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## Summary Table of Findings

Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey (BMIS) and Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Indicators, Bhutan, 2010

| Topic | MICS Indicator Number | MDG Indicator Number | Indicator | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHILD MORTALITY |  |  |  |  |
| Child mortality | 1.1 | 4.1 | Under-five mortality rate | 69 per thousand |
|  | 1.2 | 4.2 | Infant mortality rate | 47 per thousand |
| NUTRITION |  |  |  |  |
| Nutritional status | $\begin{aligned} & 2.1 \mathrm{a} \\ & 2.1 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ | 1.8 | Underweight prevalence <br> Moderate and Severe (- 2 SD) <br> Severe (- 3 SD) | 12.7 percent 3.2 percent |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.2 \mathrm{a} \\ & 2.2 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ |  | Stunting prevalence <br> Moderate and Severe (- 2 SD) <br> Severe (-3 SD) | 33.5 percent 13.3 percent |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.3 \mathrm{a} \\ & 2.3 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ |  | Wasting prevalence <br> Moderate and Severe (- 2 SD) <br> Severe (- 3 SD) | 5.9 percent 2.0 percent |
| Breastfeeding and infant feeding | 2.4 |  | Children ever breastfed | 98.9 percent |
|  | 2.5 |  | Early initiation of breastfeeding | 59.0 percent |
|  | 2.6 |  | Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 48.7 percent |
|  | 2.7 |  | Continued breastfeeding at 1 year | 92.7 percent |
|  | 2.8 |  | Continued breastfeeding at 2 years | 65.7 percent |
|  | 2.9 |  | Predominant breastfeeding under 6 months | 66.8 percent |
|  | 2.10 |  | Duration of breastfeeding (Median) | 24.2 months |
|  | 2.11 |  | Bottle feeding | 11.5 percent |
|  | 2.12 |  | Introduction of solid, semi-solid or soft foods | 66.7 percent |
|  | 2.13 |  | Minimum meal frequency | 62.6 percent |
|  | 2.14 |  | Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 66.0 percent |
|  | 2.15 |  | Milk feeding frequency for non-breastfed children | 36.3 percent |
| Low birth weight | 2.18 |  | Low-birthweight infants | 9.9 percent |
|  | 2.19 |  | Infants weighed at birth | 72.2 percent |
| CHILD HEALTH |  |  |  |  |
| Tetanus toxoid | 3.7 |  | Neonatal tetanus protection | 73.0 percent |
| Care of illness | 3.8 |  | Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 61.6 percent |
|  | 3.9 |  | Care seeking for suspected pneumonia | 74.2 percent |
|  | 3.10 |  | Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 48.7 percent |
| Solid fuel use | 3.11 |  | Solid fuels | 39.5 percent |
| WATER AND SANITATION |  |  |  |  |
| Water and sanitation | 4.1 | 7.8 | Use of improved drinking water sources | 96.1 percent |
|  | 4.2 |  | Water treatment | 55.8 percent |
|  | 4.3 | 7.9 | Use of improved sanitation facilities (not shared) | 58.4 percent |
|  | 4.4 |  | Safe disposal of child's faeces | 57.5 percent |
| Handwashing | 4.5 |  | Place for handwashing (Water and soap are available) | 80.9 percent |
|  | 4.6 |  | Availability of soap | 99.4 percent |


| Topic | MICS Indicator Number | MDG Indicator Number | Indicator | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH |  |  |  |  |
| Contraception and unmet need | 5.1 | 5.4 | Adolescent fertility rate | 59 per thousand |
|  | 5.2 |  | Early childbearing | 15.3 percent |
|  | 5.3 | 5.3 | Contraceptive prevalence rate | 65.6 percent |
|  | 5.4 | 5.6 | Unmet need | 11.7 percent |
| Maternal and newborn health | $\begin{aligned} & 5.5 \mathrm{a} \\ & 5.5 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ | 5.5 | Antenatal care coverage <br> At least once by skilled personnel At least four times by any provider | 97.3 percent 77.3 percent |
|  | 5.6 |  | Content of antenatal care | 87.9 percent |
|  | 5.7 | 5.2 | Skilled attendant at delivery | 64.5 percent |
|  | 5.8 |  | Institutional deliveries | 63.1 percent |
|  | 5.9 |  | Caesarean section | 12.4 percent |
| CHILD DEVELOPMENT |  |  |  |  |
| Child development | 6.1 |  | Support for learning | 54.2 percent |
|  | 6.2 |  | Father's support for learning | 51.3 percent |
|  | 6.3 |  | Learning materials: children's books | 6.4 percent |
|  | 6.4 |  | Learning materials: playthings | 51.5 percent |
|  | 6.5 |  | Inadequate care | 14.2 percent |
|  | 6.6 |  | Early child development index | 71.5 percent |
|  | 6.7 |  | Attendance to early childhood education | 9.5 percent |
| EDUCATION |  |  |  |  |
| Literacy and education | 7.1 | 2.3 | Literacy rate among young women | 56.5 percent |
|  | 7.2 |  | School readiness | 1.4 percent |
|  | 7.3 |  | Net intake rate in primary education | 68.1 percent |
|  | 7.4 | 2.1 | Primary school net attendance rate (adjusted) | 91.9 percent |
|  | 7.5 |  | Secondary school net attendance rate (adjusted) | 55.0 percent |
|  | 7.6 | 2.2 | Children reaching last grade of primary | 93.6 percent |
|  | 7.7 |  | Primary completion rate | 90.1 percent |
|  | 7.8 |  | Transition rate to secondary school | 88.7 percent |
|  | 7.9 |  | Gender parity index (primary school) | 1.02 ratio |
|  | 7.10 |  | Gender parity index (secondary school) | 1.03 ratio |
| CHILD PROTECTION |  |  |  |  |
| Birth registration | 8.1 |  | Birth registration | 99.9 percent |
| Child labour | 8.2 |  | Child labour | 18.4 percent |
|  | 8.3 |  | School attendance among child labourers | 86.5 percent |
|  | 8.4 |  | Child labour among students | 18.8 percent |
| Early marriage and polygamy | 8.6 |  | Marriage before age 15 | 6.7 percent |
|  | 8.7 |  | Marriage before age 18 | 30.8 percent |
|  | 8.8 |  | Young women age 15-19 currently married or in union | 15.2 percent |
|  | 8.9 |  | Polygamy | 5.0 percent |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.10a } \\ & 8.10 \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ |  | Spousal age difference <br> Women age 15-19 <br> Women age 20-24 | 11.9 percent 13.3 percent |
| Domestic violence | 8.14 |  | Attitudes towards domestic violence | 68.4 percent |


| Topic | MICS Indicator Number | MDG Indicator Number | Indicator | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HIV/AIDS, SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR, AND ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN |  |  |  |  |
| HIV/AIDS knowledge and attitudes | 9.1 |  | Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention | 17.5 percent |
|  | 9.2 | 6.3 | Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 21.0 percent |
|  | 9.3 |  | Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 56.2 percent |
|  | 9.4 |  | Accepting attitude towards people with HIV | 27.9 percent |
|  | 9.5 |  | Women who know where to be tested for HIV | 54.5 percent |
|  | 9.6 |  | Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.8 percent |
|  | 9.7 |  | Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 13.3 percent |
|  | 9.8 |  | HIV counselling during antenatal care | 53.9 percent |
|  | 9.9 |  | HIV testing during antenatal care | 46.9 percent |
| Sexual behaviour | 9.10 |  | Young women who have never had sex | 96.4 percent |
|  | 9.11 |  | Sex before age 15 among young women | 3.7 percent |
|  | 9.13 |  | Sex with multiple partners | 0.3 percent |
|  | 9.14 |  | Condom use during sex with multiple partners | 20.5 percent |
|  | 9.15 |  | Sex with non-regular partners | 1.4 percent |
|  | 9.16 | 6.2 | Condon use with non-regular partners | 61.6 percent |
| Orphaned children | 9.17 |  | Children's living arrangements (Not living with biological parents) | 7.4 percent |
|  | 9.18 |  | Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 5.4 percent |

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| AIDS | Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome |
| :---: | :---: |
| BMIS | Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey |
| CEDAW | Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women |
| CPS | Contraceptive Prevalence Survey |
| CRC | Convention on Rights of the Child |
| CSDP | Child Survival, Development and Protection |
| CSPro | Census and Survey Processing System |
| DHS | Demographic and Health Survey |
| DSO | Dzongkhag Statistical Officer |
| GNHC | Gross National Happiness Commission |
| HH | Households |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| IMR | Infant Mortality Rate |
| JMP | Joint Monitoring Programme |
| LAM | Lactational Amenorrhea Method |
| LPG | Liquefied Petroleum Gas |
| MDG | Millennium Development Goals |
| MICS | Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys |
| NSB | National Statistics Bureau |
| NGO | Non Governmental Organization |
| ORS | Oral Rehydration Solution |
| ORT | Oral Rehydration Therapy |


| PASW | Predictive Analytics Software |
| :--- | :--- |
| PHCB | Population and Housing Census of Bhutan |
| PSU | Primary Sampling Unit |
| RGoB | Royal Government of Bhutan |
| SAARC | South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation |
| SBA | Skilled Birth Attendant |
| SD | Standard Deviation |
| SPSS | Statistical Package for Social Sciences |
| UNAIDS | United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Fund |
| U5MR | Under-five Mortality Rate |
| UN | United Nations |
| WFFC | World Fit For Children |
| WHO | World Health Organization |

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## Executive Summary

The National statistics Bureau conducted the Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey between March and August, 2010. The survey's main objective is to provide up-to-date information on the situation of children and women in Bhutan. The survey is also aimed at furnishing data required for monitoring progress towards the MDGs, the goals of A World Fit for Children and other international goals. It is hoped that the findings will serve as a basis for equity-based programming, as well as contribute towards the improvement of data and monitoring systems in Bhutan. It will also help to strengthen technical expertise in the design, implementation, and data analysis of similar surveys in future.

