifetime risk of maternal death (1 in N)**: 100 (2005)
- **Total maternal deaths (number)**: 34 (2005)


### UNDERWEIGHT PREVALENCE

- **Percent children < 5 years underweight for age based on 2006 WHO reference population**: 34 (1989)
- **Percent children < 5 years underweight for age based on NCHS/WHO reference population**: 27 (1989)

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- **Percent children < 5 years underweight for age based on NCHS/WHO reference population**: 21 (1989)

### CHILD HEALTH

- **Immunisation**
  - Percent of children immunised against measles: 79 (2007)
  - Percent of children immunised with 3 doses DPT: 78 (2007)
  - Percent of children immunised with 3 doses of Hib

Source: WHO/UNICEF

- **Malaria prevention**
  - Percent children < 5 years sleeping under ITNs: No Data
  - Malaria endemicity is generally not a national problem in Asia

- **Vitamin A supplementation**
  - Percent children 6-59 months receiving vitamin A doses: No Data

Source: UNICEF

- **Diarrhoeal disease treatment**
  - Percent children < 5 years with diarrhoea receiving oral rehydration therapy or increased fluids, with continued feeding: No Data

- **Malaria treatment**
  - Percent febrile children < 5 years using anti-malarials: No Data
  - Malaria endemicity is generally not a national problem in Asia

- **Pneumonia treatment**
  - Percent children with fever < 5 years with pneumonia treated: No Data
MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH

Proportion of women with low BMI (< 18.5 Kg/m², %) - -
Unmet need for family planning (%) - -
Total fertility rate 3.9 (2007)
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1000 woman aged 15-19 yr) 44 (2006)
Antenatal visit for woman (4 or more visits, %) - -
Early initiation of breastfeeding (within 1 hour of birth, %) - -
Institutional deliveries (%) - -
Postnatal visit for baby (within 2 days for home births, %) - -
Postnatal visit for mother (within 2 days, %) - -

Antenatal care
Percent women aged 15-49 years attended at least once by a skilled health provider during pregnancy
No Data

Skilled attendant at delivery
Percent live births attended by skilled health personnel

Neonatal tetanus protection
Percent of newborns protected against tetanus

HIV AND AIDS

HIV prevalence among young women (15-24 yrs, %) - -
HIV prevalence among young men (15-24 yrs, %) - -
HIV+ children using ART (number) - -
Orphan school attendance ratio - -

Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV
Percent HIV+ pregnant women receiving ARVs for PMTCT
No Data

EDUCATION

Survival rate to last grade of primary school (administrative data) - -
Survival rate to last grade of primary school (survey data) - -
Primary school net enrolment or attendance ratio(total) 62 (2005)
Primary school net enrolment or attendance ratio(% male) 62 (2005)
Primary school net enrolment or attendance ratio(% female) 62 (2005)

WATER AND SANITATION

Drinking water coverage
Percent population by type of drinking water source, 2006

Sanitation coverage
Percent population by type of sanitation facility, 2006

CHILD PROTECTION

Women aged 20-24 years who were married or in union by age 18 (%) - -
Birth registration (%) - -

Policies

New ORS formula and zinc for management of diarrhoea No (2008)
Community treatment of pneumonia with antibiotics No (2008)
IMCI adapted to cover newborns 0-1 week of age No (2008)
Costed implementation plan(s) for maternal, newborn and child health available Partial (2008)
Midwives to be authorised to administer a core set of life saving interventions Partial (2008)
Maternity protection in accordance with ILO Convention 183 No (2008)
Specific notification of maternal deaths No (2008)

Systems

Financial Flows and Human Resources

Per capita total expenditure on health (US$) 107 (2006)
General government expenditure on health as % of total government expenditure(%) 13 (2005)
Out-of-pocket expenditure as % of total expenditure on health(%) 4 (2005)
Density of health workers (per 1000 population) 1.5 (2003)
Official Development Assistance to child health per child (US$) 8 (2005)
Official Development Assistance to maternal and neonatal health per live birth (US$) 9 (2005)
National availability of Emergency Obstetric Care services(%) - -
## Disparities in Intervention Coverage

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1. **Anthropometric indicators:** Reference Standards for Underweight, Stunting and Wasting. New international Child Growth Standards for infants and young children were released by WHO in 2006, replacing the older NCHS/WHO reference population. During this transition period, the Country Profile provides underweight, stunting and wasting data based on both the 2006 WHO reference population and the older NCHS/WHO reference population, where available. In using the 2006 WHO reference population, estimates generally change in the following manner: stunting is greater throughout childhood; underweight rates are higher during the first half of infancy and lower thereafter; and, wasting rates are higher during infancy.

2. **Disparities:** Disparity information is only available for data directly derived from household surveys such as MICS and DHS. Therefore, disparity data are not available for the following indicators: mortality, vitamin A supplementation, immunization, and for HIV/AIDS. In addition, neither UNICEF Global Databases nor databases from partner organizations maintain disparity data for the following indicators: total fertility rate, unmet need, institutional deliveries, contraceptive prevalence, adolescent birth rate.

3. **Water and sanitation wealth quintile data are derived from a MICS or DHS survey from 2005 or 2006. Urban, rural and total coverage estimates provided are for 2006 and are those published by the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program for Water Supply and Sanitation.**