

**THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN  
IN DJIBOUTI**

**COUNTRY FACTSHEET: SEPTEMBER 2022**

# Factsheet on the situation of children in Djibouti

## Data Brief: September 2022

This country factsheet provides a snapshot of the situation of children, adolescents and youth in Djibouti focusing on UNICEF Middle East and North Africa's regional accelerators.

The factsheet gives an overview of the most recent child-related statistics, drawing on internationally comparable indicators available through global databases. Indicators have been chosen based on the availability of historical data and geographic coverage, with priority to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators.

### Highlights

Djibouti is a lower-middle income economy which was hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The GDP growth per capita declined sharply in 2020 with a partial recovery in 2021.

Children represent a third of the total population in 2022. Refugees and asylum seekers represented 2.1% of the total population and almost half of them (42%) are children in 2020.

The country has made some progress in terms of reducing neonatal, infant, and under-five mortality. There are substantial inequalities in access to maternal healthcare between urban and rural areas.

Only half (48%) of children have received 2 doses of measles vaccine and slightly more than half (59%) have received 3 doses of DTP vaccine in 2021.

The factsheet contains six sections:

- (1) Demographic and Economic Overview
- (2) Primary Health Care
- (3) Adolescent girls' and boys' skills, learning, and employability
- (4) Violence against children
- (5) National social protection systems
- (6) Climate crisis with a focus on water scarcity

One in four children are underweight and one in five children are stunted.

Almost 87% of children had completed primary school in 2020. However, the school completion rate decreases to only 33% in upper secondary.

The youth unemployment rate remains high, with 80% of youth aged between 15 and 24 unemployed in 2021.

Female genital mutilation (FGM) remained high in 2012 with 94% of girls and women 15-49 having experienced FGM.

Only 12% of the population is covered by at least one social protection benefit.

Children's climate risk index is high.

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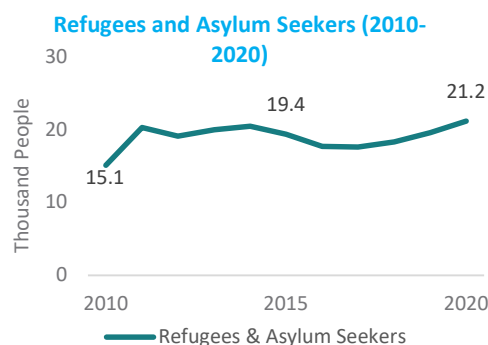
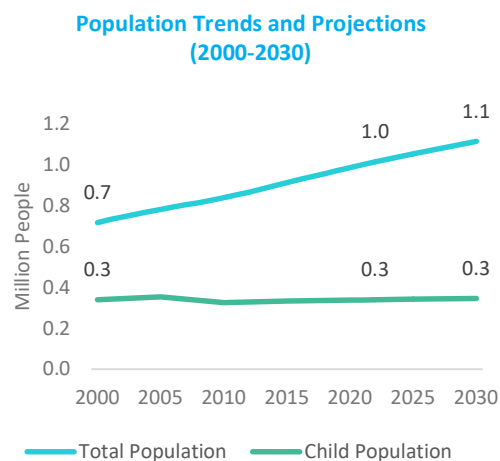
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## Demographic and Economic Overview

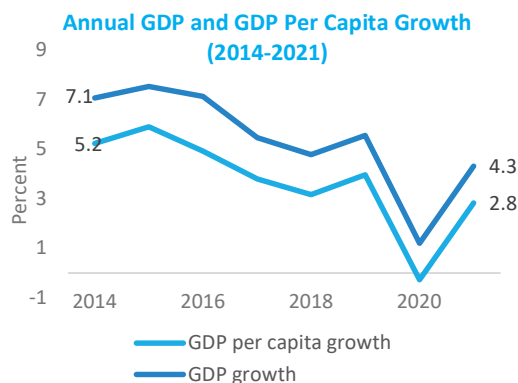
### Demography<sup>1</sup>

	Value	Year
<b>Total population</b> (in millions)	1.0	
<b>% of Total population</b>		2022
Children 0-4	9.5	
Children 0-17	33.6	
Adolescents 10-19	17.8	
<b>Number of births</b> (in thousands)	20.0	2022
<b>Population growth rate</b> (annual % change)	1.1	2020
<b>Urban population (%)</b>	78.4	2022
<b>Refugees &amp; asylum seekers</b> (% of total population)	2.1	2020
Children 0-4	9.3	
Children 0-17	41.9	



