



Registering children's identities at birth

Between 2007 and 2013, birth registration in Nigeria nearly tripled, from 23 per cent to 60 per cent. Still, more than 1 million children under 5 years lack a registered identity.

Percentage of children with birth registration

60%

45%
West and
Central Africa

72%World

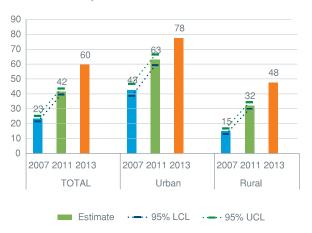






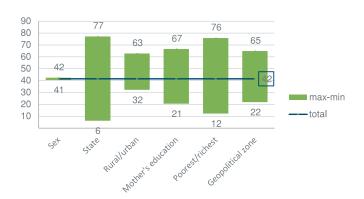
Source: UNICEF State of the World's Children Report 2015

Trends in birth registration (MICS 2007, MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)

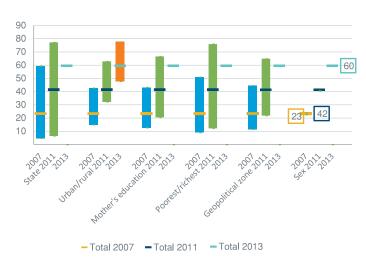


Despite overall improvement in birth registration, birth registration has increased much more among advantaged sub-groups than disadvantaged sub-groups. A child whose mother has never been to school is three times less likely to be registered than a child whose mother attended secondary school or higher. Children from the poorest 20 per cent of households are six times less likely to be registered than children from the wealthiest 20 per cent of households.

Inequity in birth registration by background category (MICS 2011)



Evolution of inequity in birth registration by background category (MICS 2007, MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



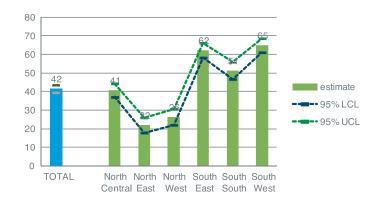




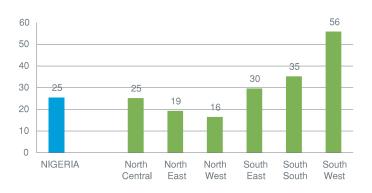


Geographic disparities are also significant. Children from the North-West and North-East geographic zones are at least two times less likely to be registered than children from the southern zones. Birth registration is particularly low (less than 20 per cent) in Bauchi, Borno, Kebbi, Yobe and Zamfara.

Birth registration by geopolitical zone (MICS 2011)



Knowledge of how to register a birth among mothers whose child's birth was not registered by geopolitical zone (MICS 2011)



Birth registration by States (MICS 2011)



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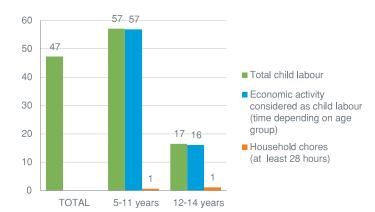




Children's involvement in the work force

In Nigeria, nearly half of all children aged 5-14 years (47 per cent), or 21 million children, are involved in child labour. Child labour is highest among the youngest children: 57 per cent of children aged 5-11 years, or 19 million children, are working, compared with 17 per cent of children aged 12-15 years, or 2 million children.

Child labour by type and age group (MICS 2011)

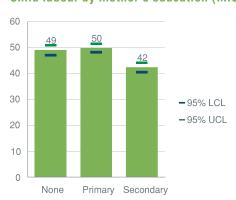


Although disparities exist, child labour is present among all categories of the population, including among advantaged sub-groups. While child labour is higher among the poorest 60 per cent of households than among the wealthiest 20 per cent, a substantial proportion of children from the wealthiest 20 per cent of households – 37 per cent – are involved in child labour. There is no clear trend tied to the mother's education level, though the children of mothers who have attended secondary or higher education are slightly less likely to be involved in child labour.

Child labour by background categories (MICS 2011)



Child labour by mother's education (MICS 2011)



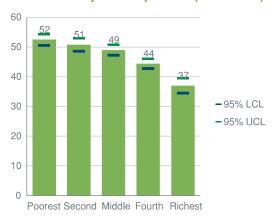








Child labour by wealth quintiles (MICS 2011)



The prevalence of child labour is high throughout Nigeria. There are only three States in which less than one third of children are engaged in child labour: Lagos, Abuja and Borno.