## Sample Coverage

Of the 15,400 households selected for the sample, 14,917 were occupied. Of which, 14,676 households were successfully interviewed for a household response rate of 98.4 percent. Within those interviewed households, 16,823 of the eligible women (aged 15-49) were identified. Of them 14,018 were successfully interviewed, yielding a response rate of 83.3 percent. The household interviews identified 6,457 children under-five. The questionnaires were completed for 6,297 of them with a response rate of 97.5 percent.

## Nutrition

Children's nutritional status is a reflection of their overall health. When children have access to an adequate food supply, are not exposed to re peated illness, and are well cared for, they reach their growth potential and are considered well nourished.
Overall, 71.4 percent of children under the age of five were weighed at birth and approximately 9.5 percent of infants were estimated to weigh less than 2500 grams at birth.
Anthropometric measurements were taken during fieldwork and almost one in eight children under five in Bhutan were moderately underweight (12.7\%) and 3.2 percent were classified as severely underweight. More than one third of children (33.5\%) were moderately stunted or too short for their age, out of which 13.3 percent were severely stunted. Wasting is a reflection of acute malnutrition and moderate wasting is estimated at 5.9 percent and severe wasting at 2 percent.
Nationally, 59 percent of infants were breastfed within one hour of birth and 92.9 percent of them within one day of birth.

## Child Mortality

Infant mortality rate (IMR) is the probability of dying before the first birthday expressed per 1,000 live births. The under-five mortality rate (U5MR) is the probability of dying before the fifth birthday expressed per 1,000 live births.
The infant mortality rate was estimated at 47 per thousand and the under-five mortality rate at 69 per thousand using the North model. There is some difference between the probabilities of dying among males and females, with males having higher mortality rates. Infant and under-five mortality rates are lower in the Western and Central regions as compared to the Eastern region. As the education level as well as wealth index of the mother increases, the under-five mortality rate decreases

## Child Health

In total, some 25.1 percent of under-five children had diarrhoea in the two weeks preceding the survey. The Oral Rehydration Therapy use rate was 85.4 percent nationally; the rate in urban areas was 86.6 percent and 84.9 percent in rural areas.

Nationally, 6.9 percent of under-five children were reported to have had the symptoms of pneumonia during the two weeks preceding the survey interview. Of them, 74.2 percent were taken to an appropriate health facility, while 0.2 percent were taken to traditional practitioners.

## Water and Sanitation

96.1 percent of the surveyed population had access to improved drinking water sources; 99.6 percent in urban areas and 94.8 percent in rural areas.
Only 58.4 percent of the overall surveyed population lived in households with access to improved sanitation facilities. By area, it is 77.9 percent for urban households and 51 percent for rural households.
56.9 percent of surveyed households reported using an improved water source and proper means of excreta disposal. The urban population was almost twice as likely ( $77.7 \%$ ) to use an improved source of drinking water and sanitation compared to the rural population (49\%).

## Reproductive Health

The current use of contraception was reported by 65.6 percent of women currently married or in union. The most popular method is injectables used by 28.9 percent of the married or women in union. 11.7 percent of women in Bhutan had an unmet need for contraception. The demand for contraception was less satisfactory among younger women.
Doctors provided antenatal care to 37.8 percent of urban women, compared with 17.9 percent of rural women. The nurses or midwifes provided the antenatal care to 57.3 percent of urban women and 48.1 percent of rural women.
93 percent of women who had a live birth in the two years preceding the survey had their blood test taken; 94.7 percent had their blood pressure measured and 89.1 percent had a urine specimen taken. Around 32 percent of the births in the two years prior to the BMIS survey were delivered with the assistance of a nurse or midwife. Doctors assisted the delivery of 26.1 percent of births, while 1.8 percent of births were aided by traditional birth attendants (two years period prior to the survey interview).
Coverage of antenatal care by skilled personnel was relatively high in Bhutan with 97.3 percent of women receiving antenatal care at least once during the pregnancy. More than nine in ten mothers $(94.1 \%)$ received antenatal care more than once and more than seven out of ten of the mothers received antenatal care at least four times ( $77.3 \%$ ) during the last pregnancy during the two years preceding the survey.
Mothers from the poorest households and those with no education or primary education were less likely than the more advantaged mothers to receive ANC four or more times. For example, 64 percent of the women living in the poorest households reported four or more antenatal care visits, compared with 91.8 percent among those living in the richest households. Women less than 20 years of age, as well as women aged 35-49, were less likely to receive four or more antenatal care visits compared to women aged 20-34 years old

## Child Development

In 18.9 percent of children under-five households, at least an adult member was engaged in an minimum of four activities that promoted learning and school readiness during the three days preceding the survey. The average number of activities that adults engaged with children was 1.9. Fathers' involvement in such activities was significantly higher at 51.3 percent. The average number of activities was 1.2. 14.6 percent of children aged 0-59 months who were living in households without their father.
The proportion of under-five children who had three or more children's books is 13 percent in urban areas, compared to 3.6 percent in rural areas.
Just 10.2 percent of children aged $0-59$ months were left in the care of other children younger than 10 years old, while 6.3 percent were left alone during the week preceding the interview. Combining the two care indicators, 14.2 percent of children were left with inadequate care during the week preceding the survey.

## Education

56.5 percent of women in the country between 15-24 years were found to be literate. There were major variations according to residential areas; 77.9 percent of women were literate in urban areas while it was 44.5 percent in rural areas.
For children of primary school-entry age (age six), 70.7 percent were attending grade 1. It was higher in rural areas ( $71.4 \%$ ) than in urban areas (68.8\%).
The net primary school attendance rate was 92.2 percent. Among the Dzongkhags, Bumtang had the highest net primary attendance rate ( $97.3 \%$ ).
The gender parity index for primary school was 1.02 , indicating there was no difference in the attendance of girls and boys in primary school.

## Child Protection

According to the findings, 99.9 percent of under-five children in the surveyed households had a birth registration document (registered with civil authorities or in possession of a health card).
Nationally, child labour prevalence was found to be 18.4 percent. There was little male-female variation, with 17.6 percent of males and 19.1 percent of females involved in child labour. In rural areas, 22.2 percent of children and in urban areas, 8.7 percent were involved in child labour.

Student labourers refer to the children attending school who were involved in child labour activities at the time of the survey. Of the 84.7 percent of children (aged 5-14) who were attending schools, 18.8 percent were also engaged in child labour.
Among the surveyed households, 7.5 percent of women aged 20-49 were married before their 15 th birthday, while 30.8 percent of women aged 20-49 were married before their 18th birthday. 68.4 percent of women believed that a man was justified in hitting or beating his wife if the woman was not respecting the "family norms" such as going out without telling a husband, neglecting a child, burning the food or refusing to have sex with him.

## HIV

83.7 percent of the interviewed women aged 15-49 have heard of AIDS. However, only 51 percent of women knew the two main ways of preventing HIV transmission. 60.6 percent of women knew of having one faithful uninfected sex partner, 66.1 percent knew the importance of using a condom every time they had sex.
Overall, 80.5 percent of women knew that HIV can be transmitted from mother to child. 97 percent of women received antenatal care from a health care professional for the last pregnancy, but only 53.9 percent of them were provided with information about HIV prevention.
Overall, 17.5 percent of women aged 15-49 years old were found to have comprehensive knowledge of HIV. Both the education level and household wealth were positively correlated with the level of comprehensive knowledge. Comprehensive knowledge was also much more prevalent among younger women, unmarried women and women in urban areas. In the Western region 24.1 percent have comprehensive knowledge as compared to the Central and Eastern regions (14.0 and $8.7 \%$ respectively).

