Maternal Health in the 2003 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey

The 2003 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey provides up-to-date information on the population and health condition in Kenya. Maternal health reflects a society's level of development as well as the performance of the health care delivery system. Maternal health influences the health of infants, children and families.

Fertility and Contraception

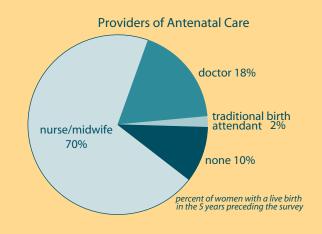
- As of 2003, Kenyan women have an average of **4.9 children**.
- **39 percent** of currently married women use any method of **contraception**.

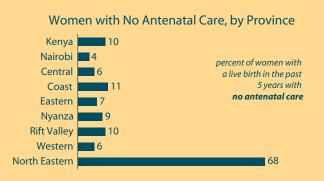
Micronutrient Supplements

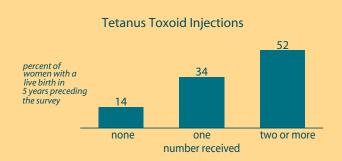
- Only 14 percent of Kenyan women received a dose of vitamin A postpartum.
- Less than 3 percent of Kenyan women took iron tablets on at least 90 days during pregnancy.

Antenatal Care

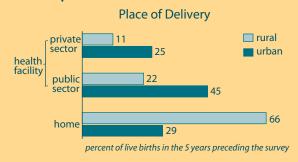
- **90 percent** of Kenyan women receive some **antenatal care**.
- **52 percent** of Kenyan women make **4 or more antenatal visits.**
- Only **4 percent** of pregnant women received intermittent preventive treatment (**IPT**) **for malaria**, and only **4 percent** slept under an **insecticide-treated net** the night before the survey.

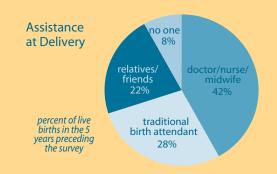




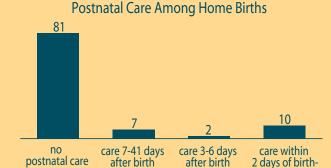


Delivery Care





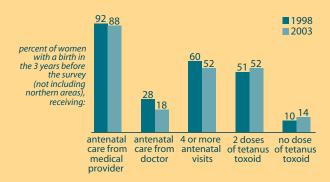
Postnatal Care



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Trends in Maternal Health

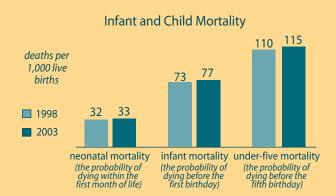
Antenatal Care in 1998 and 2003



The maternal mortality ratio is 414 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.

Maternal mortality is measured through the reported survival status of women's sisters.

Trends in Infant Mortality



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