Child labour by States (MICS 2011)



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Early marriage among girls and young women

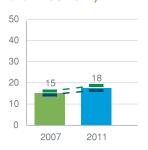
In Nigeria nearly half of all women (48 per cent) are married before the age of 18 and nearly one third of women aged 15-19 years (29 per cent) are currently married. Although this trend changed little between 2007 and 2011, the prevalence of early marriage increased slightly in 2013.

Percentage of women that married before ages 15 or 18

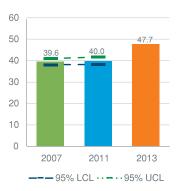
	Nigeria 🚪	West and Central Africa	World 🌎
Before 15	18	14	8
Before 18	48	42	27

Source: UNICEF State of the World's Children Report 2015

Women aged 15-49 married before age 15 (MICS 2007 and MICS 2011)



Women aged 20-49 married before age 18 (MICS 2007, MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)

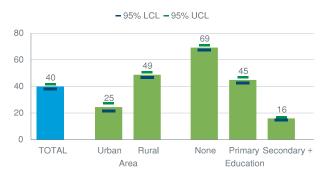


Women aged 15-49 currently married (MICS 2007, MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



There are wide disparities in regards to women's likelihood to marry early. Women are two times more likely to be married before age 18 in rural areas than in urban areas. Marriage before age 18 is also four times more common among women who did not attend school than among women with secondary or higher education. Women from the poorest 20 per cent of households are four times more likely to be married before age 18 than women from the wealthiest 20 per cent of households.

Early marriage (married before age 18) by background categories (MICS 2011)



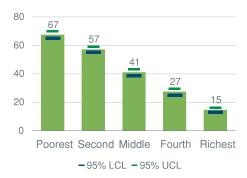


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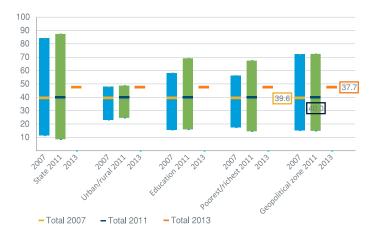
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Early marriage (married before age 18) by wealth quintiles (MICS 2011)



Evolution of inequity in early marriage (married before age 18) by category (MICS 2007, MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



Geographic disparities are also important. Early marriage (whether before age 15 or age 18) is three to four times more common in the North-West and North-East geopolitical zones than it is in the three southern zones. In six States – Jigawa, Bauchi, Yobe, Sokoto, Katsina and Zamfara more than 75 per cent of women were married before age 18.

Early marriage (married before age 15 and age 18) by geopolitical zone (MICS 2011)



■ Before 15 ■ Before 18

Early marriage (married before age 18) by States (MICS 2011)



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- 95% UCL

■ estimate — 95% LCL

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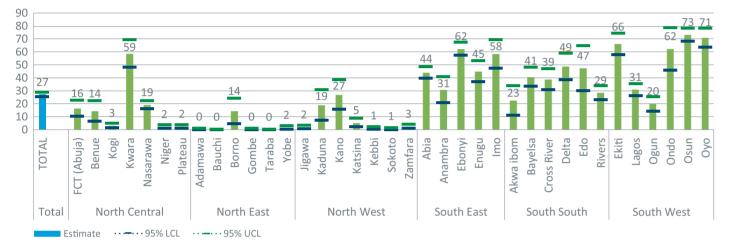
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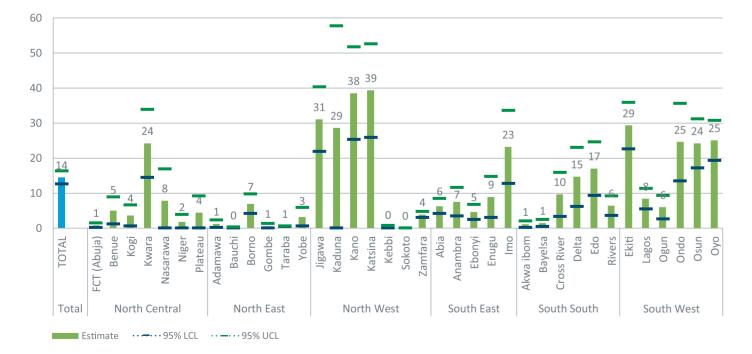
Trends in female genital mutilation/cutting among women and girls

In Nigeria, one quarter of women aged 15-49 years, or nearly 11 million women, report having undergone any form of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). Although the prevalence of FGM/C is lower among girls aged 0-14 years, one in every six girls under 15 years, or nearly 6 million girls, has undergone FGM. Prevalence of FGM/C among women is slightly higher in urban areas (32 per cent) compared with rural areas (19 per cent).