## I. Introduction

## Background

This report is based on the Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey (BMIS) conducted in 2010 by the National Statistics Bureau (NSB). The BMIS is the customized version of the UNICEF's Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) with the addition of the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) to suit the Bhutanese context. The survey provides valuable information on the situation of children and women in Bhutan, and was based, in large part, on the needs to monitor progress towards goals and targets emanating from recent international agreements: the Millennium Declaration, adopted by all 191 United Nations Member States in September 2000, and the Plan of Action of A World Fit For Children, adopted by 189 Member States at the United Nations Special Session on Children in May 2002. Both of these commitments build upon promises made by the international community at the 1990 World Summit for Children.

In signing these international agreements, governments committed themselves to improving conditions for their children and to monitoring the progress towards that end. UNICEF was assigned a supporting role in this task (see table below).

A Commitment to Action: National and International Reporting Responsibilities
The governments that signed the Millennium Declaration and the World Fit for Children Declaration and Plan of Action also committed themselves to monitoring progress towards the goals and objectives they contained:
"We will monitor regularly at the national level and, where appropriate, at the regional level and assess progress towards the goals and targets of the present Plan of Action at the national, regional and global levels. Accordingly, we will strengthen our national statistical capacity to collect, analyse and disaggregate data, including by sex, age and other relevant factors that may lead to disparities, and support a wide range of child-focused research. We will enhance international cooperation to support statistical capacity-building efforts and build community capacity for monitoring, assessment and planning." (A World Fit for Children, paragraph 60)
"...We will conduct periodic reviews at the national and sub-national levels of progress in order to address obstacles more effectively and accelerate actions...." (A World Fit for Children, paragraph 61)

The Plan of Action (paragraph 61) also calls for the specific involvement of UNICEF in the preparation of periodic progress reports:
"... As the world's lead agency for children, the United Nations Children's Fund is requested to continue to prepare and disseminate, in close collaboration with Governments, relevant funds, programmes and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and all other relevant actors, as appropriate, information on the progress made in the implementation of the Declaration and the Plan of Action."

Similarly, the Millennium Declaration (paragraph 31) calls for periodic reporting on progress:
"...We request the General Assembly to review on a regular basis the progress made in implementing the provisions of this Declaration, and ask the Secretary-General to issue periodic reports for consideration by the General Assembly and as a basis for further action."

Bhutan's development planning, which is based on the philosophy of Gross National Happiness (GNH), is aimed at achieving broad-based and sustainable growth, improving the quality of life, ensuring the conservation of the natural environment, preserving the country's rich culture and strengthening good governance. The government is in the process of adopting 72 GNH indicators derived from nine GNH domains. These indicators will measure Bhutan's genuine progress towards human development. These development objectives are pursued by the Royal Government to achieve a harmonious balance between material well-being and the spiritual, emotional and cultural needs of an individual and society.

Despite rapid economic growth and sustained development efforts, around one fourth of the country's people, mostly from the rural areas, still continue to live below the poverty line. To reduce the poverty level the government has adopted a two pronged strategy.

The first strategy is concerned with the continued use of conventional poverty reduction programmes/ initiatives implemented at the national level. It seeks to address the structural causes and factors contributing to poverty at the national level, using mainstream sectoral programmes through provisions of basic education, primary health care, nutrition and family planning, safe drinking water and sanitation and shelter. The second strategy is concerned with targeted poverty reduction programmes/ initiatives implemented at the local, community or regional levels. It involves working directly with vulnerable groups, as well as identifying and addressing the limitations faced at the individual household, community or local level.

The government has been making tremendous efforts towards protecting and upholding the rights and well-being of children and women through various social and economic programmes and by adopting several international legislations. In this regard, the National Commission for Women and Children was established in 2004 with the mandate to advocate for new legislations and to co-ordinate with NGOs and civil society organizations on the implementation of welfare and counselling services for women and children, especially related to violence, abuse and exploitation. It is within this framework that the BMIS 2010 was conducted.

Bhutan is a signatory to and ratified CEDAW in August 1981, and CRC in May 1990. Bhutan also signed the SAARC convention on Regional Arrangements for the promotion of welfare in South Asia and the SAARC Convention on preventing and combating trafficking in women and children for prostitution on January 5, 2002.

This final report presents the results of the indicators and topics covered in the survey. However, the results of maternal mortality module will be published separately in sectoral thematic reports.

## Survey Objectives

The primary objectives of the Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey 2010 are as follows:

- To provide strong evidence for equity-based programming and planning focused-based interventions.
- To provide up-to-date information for assessing the situation of children and women, including the identification of vulnerable groups and disparities in Bhutan.
- To furnish data for monitoring progress for MDGs and other related international goals and to allow regional and global comparisons.
- To strengthen the technical expertise in the design, implementation and analysis of such surveys.


## II. Sample and Survey Methodology

## Sample Design

The sample for the Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey (BMIS) was designed to provide estimates for a large number of indicators on the situation of women and children, for urban and rural areas, for three regions and 20 Dzongkhags (districts).

The Western region includes Chhukha, Gasa, Haa, Paro, Punakha, Samtse and Thimphu Dzongkhag; the Eastern region includes Lhuentse, Monggar, Pemagatshel, Samdrup-Jongkhar, Trashigang and Trashiyangtse Dzongkhag and the Central region includes Bumthang, Dagana, Sarpang, Trongsa, Tsirang, Wangdue Phodrang and Zhemgang Dzongkhag. The urban and rural areas within each Dzongkhag were identified as the main sampling strata and the sample was selected in two stages.

Within each stratum, a specified number of Chiwogs in the rural areas and Blocks in the urban areas were selected systematically with probability proportional to size. After household listing was carried out within the selected enumeration areas, a systematic sample of 20 households was drawn in each sample enumeration area. The sample was stratified by Dzongkhag, urban and rural areas, and is not self-weighting. Sample weights were used for generating the results. A more detailed description of the sample design can be found in Appendix A.

Owing to a smaller base population in Gasa, only 200 households were taken for the survey compared to 800 households in other Dzongkhags; thus, the results pertaining to this Dzongkhag should be treated with caution.

## Questionnaires

Three sets of questionnaires were used in the survey:

1) A household questionnaire to collect information on all de jure (usual residents) household members, the household, and the dwelling.
2) A women's questionnaire administered in each household to all women aged 15-49 years.
3) Under-five children questionnaire administered to mothers or caretakers in the household.

The Household Questionnaire included the following modules:

- Household Listing Form
- Education
- Water and Sanitation
- Household Characteristics
- Child Labour
- Disability ${ }^{1}$
- Handwashing

[^0]The Questionnaire for Individual Women was administered to all women aged 15-49 years living in the households, and included the following modules:

- Women's Background
- Child Mortality
- Desire for Last Birth
- Maternal and Newborn Health
- Contraception
- Unmet Needs
- Marriage/Union
- Attitudes towards and Experience of Domestic Violence
- Sexual Behaviour
- HIV/AIDS
- Maternal Mortality

The Questionnaire for Children Under-Five ${ }^{2}$ was administered to their mothers or caretakers living in the household. The questionnaire was administered to mothers of under-five children; in cases where mothers were not present in the household, primary caretakers for the child were identified and interviewed. The questionnaire included the following modules:

- Age
- Birth Registration
- Early Childhood Development
- Breastfeeding
- Care of Illness
- Anthropometry

The questionnaires were based on the MICS4 model questionnaire ${ }^{3}$ and customized to suit the local realities and needs. In order to include more indicators related to reproductive health and experience of domestic violence, some questions from the ICF Macro, Demographic Health Surveys (DHS) questionnaires were adopted into the BMIS questionnaire. The BMIS questionnaires were pre-tested in Chhukha, Paro, Samtse and Wangdue Dzongkhag in January 2010. Additional questions were added to the BMIS that are not part of the MICS4 model questionnaires and not part of DHS ${ }^{4}$. The questionnaires were modified based on the pre-test observations. The BMIS questionnaire is provided in Appendix G.

Besides interviews, the place for hand-washing was observed and the weights and heights of children under-five years were measured. Details and findings of these measurements are included in the respective sections of the report.

[^1]
## Training and Fieldwork

Training for the listing operation of the selected Primary Sampling Units (PSU) for the Dzongkhag Statistical Officers (DSOs), supervisors and enumerators were conducted for a week in early March 2010. The actual field listing operation was implemented over a period of one month.

Training for the fieldwork was conducted for 14 days in April 2010. It included lectures on interviewing techniques and the contents of the questionnaires, and mock interviews between trainees to gain practice in asking questions. Towards the end of the training period, trainees spent one day practising interviews in Thimphu. The questionnaires were not translated from English to the local Bhutanese languages. However, since the interviewers would be asking the questions in local languages to respondents and not in English, in order to standardize how translations would be done, an effort was made to provide standard translations to all teams of Dzongkhag, Lhotshamkha and Sharchopkha.

Forty two teams were engaged in field enumeration. Each team consisted of one supervisor, two interviewers, one editor, one measurer and one driver. The actual fieldwork began in April 2010 and concluded in August 2010.