### Economy<sup>2</sup>

	Value	Year
<b>Classification of the economy by income</b>	Lower-Middle Income Economy	2022
<b>GDP per capita nominal</b> (in USD)	3364	2021
<b>Inflation (%)</b>	1.8	2020



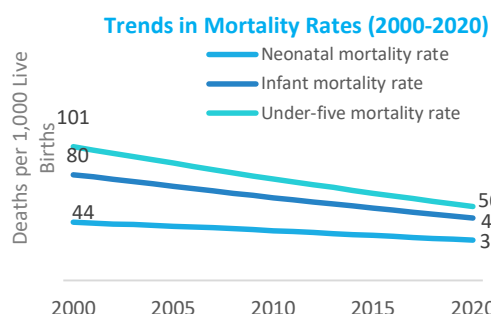
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## Primary Health Care and Nutrition

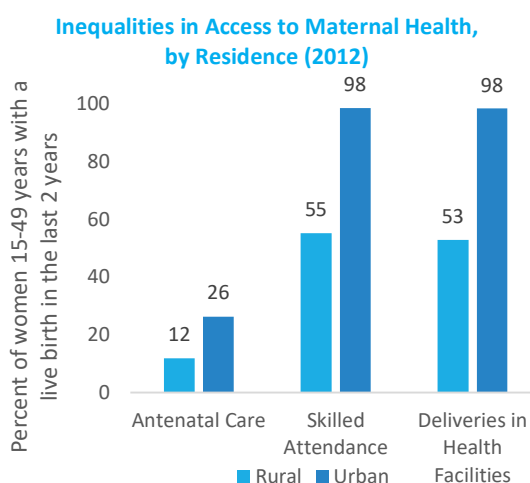
### Mortality<sup>3</sup>

	2000	2020
<b>Mortality rates</b> (per 1,000 live births)		
Neonatal	44	30
Infant	80	47
Under-5	101	56
<b>Under-5 deaths</b>	2,251	1,132



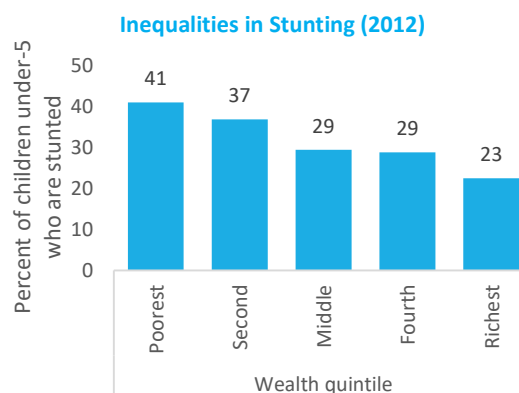
### Maternal and Child Health<sup>4</sup>

	Value	Year
<b>% of Women</b> (15-49 years with a live birth in the last 2 years)		
(4+) Antenatal care visits	12	2012
Skilled Attendant at Birth	87	
Deliveries in Health Facilities	87	
<b>% of Children</b> (0-2 years)		
Received 3 Doses of DTP vaccine	59	2021
Received 2 Doses of Measles vaccine	48	



### Nutrition<sup>4</sup>

	Value	Year
<b>% of Children</b> (under 5 years)		
Stunting	21	2019
Wasting	10	
Underweight	26	2013
Overweight	2	2019
<b>Breastfeeding</b> (0 - 5 months)	12	2012
<b>Minimum dietary diversity</b> (6-23 months)	No data available	



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## Learning, Skills, and Employability

### Learning<sup>5</sup>

**School net attendance** (% of children of the relevant age groups for the education level)

	Value	Year
Primary	70	2012
Pre-primary		
Lower secondary	No data available	
Upper secondary		