Female genital mutilation/cutting among women by States (MICS 2011)



Female genital mutilation/cutting among girls by States (MICS 2011)



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Female genital mutilation prevalence and approval

	Nigeria 🚩	West and Central Africa
Female genital mutilation among women	25	33
Female genital mutilation among girls	17	17
Female genital mutilation approval	23	23

Source: UNICEF State of the World's Children Report 2015

Trends in prevalence of female genital mutilation/cutting among women (MICS 2007, MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



Trends in prevalence of female genital mutilation/cutting among girls (MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



In keeping with 2011 levels, in 2013, 23 per cent of Nigerian women favoured the continuation of FGM/C. Among women who had undergone FGM/C, 40 per cent favoured the practice's continuation.

Trends in approval of female genital mutilation/cutting practices among women (MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)

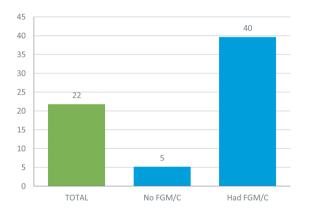






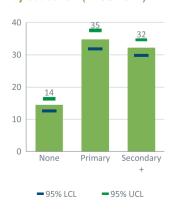


Approval of female genital mutilation/cutting practices among women by female genital mutilation/cutting experience (MICS 2011)



Disparities in FGM/C prevalence related to education level or wealth index are much more important among women aged 15-29 than among girls under 15 years. Women with no education or from the poorest 20 per cent of households are two times less likely to have undergone any form of FGM than their wealthier, more educated counterparts. Disparities in FGM prevalence among girls were much less pronounced.

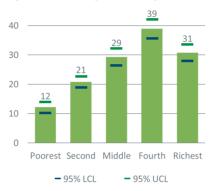
Female genital mutilation/cutting prevalence among women by education (MICS 2011)



Female genital mutilation/cutting prevalence by mother's education among girls (MICS 2011)



Female genital mutilation/cutting prevalence among women by wealth index (MICS 2011)



among girls (MICS 2011)

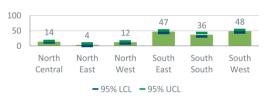
Female genital mutilation/cutting prevalence by wealth index



Geographic disparities were significant. In some States there is almost no FGM, whereas in others, the FGM prevalence is very high. There are also notable geographic differences in FGM prevalence between women and girls. Although FGM prevalence among women aged 15-49 is two to three times higher in the three

southern geopolitical zones, FGM prevalence among girls under 15 years is highest in the South-West and North-West geopolitical zones. At the State level, FGM prevalence is lower among girls than among women except in three States in the North-West geopolitical zone: Jigawa, Kano and Katsina.

Female genital mutilation/cutting among women by geopolitical zone (MICS 2011)



Female genital mutilation/cutting among girls by geopolitical zone (MICS 2011)







Attitudes towards domestic violence

In 2013, more than one in every three women (35 per cent) stated that a husband is sometimes justified in hitting his wife, down from nearly half of women (46 per cent) in 2011. This decline has been observed in both urban and rural areas, though the decrease was more significant in urban areas (40 per cent in 2011 compared with 26 per cent in 2013).

Percentage of women with accepting attitudes towards domestic violence

35%

50% West and Central Africa 32% World







Source: UNICEF State of the World's Children Report 2015

Trends in accepting attitudes towards domestic violence (MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



Disparities in attitudes towards domestic violence widened between 2011 and 2013. Accepting attitudes are less common among women with secondary or higher education (40 per cent compared to more

than 50 per cent among women with lower levels of education); and lower among women from the wealthiest 20 per cent of households and women who have never been married or in a civil union.