## Data Processing

Data was entered using the CSPro software in 25 micro-computers and the entry was carried out by 25 operators and three supervisors. In order to ensure quality control, all questionnaires were double entered and internal consistency checks were performed. Procedures and standard programs developed under the global MICS4 programme and adapted to the Bhutan questionnaire were used throughout. Data entry began a month after the start of data collection and was completed in September 2010. Data was analysed using the Predictive Analytics Software (PASW), the version 18 of SPSS software, and the model syntax and tabulation plans developed by UNICEF were used for this purpose.

# III. Sample Coverage and the Characteristics of Households and Respondents 

## Sample Coverage

Of the 15,400 households selected for the survey, 14,917 were found to be occupied. Of these, 14,676 were successfully interviewed with a household response rate of 98.4 percent. In the interviewed households, 16,823 women (aged 15-49 years) were identified. Of these, 14,018 were successfully interviewed, yielding a response rate of 83.3 percent within interviewed households. In addition, 6,457 children under age five were listed in the household questionnaire. Questionnaires were completed for 6,297 of these children, which corresponds to a response rate of 97.5 percent within the interviewed households. Overall response rates of 82.0 percent and 95.9 percent are calculated for the women's and under-five's interviews respectively (Table HH.1).

The response rate for women and children under-five is higher in urban areas when compared with rural areas, but the response rate for households is same for both areas. The response rate for women is low $(83 \%)$ because some of the women could not be found in the household during the interview time. The response rate for young women is particularly low since some of them were away studying in boarding schools and some were outside the country, though by definition they still qualify as a member of the household. For MICS4 household membership was defined on a de jure basis. Gasa has a very low response rate for women ( $55.1 \%$ ); the reason for this could be attributed to younger women studying in other Dzongkhags, while other women tend to yaks in remote places making it difficult to contact them during the survey time. The children's response rate is the highest in Pemagatshel (99.6\%) and lowest in Gasa (85.2\%).

Owing to smaller base population in Gasa, only 200 households were taken for the survey compared to 800 households in other Dzongkhags, because Gasa was shown in the sampling frame as containing a total of 727 households. Thus, the results pertaining to this Dzongkhag should be treated with caution.

| TABLE HH．1：RESULTS OF HOUSEHOLD，WOMEN＇S AND UNDER－FIVE INTERVIEWS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Numbers of households，women and children under 5 by results of the household，women＇s and under－five＇s interviews，and household，women＇s and under－five＇s response rates，Bhutan， 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Region |  |  | Residence |  | Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\mathrm{IN}}{6} \\ & \end{aligned}$ |
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| Number of Households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Households Sampled | 5000 | 5600 | 4800 | 3320 | 12080 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 200 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 15400 |
| Households Occupied | 4872 | 5407 | 4638 | 3192 | 11725 | 776 | 765 | 769 | 189 | 785 | 775 | 775 | 784 | 776 | 787 | 758 | 791 | 779 | 771 | 766 | 788 | 772 | 780 | 758 | 773 | 14917 |
| Households Interviewed | 4806 | 5327 | 4543 | 3142 | 11534 | 769 | 749 | 748 | 180 | 764 | 761 | 772 | 778 | 755 | 782 | 739 | 790 | 765 | 763 | 755 | 761 | 768 | 769 | 741 | 767 | 14676 |
| Household response rate | 98.6 | 98.5 | 98.0 | 98.4 | 98.4 | 99.1 | 97.9 | 97.3 | 95.2 | 97.3 | 98.2 | 99.6 | 99.2 | 97.3 | 99.4 | 97.5 | 99.9 | 98.2 | 99.0 | 98.6 | 96.6 | 99.5 | 98.6 | 97.8 | 99.2 | 98.4 |
| Number of Women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Women Eligible | 5861 | 6310 | 4652 | 3872 | 12951 | 990 | 959 | 843 | 234 | 866 | 779 | 896 | 952 | 809 | 956 | 837 | 910 | 939 | 984 | 701 | 630 | 865 | 918 | 834 | 921 | 16823 |
| Women Interviewed | 5041 | 5181 | 3796 | 3487 | 10531 | 808 | 869 | 700 | 129 | 739 | 633 | 734 | 795 | 583 | 793 | 645 | 802 | 836 | 914 | 606 | 595 | 692 | 793 | 654 | 698 | 14018 |
| Women response rate | 86.0 | 82.1 | 81.6 | 90.1 | 81.3 | 81.6 | 90.6 | 83.0 | 55.1 | 85.3 | 81.3 | 81.9 | 83.5 | 72.1 | 82.9 | 77.1 | 88.1 | 89.0 | 92.9 | 86.4 | 94.4 | 80.0 | 86.4 | 78.4 | 75.8 | 83.3 |
| Women＇s overall response rate | 84.8 | 80.9 | 79.9 | 88.6 | 80.0 | 80.9 | 88.7 | 80.8 | 52.5 | 83.1 | 79.8 | 81.6 | 82.9 | 70.1 | 82.4 | 75.1 | 88.0 | 87.4 | 91.9 | 85.2 | 91.2 | 79.6 | 85.2 | 76.7 | 75.2 | 82.0 |
| Number of Children Under 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Children under 5 Eligible | 2114 | 2445 | 1898 | 1396 | 5061 | 426 | 333 | 338 | 81 | 317 | 265 | 387 | 343 | 277 | 351 | 371 | 373 | 311 | 316 | 306 | 292 | 336 | 308 | 317 | 409 | 6457 |
| Children under 5 Mother／ Caretaker Interviewed | 2055 | 2374 | 1868 | 1367 | 4930 | 415 | 330 | 326 | 69 | 313 | 264 | 379 | 328 | 276 | 343 | 360 | 360 | 307 | 312 | 300 | 289 | 321 | 296 | 307 | 402 | 6297 |
| Child response rate | 97.2 | 97.1 | 98.4 | 97.9 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 99.1 | 96.4 | 85.2 | 98.7 | 99.6 | 97.9 | 95.6 | 99.6 | 97.7 | 97.0 | 96.5 | 98.7 | 98.7 | 98.0 | 99.0 | 95.5 | 96.1 | 96.8 | 98.3 | 97.5 |
| Children＇s overall re－ sponse rate | 95.9 | 95.7 | 96.4 | 96.4 | 95.8 | 96.5 | 97.0 | 93.8 | 81.1 | 96.1 | 97.8 | 97.6 | 94.9 | 96.9 | 97.1 | 94.6 | 96.4 | 96.9 | 97.7 | 96.6 | 95.6 | 95.0 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 97.5 | 95.9 |

## Characteristics of Households

The weighted age and sex distribution of surveyed population is provided in Table HH.2. The distribution is also used to produce the population pyramid in Figure HH.1. From 14,676 successfully interviewed households there were 67,320 people, of which, 33,375 were males, and 33,944 were females.

| TABLE HH.2: HOUSEHOLD AGE DISTRIBUTION BY SEX |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage distribution of the household population by five-year age groups and dependency age groups, and number of children aged 0-17 years, by sex, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Males |  | Females |  | Total |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 3329 | 10.0 | 3185 | 9.4 | 6514 | 9.7 |
| 5-9 | 3736 | 11.2 | 3650 | 10.8 | 7386 | 11.0 |
| 10-14 | 3707 | 11.1 | 4181 | 12.3 | 7887 | 11.7 |
| 15-19 | 3349 | 10.0 | 3181 | 9.4 | 6530 | 9.7 |
| 20-24 | 2785 | 8.3 | 3187 | 9.4 | 5972 | 8.9 |
| 25-29 | 2752 | 8.2 | 3065 | 9.0 | 5817 | 8.6 |
| 30-34 | 2483 | 7.4 | 2512 | 7.4 | 4995 | 7.4 |
| 35-39 | 2037 | 6.1 | 2068 | 6.1 | 4105 | 6.1 |
| 40-44 | 1815 | 5.4 | 1729 | 5.1 | 3545 | 5.3 |
| 45-49 | 1571 | 4.7 | 1280 | 3.8 | 2850 | 4.2 |
| 50-54 | 1510 | 4.5 | 1873 | 5.5 | 3383 | 5.0 |
| 55-59 | 1275 | 3.8 | 1223 | 3.6 | 2498 | 3.7 |
| 60-64 | 964 | 2.9 | 908 | 2.7 | 1872 | 2.8 |
| 65-69 | 791 | 2.4 | 636 | 1.9 | 1427 | 2.1 |
| 70-74 | 594 | 1.8 | 567 | 1.7 | 1161 | 1.7 |
| 75-79 | 369 | 1.1 | 358 | 1.1 | 727 | 1.1 |
| 80-84 | 222 | . 7 | 201 | . 6 | 423 | . 6 |
| 85+ | 85 | . 3 | 135 | . 4 | 220 | . 3 |
| Missing/DK | 3 | * | 5 | * | 8 | * |
| Dependency age groups |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 10771 | 32.3 | 11016 | 32.5 | 21787 | 32.4 |
| 15-64 | 20541 | 61.5 | 21027 | 61.9 | 41568 | 61.7 |
| 65+ | 2060 | 6.2 | 1897 | 5.6 | 3957 | 5.9 |
| Missing/DK | 3 | * | 5 | * | 8 | * |
| Children and adult populations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Children age 0-17 | 12847 | 38.5 | 12923 | 38.1 | 25770 | 38.3 |
| Adults 18+ | 20525 | 61.5 | 21016 | 61.9 | 41542 | 61.7 |
| Missing/DK | 3 | * | 5 | * | 8 | * |
| Total | 33375 | 100.0 | 33944 | 100.0 | 67320 | 100.0 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases.