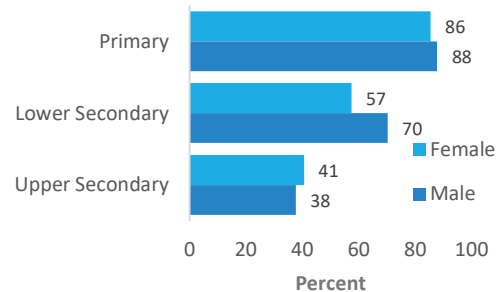
**School completion** (% of children of the relevant age groups for the education level)

	Value	Year
Primary	87	
Lower secondary	64	2020
Upper secondary	33	

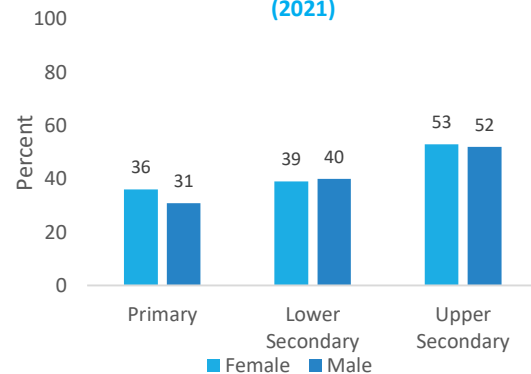
**Out-of-school children** (% of children of the relevant age groups for the education level)

	Value	Year
Primary	34	
Lower secondary	40	2021
Upper secondary	53	

School Completion Rates by Gender (2020)



Out-of-School Children Rates by Gender (2021)

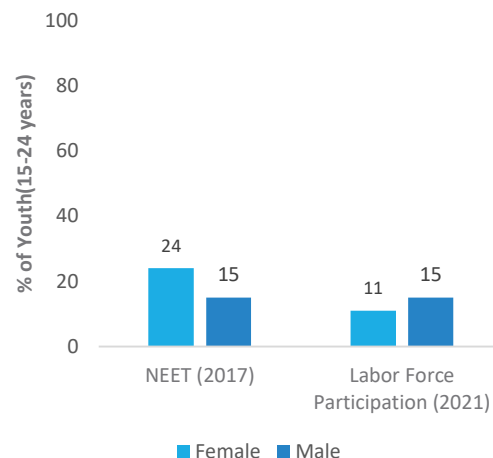


### Employment, Education and Training<sup>6</sup>

% of Youth(15-24 years)

	Value	Year
Not in education, employment or training (NEET)	19	2017
Female	24	
Male	15	
Labour force participation rate	13	2021
Female	11	
Male	15	
Unemployment rate	80	
Female	82	2021
Male	79	

NEET and Labor Force Participation Rates among youth (aged 15-24 years)



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## Violence Against Children

### Violence<sup>7</sup>

#### Violent child discipline (% of Children aged 1-14)

	Value	Year
Any form of violent discipline	72	
Female	71	2006
Male	73	

#### Child marriage (% of women aged 20-24)

	Value	Year
Married before 18	5	
Married before 15	1	2012

#### Female genital mutilation (% of Girls and women)

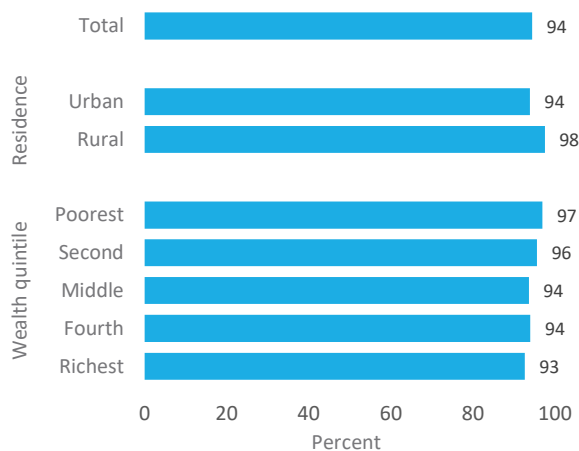
	Value	Year
0-14 years	43	
15-49 years	94	2012