Accepting attitudes towards domestic violence by education level (MICS 2011)



Accepting attitudes towards domestic violence by wealth quintiles (MICS 2011)

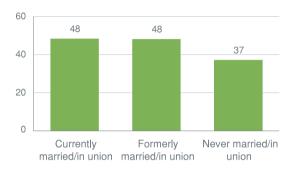






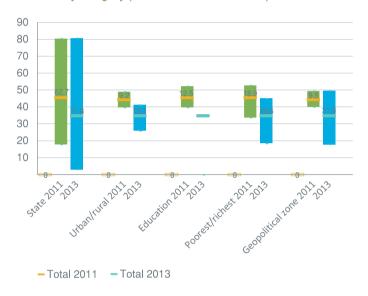


Accepting attitudes towards domestic violence by States (MICS 2011)



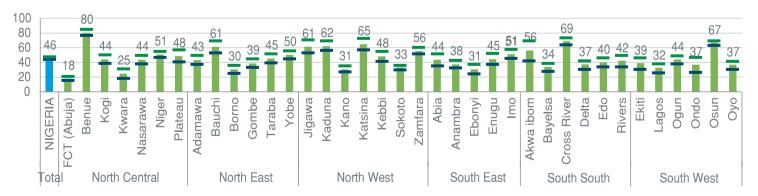
In three States, more than two in three women have accepting attitudes towards domestic violence: Benue, Cross River and Osun.

Evolution of inequity in accepting attitudes towards domestic violence by category (MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



Accepting attitudes towards domestic violence by States (MICS 2011)

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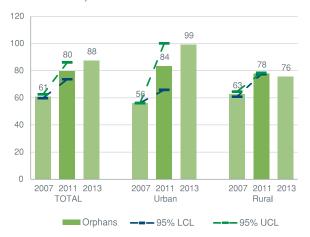


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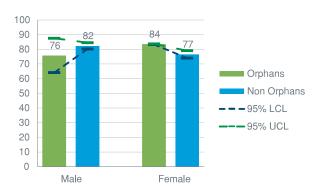
School attendance among orphans in Nigeria

In Nigeria, orphan school attendance improved significantly in both rural and urban areas between 2007 and 2013. In 2013, 9 in every 10 children aged 10-14 years who have lost both parents were attending school, compared with only 6 in every 10 orphans attending school in 2007. In urban areas nearly all orphans are attending school.

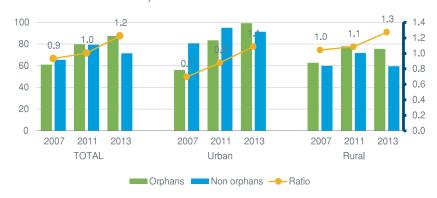
Trends in orphan school attendance (MICS 2007, MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



Orphans and non-orphans school attendance by sex (MICS 2011)



Trends in orphans and non-orphans school attendance ratio (MICS 2007, MICS 2011 and DHS 2013)



In 2007, fewer orphans attended school than non-orphans. Today, orphans are more likely to attend school than any other children, in both rural and urban areas. No differences have been observed between female and male orphan school attendance.

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Children lacking adequate care and supervision

In Nigeria, 40 per cent of children under 5 years and more than half of children aged 2-5 years have been left without adequate care. One in every three children has been left under the supervision of another child vounger than 10 years old; and one in every four children has been left alone for more than one hour at a time. No difference was observed between boys and girls.

Percentage of children under 5 years left with inadequate care

40% **Nigeria**

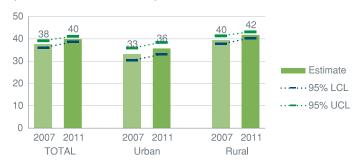
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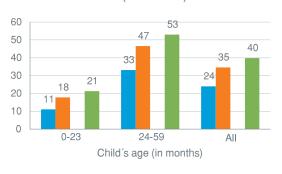


Source: UNICEF State of the World's Children Report 2015

Trends in prevalence of inadequate care of children under 5 years (MICS 2007 and MICS 2011)



Percentage of children under 5 years left with inadequate care in the last week (MICS 2011)





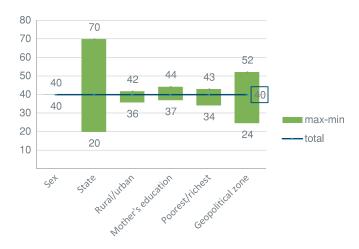
Disparities between rich and poor, urban and rural or educated and non-educated households are not significant. Although children whose mothers have a secondary education or higher and children from the wealthiest 20 per cent of households are slightly less likely to be left with inadequate care, the differences are not substantial.



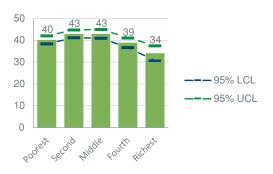




Inequity in prevalence of inadequate care of children under 5 years by category (MICS 2011)



Prevalence of inadequate care of children under 5 years by wealth quintile (MICS 2011)



Geographic disparities are important in regards to inadequate care of children. A child from Ebonyi, Cross River or Kaduna States is three times more likely to be left with inadequate care than a child from Lagos or Osun States.