Table HH. 2 shows the age and sex distribution of the surveyed population. The findings revealed that the percentage of population aged $0-4$ years is 9.7 percent ( $10 \%$ male and $9.4 \%$ female) while the percentage of population aged 0-14 years is 32.4 percent ( $32.3 \%$ male and $32.5 \%$ female) and the percentage of population 65 years and older is 5.9 percent. The percentage of children $0-17$ years is 38.3 percent. The total dependency ratio is found to be 61.7 percent ( $61.5 \%$ male and $61.9 \%$ female) which is an increase of 1.1 percent from the PHBC 2005 ( $60.6 \%$ ). However, the average household size remains the same (4.6 persons).

Figure HH.1: Population pyramid, Bhutan 2010.


Data quality tables indicate that a disproportionally large number of women were reported to be aged 50 and a disproportionally large number of women were reported to be 14 . This unexpected age pattern is likely to be caused by age heaping (on age 50 among female respondents), as well as the possibility that some interviewers may have tried to avoid conducting interviewing with all women by recording the ages of women outside of the eligibility age range i.e. 15-49 years.

Table HH. 3 - HH. 5 provide basic information on the households, female respondents aged 15-49 years, and children under-five by un-weighted as well as weighted numbers. Information on the basic characteristics of households, women and children under-five interviewed in the survey is essential for the interpretation of survey findings. It can also provide an indication of the representativeness of the survey.

Table HH. 3 provides basic background information on the households: the sex of the household head, region, residence, number of household members and the education of household head. These background characteristics are used in subsequent tables in this report; the figures in the table are also intended to show the number of observations by major categories of analysis in the report.

TABLE HH.3: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION
Percentage distribution of households by selected characteristics, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Weighted Percent | Number of households |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | weighted | unweighted |
| Sex of household head |  |  |  |
| Male | 72.0 | 10568 | 9727 |
| Female | 28.0 | 4108 | 4949 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 2.2 | 320 | 769 |
| Chukha | 10.1 | 1478 | 749 |
| Dagana | 3.7 | 548 | 748 |
| Gasa | . 7 | 102 | 180 |
| Наa | 2.0 | 297 | 764 |
| Lhuntse | 2.5 | 364 | 761 |
| Mongar | 6.6 | 965 | 772 |
| Paro | 5.4 | 790 | 778 |
| Pemagatshel | 3.8 | 564 | 755 |
| Punakha | 3.5 | 515 | 782 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 5.6 | 827 | 739 |
| Samtse | 11.2 | 1641 | 790 |
| Sarpang | 6.1 | 895 | 765 |
| Thimphu | 13.2 | 1932 | 763 |
| Trashigang | 8.5 | 1245 | 755 |
| Trashiyangtse | 3.0 | 444 | 761 |
| Trongsa | 2.1 | 315 | 768 |
| Tsirang | 3.2 | 473 | 769 |
| Wangdue | 4.3 | 624 | 741 |
| Zhemgang | 2.3 | 338 | 767 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Western | 46.0 | 6755 | 4806 |
| Central | 23.9 | 3512 | 5327 |
| Eastern | 30.0 | 4409 | 4543 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 29.4 | 4320 | 3142 |
| Rural | 70.6 | 10356 | 11534 |
| Number of household members |  |  |  |
| 1 | 6.1 | 900 | 887 |
| 2 | 10.8 | 1586 | 1656 |
| 3 | 14.3 | 2094 | 2025 |
| 4 | 20.1 | 2943 | 2771 |
| 5 | 18.9 | 2773 | 2721 |
| 6 | 13.6 | 1999 | 1998 |
| 7 | 7.7 | 1133 | 1223 |
| 8+ | 8.5 | 1248 | 1395 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |
| None | 63.1 | 9265 | 10077 |
| Primary | 14.5 | 2134 | 1898 |
| Secondary + | 22.3 | 3275 | 2698 |
| Missing/DK | * | 2 | 3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 14676 | 14676 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases.

| TABLE HH.3: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage distribution of households by selected characteristics, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |
|  | Weighted Percent | Number of households |  |
|  |  | weighted | unweighted |
| At least one child age 0-4 years | 35.8 | 14676 | 14676 |
| At least one child age 0-17 years | 75.0 | 14676 | 14676 |
| At least one woman age 15-49 years | 81.9 | 14676 | 14676 |
| Mean household size | 4.6 | 14676 | 14676 |

The weighted and unweighted numbers of households are equal, since sample weights were normalized (See Appendix A). The table HH. 3 also shows the proportions of households with at least one child under 18, at least one child under-five, and at least one eligible woman aged 15-49. The table also shows the weighted average household size estimated by the survey.

## Characteristics of Female Respondents 15-49 Years of Age and Children Under-five

Tables HH. 4 and HH. 5 provide information on the background characteristics of female respondents aged 15-49 years and of children under age five. In both tables, the total numbers of weighted and unweighted observations are equal, since sample weights have been normalized (standardized). In addition to providing useful information on the background characteristics of women and children, the tables are also intended to show the numbers of observations in each background category. These categories are used in the subsequent tabulations of this report.

| TABLE HH.4: WOMEN'S BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Percentage distribution of women age 15-49 years by background characteristics, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |
|  |  |  |


| Contd. TABLE HH.4: WOMEN'S BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage distribution of women age 15-49 years by background characteristics, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |
|  | Weighted percent | Number of women |  |
|  |  | Weighted | Unweighted |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 14.6 | 2052 | 1974 |
| 20-24 | 17.9 | 2502 | 2435 |
| 25-29 | 19.4 | 2721 | 2651 |
| 30-34 | 15.8 | 2219 | 2261 |
| 35-39 | 13.2 | 1856 | 1872 |
| 40-44 | 11.1 | 1561 | 1651 |
| 45-49 | 7.9 | 1106 | 1174 |
| Marital/Union status |  |  |  |
| Currently married/in union | 71.5 | 10029 | 10051 |
| Widowed | 1.6 | 218 | 223 |
| Divorced | 4.2 | 583 | 708 |
| Separated | . 8 | 108 | 110 |
| Never married/in union | 22.0 | 3079 | 2925 |
| Missing | * | 0 | 1 |
| Motherhood status |  |  |  |
| Ever gave birth | 72.3 | 10132 | 10356 |
| Never gave birth | 27.7 | 3886 | 3662 |
| Births in last two years |  |  |  |
| Had a birth in last two years | 16.9 | 2368 | 2465 |
| Had no birth in last two years | 83.1 | 11650 | 11553 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| None | 61.2 | 8585 | 8903 |
| Primary | 12.0 | 1687 | 1716 |
| Secondary + | 26.7 | 3746 | 3399 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 17.3 | 2419 | 2617 |
| Second | 18.1 | 2533 | 2907 |
| Middle | 19.0 | 2659 | 2955 |
| Fourth | 21.7 | 3040 | 2876 |
| Richest | 24.0 | 3367 | 2663 |
| Total | 100.0 | 14018 | 14018 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases.

TableHH.4includesinformationonthedistributionofwomenaccordingtoDzongkhag,region,residence, age, marital status, motherhood status, births in last two years, education ${ }^{5}$ and wealth index quintiles ${ }^{6}$

Of the total women respondents aged 15-49 years, 68.3 percent lived in a rural area and 31.7 percent in an urban area. The largest segment of individual women respondents (19.4\%) were in the age group of 25-29 years, followed by those in the 20-24 age group (17.9\%) and the 30-34 age group ( $15.8 \%$ ). The smallest segment of individual women respondents were found in the 40-44 age group (11.1\%), and the 45-49 year-olds ( $7.9 \%$ ). A large portion of the women respondents aged 15-49 were married $(71.5 \%)$, while 6.5 percent were formerly married and 22 percent were never married. Slightly more than 70 percent of women aged 15-49 had given birth at least once in their lifetime. In the case of education, 61.2 percent of women aged 15-49 had never been to school, while 12 percent had primary schooling. Another 26.7 percent had completed their secondary and higher education.

In terms of wealth index, it was found that 17.3 percent belonged to the poorest, while 24 percent to the richest quintile.