#### Child labour (% of Children aged 5-14)

	Value	Year
Total		
Female	No data available	
Male		

No recent data available

#### Inequalities in FGM Among Women 15-49 years (2012)



### Birth Registration<sup>7</sup>

#### Birth registration (% of Children under 5 years)

	Value	Year
Total	87	
Rural	84	2006
Urban	92	

No recent data available



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## Social Protection Systems

### Poverty<sup>8</sup>

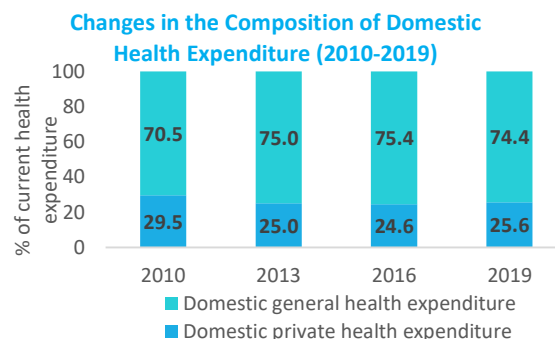
	% Children (2017)	% Population (2017)
<b>Monetary poverty</b>		
International extreme line \$1.90/day	22	17
International LMIC line \$3.20/day	25	40
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Multidimensional poverty</b>	No data available	

Dimensions of Multidimensional Poverty	<b>Water</b>	Household does not have piped water into dwelling or yard
	<b>Sanitation</b>	Unimproved toilet facility Shared toilet
	<b>Housing</b>	Primitive floor/Type of Household Overcrowding (more than 3 people per room)
	<b>Health</b>	Unskilled birth assistance (0-23 months) Not fully immunized (12-59 months) No antenatal care (0-23 months)
	<b>Nutrition</b>	Infant and Young Child Feeding (0-23 months) Wasting (0-4 years) Stunting (24 <months) Obesity (24 <months)
	<b>Education</b>	Not enrolled in school Two or more grades behind school/did not
	<b>Information</b>	No access to any information or communication device

### Public Expenditure on Essential services<sup>9</sup>

#### % of GDP spent on

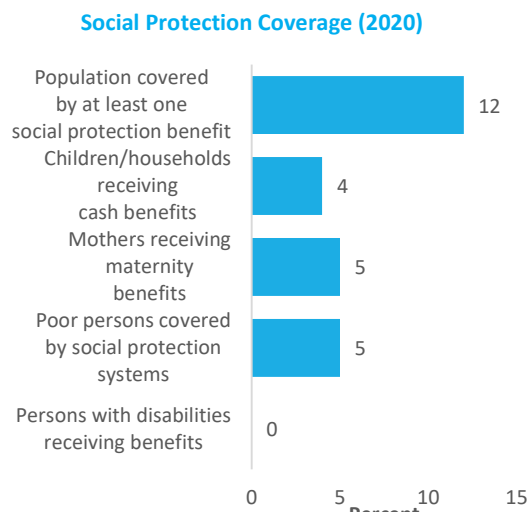
	Value	Year
Education	3.6	2018
Health	2.3	2018
Social protection	2.0	2020



### Social Protection Coverage<sup>9</sup>

#### % Coverage

	Value	Year
Population covered by at least one benefit	12	
Children/HHs receiving cash benefits	4	
Mothers receiving maternity benefits	5	2020
Poor persons covered by social protection systems	5	
Persons with severe disabilities receiving benefits	0	