Prevalence of inadequate care of children under 5 years by States (MICS 2011)



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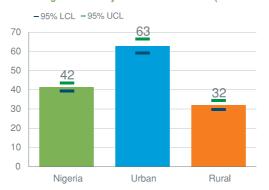
Equity across key child protection indicators

MICS 2011

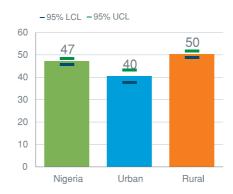
2011					Early marriage		Female genital mutilation				
			Child labour	Married before 15	Married before 18	Adolescent currently married	FGM among women	FGM among girls	Approval of FGM	Domestic violence justified	Inadequate care
Trends	(2007)	23	-	15	40	25	26	-	-	-	38
	(2011)	42	47	18	40	20	27	14	22	46	40
	(2013)	60	-	-	-	29	25	17	23	35	0
Sex	Male	42	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
	Female	41	48	18	40	20	27	14	22	46	40
	Ratio M/F	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
Area	Urban	63	40	9	25	8	33	11	21	40	36
	Rural	32	50	23	49	28	24	17	23	49	42
	Ratio U/R	2.0	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.9
Wealth	20% Poorest	12	52	37	67	53	12	19	25	53	40
	Second	23	51	26	57	31	21	18	23	52	43
	Middle	43	49	16	41	14	29	15	24	50	43
	Fourth	62	44	10	27	12	39	16	24	43	39
	20% Richest	76	37	4	15	3	31	8	16	34	34
	Ratio R/P	6.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.05	2.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	8.0
Geo - political zones	North Central	41	48	13	37	13	14	9	20	49	43
	North East	22	45	31	64	39	4	4	10	45	41
	North West	26	47	39	73	52	12	28	30	50	41
	South East	62	56	5	17	3	47	11	19	42	52
	South South	51	48	9	26	7	36	9	21	47	44
	South West	65	42	3	15	5	48	18	23	40	24
	Ratio max/min	3.0	1.3	11.8	4.9	15.1	13.8	7.7	2.9	1.2	2.1

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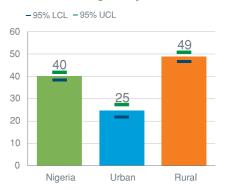
Birth registration by area of residence (MICS 2011)



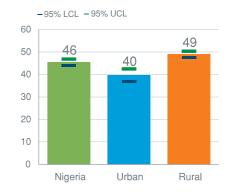
Child labour by area of residence (MICS 2011)



Married before age 18 by area of residence (MICS 2011)



Domestic violence justified by area of residence (MICS 2011)







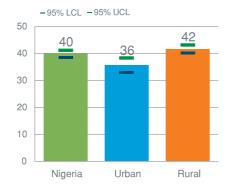
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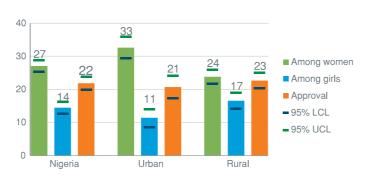




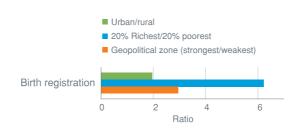
Inadequate care by area of residence (MICS 2011)



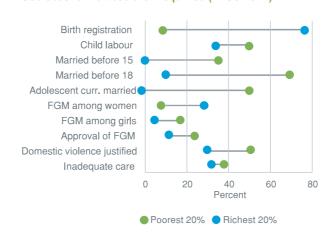
Female genital mutilation (MICS 2011)



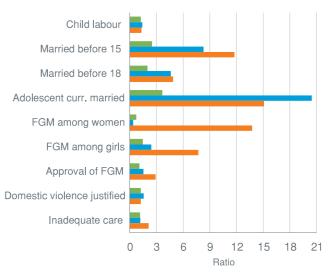
Ratio between advantaged groups and disadvantaged groups (MICS 2011)



Socioeconomic absolute inequities (MICS 2011)



Ratio between disadvantaged groups and advantaged groups (MICS 2011)



- Rural / urban
- 20% Poorest / 20% richest
- Geopolitical zone (weakest/strongest)