Some background characteristics of under-five children are presented in Table HH.5. This includes the distribution of children by several attributes: Dzongkhag, region, residences, age, mother's education and wealth.

Regarding the surveyed under-five children (Table HH.5), 70.8 percent lived in rural areas, while 29.2 percent resided in urban areas. By age-groups, 9.6 percent were younger than six months, 9.9 percent were 6-11 months old, 19.6 percent were 12-23 months old, 21.2 percent were $24-35$ months old, 20.3 percent were $36-47$ months old, and 19.4 percent were $48-59$ months old. 66.8 percent of mothers of children under-five years of age had never received any formal education. In terms of the wealth index status of the household, children under-five are spread quite evenly across all quintiles with 20.6 living in the poorest quintile.

[^2]TABLE HH.5: CHILDREN'S BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS
Percent distribution of children under five years of age by background characteristics, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Weighted percent | Number of children |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Weighted | Unweighted |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Male | 51.1 | 3216 | 3236 |
| Female | 48.9 | 3081 | 3061 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 2.7 | 171 | 415 |
| Chukha | 10.3 | 648 | 330 |
| Dagana | 3.8 | 237 | 326 |
| Gasa | . 7 | 43 | 69 |
| Haa | 1.9 | 121 | 313 |
| Lhuntse | 2.0 | 124 | 264 |
| Mongar | 7.4 | 466 | 379 |
| Paro | 5.4 | 337 | 328 |
| Pemagatshel | 3.4 | 214 | 276 |
| Punakha | 3.5 | 218 | 343 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 6.5 | 410 | 360 |
| Samtse | 12.0 | 755 | 360 |
| Sarpang | 5.6 | 350 | 307 |
| Thimphu | 12.7 | 801 | 312 |
| Trashigang | 7.6 | 479 | 300 |
| Trashiyangtse | 2.7 | 169 | 289 |
| Trongsa | 2.1 | 133 | 321 |
| Tsirang | 3.0 | 186 | 296 |
| Wangdue | 4.1 | 261 | 307 |
| Zhemgang | 2.8 | 175 | 402 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Western | 46.4 | 2922 | 2055 |
| Central | 24.0 | 1513 | 2374 |
| Eastern | 29.6 | 1862 | 1868 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 29.2 | 1841 | 1367 |
| Rural | 70.8 | 4456 | 4930 |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 0-5 | 9.6 | 603 | 608 |
| 6-11 | 9.9 | 626 | 640 |
| 12-23 | 19.6 | 1234 | 1288 |
| 24-35 | 21.2 | 1337 | 1339 |
| 36-47 | 20.3 | 1275 | 1278 |
| 48-59 | 19.4 | 1222 | 1144 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |
| None | 66.8 | 4207 | 4244 |
| Primary | 12.4 | 781 | 834 |
| Secondary | 20.8 | 1309 | 1219 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 20.6 | 1294 | 1373 |
| Second | 18.4 | 1159 | 1359 |
| Middle | 19.0 | 1197 | 1302 |
| Fourth | 22.8 | 1438 | 1299 |
| Richest | 19.2 | 1208 | 964 |
| Total | 100.0 | 6297 | 6297 |

## Orphanhood

Children who are orphaned or living in vulnerable households may be at increased risk of neglect or exploitation. Monitoring the variations in different outcomes for orphans and vulnerable children and comparing them to their peers gives us a measure of how well communities and governments are responding to their needs.

The frequency of children living with neither parent, mother only, and father only is presented in Table HH.6. About 79 percent of children aged 0-17 years in Bhutan live with their parents, while 11 percent live with their mother only, and 2.4 percent live with their father only. Almost one in thirteen children $(7.4 \%)$ is living with neither parent and 5.4 percent of the children have at least one parent dead. The proportion of children not living with a biological parent is higher among girls (8.9\%) compared to boys $(6 \%)$ and increases significantly with the age of the child and with household wealth. It is also significantly higher in urban areas ( $10.1 \%$ ) compared to rural areas $(6.3 \%)$. In contrast, the rate of children having one or both parent dead is higher in rural areas and decreases with household wealth.
TABLE HH.6: CHILDREN'S LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND ORPHANHOOD
 parents dead, Bhutan, 2010

|  |  | Living with neither parent |  |  |  | Living with mother only |  | Living with father only |  |  | Total | Not living with a biological parent [1] | One or both parents dead [2] | Number of children age $0-17$ years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Living with both parents | Only father alive | Only mother alive | Both are alive | Both are dead | Father alive | Father dead | Mother alive | Mother dead | Impossible to determine |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 80.4 | . 4 | . 4 | 4.9 | . 3 | 8.4 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | . 3 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 12847 |
| Female | 77.5 | . 6 | . 9 | 7.0 | . 3 | 8.2 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | . 2 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 5.9 | 12923 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 67.6 | 1.0 | . 8 | 7.3 | . 4 | 16.8 | 4.5 | . 7 | . 6 | . 3 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 7.3 | 619 |
| Chukha | 80.0 | . 3 | 1.1 | 6.7 | . 3 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 1.2 | . 1 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 5.9 | 2631 |
| Dagana | 81.0 | . 6 | . 7 | 8.3 | . 3 | 5.3 | 2.5 | . 8 | . 5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 4.5 | 993 |
| Gasa | 76.5 | . 5 | . 0 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 6.9 | 7.1 | . 7 | 2.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 10.8 | 175 |
| Haa | 77.8 | . 3 | . 7 | 7.7 | . 3 | 8.7 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.1 | . 2 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 3.8 | 500 |
| Lhuntse | 76.6 | . 6 | . 9 | 3.1 | . 2 | 12.0 | 4.6 | . 9 | 1.0 | . 2 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 7.2 | 585 |
| Mongar | 73.2 | 1.1 | . 7 | 4.4 | . 6 | 12.8 | 4.7 | . 8 | 1.6 | . 1 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 1843 |
| Paro | 73.1 | . 5 | . 5 | 8.0 | . 7 | 13.9 | 1.7 | 1.0 | . 4 | . 2 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 3.8 | 1397 |
| Pemagatshel | 81.8 | . 1 | . 4 | 3.0 | . 5 | 8.4 | 3.0 | . 9 | 1.2 | . 7 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 5.3 | 942 |
| Punakha | 69.9 | . 5 | . 7 | 6.2 | . 5 | 14.6 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 1.7 | . 1 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 996 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 84.8 | . 5 | . 8 | 5.1 | . 1 | 4.8 | 2.2 | . 3 | 1.0 | . 3 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 4.6 | 1667 |
| Samtse | 83.9 | . 7 | . 7 | 6.5 | . 3 | 3.6 | 1.7 | . 8 | 1.3 | . 5 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 2878 |
| Sarpang | 77.5 | . 3 | . 8 | 8.5 | . 0 | 7.7 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | . 1 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 4.8 | 1518 |
| Thimphu | 82.4 | . 2 | . 8 | 6.7 | . 3 | 6.8 | 1.4 | 1.1 | . 2 | . 1 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 3216 |
| Trashigang | 81.0 | . 6 | . 5 | 3.6 | . 2 | 8.0 | 1.9 | . 9 | 3.2 | . 2 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 2086 |
| Trashiyangtse | 79.4 | . 6 | . 2 | 3.9 | . 1 | 10.0 | 3.3 | . 9 | 1.4 | . 1 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 654 |
| Trongsa | 72.2 | 1.1 | . 4 | 6.5 | . 1 | 14.1 | 3.6 | 1.1 | . 7 | . 1 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 6.0 | 581 |
| Tsirang | 81.2 | . 1 | . 1 | 7.1 | . 1 | 6.7 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | . 1 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 3.7 | 797 |
| Wangdue | 70.8 | . 5 | . 1 | 5.1 | . 5 | 14.2 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 1.2 | . 5 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 1030 |
| Zhemgang | 82.5 | . 2 | . 4 | 2.8 | . 3 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 1.0 | . 7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 7.1 | 664 |