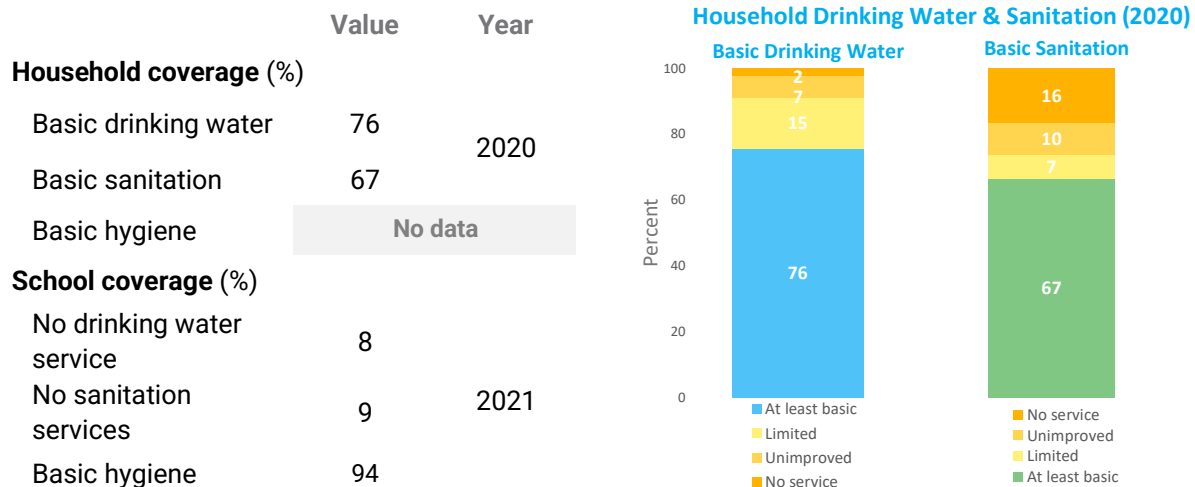


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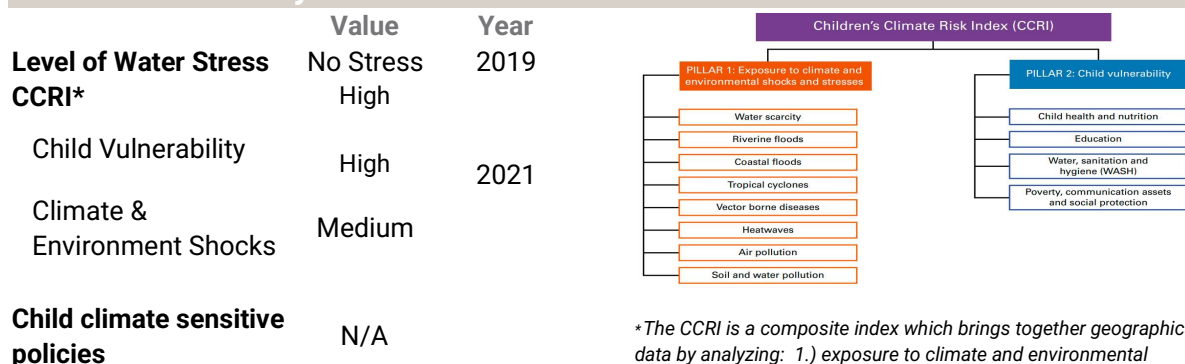


## Water Security and Climate

### Water and Sanitation<sup>10</sup>



### Water Vulnerability and Climate<sup>11,12</sup>



\*The CCRI is a composite index which brings together geographical data by analyzing: 1.) exposure to climate and environmental hazards, shocks and stresses; and 2.) child vulnerability.

### Data Sources

- Demography Data: UNPD, World Population Prospects 2022 and 7 VAC Data: UNICEF Data Portal 2022
- Economic Data: World Bank Data Portal, World Development Indicators 2022 and UNHCR Data Portal 2022
- Mortality Data: UN-IGME 2021
- Maternal and Child Health, and Nutrition Data: UNICEF Data Portal 2022
- Education Data: UNICEF/UIS UNESCO Data Portal 2022
- Labour Participation Data: ILOStat Data Portal 2022
- Poverty Data: World Bank Data Portal, World Development Indicators 2022 and UNICEF, Child Poverty in the Arab States 2018
- Essential Services and Social Protection Coverage Data: WHO, UIS UNESCO and ILOStat Data Portal 2022
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Data: WHO/UNICEF JMP Data Portal 2022
- UNICEF Data Portal/The Children's Climate Risk Index CCRI 2021 and UNICEF assessment of Nationally Determined Contributions 2021.
- Water Stress Data: FAO Aquatstat 2022

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