Contd. TABLE HH.6: CHILDREN'S LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND ORPHANHOOD
Percent distribution of children age 0-17 years according to living arrangements, percentage
 parents dead, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Living with neither parent |  |  |  | Living with mother only |  | Living with father only |  |  | Total | Not living with a biological parent [1] | One or both parents dead [2] | Number of children age $0-17$ years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Living with both parents | Only father alive | Only mother alive | Both are alive | Both are dead | Father alive | Father dead | Mother alive | Mother dead | Impossible to determine |  |  |  |  |


| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Western | 79.8 | . 4 | . 8 | 6.8 | . 4 | 7.2 | 2.2 | 1.4 | . 9 | . 2 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 4.7 | 11792 |
| Central | 76.5 | . 5 | . 5 | 6.8 | . 2 | 9.5 | 3.3 | 1.3 | . 9 | . 3 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 5.6 | 6202 |
| Eastern | 79.6 | . 6 | . 6 | 4.0 | . 3 | 9.0 | 3.1 | . 8 | 1.8 | . 2 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 7776 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 80.2 | . 5 | 1.0 | 8.3 | . 3 | 5.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | . 7 | . 1 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 4.2 | 7410 |
| Rural | 78.4 | . 5 | . 5 | 5.0 | . 3 | 9.4 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 1.4 | . 3 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 18361 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 years | 84.1 | . 2 | . 1 | 1.5 | . 1 | 11.7 | 1.3 | . 6 | . 4 | . 2 | 100.0 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 6514 |
| 5-9 years | 80.9 | . 3 | . 6 | 5.4 | . 2 | 8.6 | 2.1 | 1.2 | . 7 | . 1 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 3.9 | 7386 |
| 10-14 years | 76.7 | . 8 | . 8 | 8.2 | . 5 | 6.3 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | . 1 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 7.1 | 7887 |
| 15-17 years | 71.5 | . 9 | 1.4 | 9.9 | . 6 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 1.5 | 2.4 | . 7 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 3983 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 82.0 | . 4 | . 4 | 3.0 | . 3 | 7.9 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 1.3 | . 3 | 100.0 | 4.1 | 5.8 | 5220 |
| Second | 77.3 | . 6 | . 2 | 3.9 | . 3 | 10.4 | 4.1 | . 9 | 2.1 | . 2 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 4901 |
| Middle | 75.1 | . 6 | . 7 | 6.0 | . 3 | 11.2 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 | . 2 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 6.1 | 5028 |
| Fourth | 81.1 | . 5 | 1.0 | 6.7 | . 4 | 6.4 | 2.0 | 1.3 | . 6 | . 1 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 4.5 | 5495 |
| Richest | 78.9 | . 4 | 1.0 | 10.1 | . 3 | 5.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 | . 6 | . 3 | 100.0 | 11.8 | 3.5 | 5127 |
| Total | 79.0 | . 5 | . 7 | 6.0 | . 3 | 8.3 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 | . 2 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 5.4 | 25770 |
| [1]MICS indicator 9.17[2] MICS indicator 9.18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



## IV. Child Mortality

One of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is the reduction of infant and under-five mortality. Specifically, the MDG 4 calls for the reduction in under-five mortality by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015. Monitoring progress towards this goal is an important but difficult objective. Measuring childhood mortality may seem easy, but attempts at using direct questions, such as "Has anyone in this household died in the last year?" give inaccurate results. Using direct measures of child mortality from birth histories is time consuming, more expensive, and requires greater attention to training and supervision. Alternatively, indirect methods developed to measure child mortality produce robust estimates that are comparable with the ones obtained from other sources. Indirect methods minimize the pitfalls of memory lapses, inexact or misinterpreted definitions, and poor interviewing technique.

Infant mortality rate (IMR) is the probability of dying before the first birthday expressed per 1,000 live births. Under-five mortality rate (U5MR) is the probability of dying before the fifth birthday expressed per 1,000 live births. In MICS surveys, infant and under-five mortality rates are calculated based on an indirect estimation technique known as the Brass method (United Nations, 1983; 1990a; 1990b). The data used in the estimation are: the mean number of children ever born for five year age groups of women from the age of 15 to 49 , and the proportion of these children who are dead, also classified for five-year age groups of women (Table CM.1). The technique converts these data into probabilities of dying by taking into account of both the mortality risks to which children are exposed and their length of exposure of children to the risk of dying. The North model ${ }^{7}$ life table was used to estimate child mortality.

The differences exist in definitions between the surveys and the registration systems and in the methodology of data collection. In all mentioned surveys, information about birth and child deaths were obtained from mothers. In contrast, the registration system requires that either a health worker or a family member take care to register the event of births and deaths.

[^3]TABLE CM.1: CHILDREN EVER BORN, CHILDREN SURVIVING AND PROPORTION DEAD
Mean and total numbers of children ever born, children surviving and proportion dead by age of women, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Mean number of children ever born | Total number of children ever born | Mean number children surviving | Total number of children surviving | Proportion dead | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1.119 | 15686 | 1.005 | 14094 | 0.102 | 14018 |
| Female | 1.064 | 14919 | 0.97 | 13595 | 0.089 | 14018 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 1.876 | 12868 | 1.724 | 11829 | 0.081 | 6861 |
| Central | 2.283 | 7807 | 2.09 | 7148 | 0.084 | 3420 |
| Eastern | 2.658 | 9930 | 2.332 | 8712 | 0.123 | 3736 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.656 | 7367 | 1.568 | 6975 | 0.053 | 4448 |
| Rural | 2.428 | 23238 | 2.164 | 20714 | 0.109 | 9570 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 2.879 | 24716 | 2.568 | 22047 | 0.108 | 8585 |
| Primary | 1.814 | 3061 | 1.714 | 2891 | 0.056 | 1687 |
| Secondary+ | 0.755 | 2829 | 0.734 | 2751 | 0.028 | 3746 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 2.822 | 6825 | 2.45 | 5926 | 0.132 | 2419 |
| Second | 2.587 | 6553 | 2.279 | 5772 | 0.119 | 2533 |
| Middle | 2.347 | 6239 | 2.112 | 5615 | 0.1 | 2659 |
| Fourth/Richest[1] | 1.715 | 10,988 | 1.619 | 10,376 | 0.056 | 6,407 |
| Total | 2.183 | 30605 | 1.975 | 27689 | 0.095 | 14018 |

[1] Fourth and richest quintile are clubbed together
*By Dzongkhag is not shown because the number of unweighted observations are lower than 50

Table CM. 2 provides estimates of child mortality. The infant mortality rate is estimated at 47 deaths per thousand, while the probability of dying under age $5(\mathrm{U} 5 \mathrm{MR})$ is around 69 deaths per thousand. These estimates have been calculated by averaging mortality estimates obtained from women aged 25-29 and 30-34. There is some difference between the probabilities of dying among males and females with males having higher mortality rates. Infant and under-five mortality rates are lower in the Western and Central regions as compared to the Eastern region. There are also significant differences in mortality in terms of educational levels and wealth. As the education level, as well as wealth index of the mother increases, the under-five mortality rate decreases. Differentials in under-five mortality rates by selected background characteristics are shown in Figure CM.1.

| TABLE CM.2: CHILD MORTALITY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Infant and under-five mortality rates, North Model, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |
|  | Infant Mortality Rate [1] | Under-five Mortality Rate [2] |
| Male | 54 | 79 |
| Female | 40 | 58 |
| Region |  |  |
| Western | 42 | 61 |
| Central | 42 | 61 |
| Eastern | 57 | 87 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 31 | 41 |
| Rural | 54 | 81 |
| Mother's education |  |  |
| None | 51 | 77 |
| Primary | 42 | 61 |
| Secondary+ | 24 | 31 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |
| Poorest | 68 | 106 |
| Second | 58 | 88 |
| Middle | 50 | 74 |
| Fourth/Richest | 28 | 39 |
| Total | 47 | 69 |

[1] MICS indicator 1.2; MDG indicator 4.2
[2]MICS indicator 1.1; MDG indicator 4.1
*By Dzongkhag is not shown because the number of unweighted observations are lower than 50
*The reference period is 2006, North Model was assumed to approximate the age pattern of mortality in Bhutan.

A child born to the poorest family from rural areas and with uneducated mother has the highest chance of dying by the age of five compared to a child born to a rich educated family in urban area.

Figure CM1: Under-five mortality rate by background characteristics, Bhutan 2010.



## V. Nutrition

## Nutritional Status

Children's nutritional status is a reflection of their overall health. When children have access to an adequate food supply, are not exposed to repeated illness, and are well cared for, they reach their growth potential and are considered well nourished.

Malnutrition is associated with more than half of all child deaths worldwide. Undernourished children are more likely to die from common childhood ailments, and for those who survive, have recurring sicknesses and faltering growth. Three-quarters of the children who die from causes related to malnutrition were only mildly or moderately malnourished - showing no outward sign of their vulnerability. The Millennium Development target is to reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger between 1990 and 2015. A reduction in the prevalence of malnutrition will also assist in the goal to reduce child mortality.

In a well-nourished population, there is a reference distribution of height and weight for children under age five. Under-nourishment in a population can be gauged by comparing children to a reference population. The reference population used in this report is based on new WHO growth standards ${ }^{8}$. Each of the three nutritional status indicators can be expressed in standard deviation units (z-scores) from the median of the reference population.

Weight-for-age is a measure of both acute and chronic malnutrition. Children whose weight-for-age is more than two standard deviations below the median of the reference population are considered moderately or severely underweigh, while those whose weight-for-age is more than three standard deviations below the median are classified as severely underweight.

Height-for-age is a measure of linear growth. Children whose height-for-age is more than two standard deviations below the median of the reference population are considered short for their age and are classified as moderately or severely stunted. Those whose height-for-age is more than three standard deviations below the median are classified as severely stunted. Stunting is a reflection of chronic malnutrition as a result of failure to receive adequate nutrition over a long period and recurrent or chronic illness.

[^4]Finally, children whose weight-for-height is more than two standard deviations below the median of the reference population are classified as moderately or severely wasted, while those who fall more than three standard deviations below the median are classified as severely wasted. Wasting is a reflection of acute malnutrition usually the result of a recent nutritional deficiency. The indicator may exhibit significant seasonal shifts associated with changes in the availability of food or disease prevalence.

In BMIS, weights and heights of all children under-five years of age were measured using anthropometric equipment recommended by UNICEF (www.childinfo.org). Findings in this section are based on the results of these measurements.

Table NU. 1 shows percentages of children classified into each of these categories, based on the anthropometric measurements that were taken during fieldwork. Additionally, the table includes the percentage of children who are overweight, which takes into account those children whose weight for height is above two standard deviations from the median of the reference population, and mean z-scores for all three anthropometric indicators.
TABLE NU.1: NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF CHILDREN

| Percentage of children under age 5 by nutritional status according to three anthropometric indices: weight for age, height for age, and weight for height, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Weight for age: | Weight for age: | Weight for age: | Weight for age: | Height for age: | Height for age: | Height for age: | Height for age: | Weight for height: | Weight for height: | Weight for height: | Weight for height: | Weight for height: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% below -2 } \\ \text { sd [1] } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% below } \\ & -3 \text { sd [2] } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mean Z- } \\ & \text { Score (SD) } \end{aligned}$ | Number of children | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% below -2 } \\ \text { sd [3] } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% below -3 } \\ \text { sd [4] } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean Z- } \\ \text { Score (SD) } \end{gathered}$ | Number of children | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% below -2 } \\ \text { sd [5] } \end{gathered}$ | \% below - 3 <br> sd [6] | $\% \text { above }$ $+2 \text { sd }$ | Mean Z-Score (SD) | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 13.3 | 3.4 | -. 8 | 3085 | 33.4 | 13.6 | -1.4 | 2928 | 6.2 | 2.2 | 7.5 | . 0 | 2954 |
| Female | 12.0 | 3.0 | -. 8 | 2986 | 33.6 | 13.1 | -1.4 | 2878 | 5.5 | 1.9 | 7.6 | . 0 | 2909 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.5 | 3.2 | -. 7 | 1800 | 28.0 | 14.0 | -1.2 | 1713 | 6.5 | 2.3 | 10.0 | . 1 | 1713 |
| Rural | 13.6 | 3.2 | -. 9 | 4271 | 35.8 | 13.1 | -1.5 | 4093 | 5.6 | 1.9 | 6.6 | -. 0 | 4150 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 9.1 | 2.7 | -. 6 | 165 | 21.5 | 6.0 | -1.0 | 156 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 3.3 | -. 0 | 157 |
| Chukha | 14.1 | 3.3 | -. 9 | 625 | 27.4 | 6.4 | -1.0 | 617 | 10.9 | 2.2 | 2.4 | -. 4 | 615 |
| Dagana | 12.4 | 2.1 | -. 8 | 231 | 29.0 | 10.3 | -1.2 | 225 | 5.5 | 1.7 | 5.1 | -. 1 | 227 |
| Gasa | 3.6 | 1.5 | -. 4 | 37 | 31.8 | 12.1 | -1.2 | 37 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 5.5 | . 4 | 38 |
| Haa | 9.8 | 1.4 | -. 8 | 118 | 30.6 | 10.7 | -1.4 | 118 | 3.3 | . 4 | 4.8 | -. 0 | 116 |
| Lhuntse | 17.7 | 6.1 | -1.0 | 123 | 58.9 | 41.5 | -2.4 | 112 | 4.3 | . 9 | 30.9 | 1.0 | 118 |
| Mongar | 12.0 | 3.7 | -. 8 | 462 | 39.7 | 13.9 | -1.5 | 453 | 5.5 | 2.0 | 5.6 | . 1 | 449 |
| Paro | 7.5 | 1.6 | -. 5 | 320 | 30.1 | 9.9 | -1.2 | 301 | 6.9 | 2.1 | 9.2 | . 2 | 301 |
| Pemagatshel | 19.8 | 6.6 | -1.1 | 196 | 44.9 | 19.1 | -1.8 | 158 | 2.6 | . 2 | 17.7 | . 6 | 167 |
| Punakha | 11.4 | 2.0 | -. 7 | 203 | 20.7 | 6.2 | -. 9 | 193 | 4.7 | 2.2 | 3.3 | -. 1 | 197 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 11.0 | 2.0 | -. 9 | 404 | 37.4 | 12.4 | -1.5 | 400 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 4.7 | -. 1 | 403 |
| Samtse | 13.1 | 2.0 | -. 9 | 730 | 28.4 | 7.5 | -1.2 | 712 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 2.3 | -. 3 | 709 |
| Sarpang | 10.9 | 1.0 | -. 7 | 347 | 23.2 | 6.4 | -1.2 | 328 | 4.4 | 1.8 | 5.0 | . 0 | 329 |
| Thimphu | 11.9 | 4.7 | -. 8 | 785 | 37.8 | 23.2 | -1.7 | 722 | 6.2 | 2.9 | 15.5 | . 3 | 718 |
| Trashigang | 17.7 | 6.0 | -. 8 | 454 | 47.2 | 27.0 | -1.9 | 424 | 8.8 | 2.9 | 15.6 | . 4 | 452 |
| Trashiyangtse | 13.6 | 1.2 | -. 8 | 164 | 40.3 | 15.8 | -1.4 | 155 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 7.8 | . 1 | 161 |
| Trongsa | 10.3 | 2.9 | -. 6 | 130 | 27.2 | 9.5 | -1.1 | 129 | 2.6 | . 7 | 1.9 | -. 0 | 130 |
| Tsirang | 12.9 | 3.3 | -. 9 | 178 | 28.4 | 7.2 | -1.3 | 175 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 3.1 | -. 2 | 181 |
| Wangdue | 11.0 | 1.3 | -. 7 | 237 | 28.7 | 8.2 | -1.3 | 231 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 2.7 | -. 0 | 237 |
| Zhemgang | 15.9 | 6.1 | -. 8 | 165 | 42.8 | 18.6 | -1.7 | 158 | 8.8 | 3.3 | 11.4 | . 2 | 156 |

C0ntd. TABLE NU.1: NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF CHILDREN

| Percentage of children under age 5 by nutritional status according to three anthropometric indices: weight for age, height for age, and weight for height, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Weight for age: | Weight for age: | Weight for age: | Weight for age: | Height for age: | Height for age: | Height for age: | Height for age: | Weight for height: | Weight for height: | Weight for height: | Weight for height: | Weight for height: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { below -2 } \\ \text { sd [1] } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% below } \\ & -3 \text { sd [2] } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mean Z- } \\ & \text { Score (SD) } \end{aligned}$ | Number of children | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { below -2 } \\ \text { sd [3] } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { below }-3 \\ \text { sd [4] } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean Z- } \\ \text { Score (SD) } \end{gathered}$ | Number of children | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { below -2 } \\ \text { sd [5] } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% below -3 } \\ \text { sd [6] } \end{gathered}$ | \% above $+2 \mathrm{sd}$ | Mean Z-Score (SD) | Number of children |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 12.0 | 3.0 | -. 8 | 2817 | 30.5 | 11.8 | -1.3 | 2700 | 6.7 | 2.1 | 6.9 | -. 1 | 2694 |
| Central | 11.7 | 2.5 | -. 7 | 1452 | 28.1 | 9.0 | -1.2 | 1404 | 4.8 | 1.9 | 4.6 | -. 0 | 1418 |
| Eastern | 14.6 | 4.2 | -. 9 | 1802 | 42.8 | 19.3 | -1.7 | 1702 | 5.5 | 2.1 | 11.0 | . 2 | 1751 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-5 | 10.7 | 3.5 | -. 2 | 587 | 21.0 | 9.5 | -. 3 | 525 | 15.1 | 8.4 | 13.6 | -. 1 | 497 |
| 6-11 | 8.6 | 2.4 | -. 3 | 615 | 16.7 | 9.3 | -. 5 | 589 | 10.0 | 3.3 | 10.0 | -. 0 | 570 |
| 12-23 | 11.4 | 3.4 | -. 8 | 1202 | 35.9 | 14.6 | -1.5 | 1139 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 8.3 | . 0 | 1158 |
| 24-35 | 13.8 | 2.8 | -. 9 | 1294 | 37.4 | 16.1 | -1.7 | 1226 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 6.8 | . 1 | 1254 |
| 36-47 | 15.4 | 3.7 | -1.0 | 1221 | 40.3 | 14.1 | -1.7 | 1196 | 4.9 | 1.1 | 6.7 | -. 0 | 1214 |
| 48-59 | 13.1 | 3.1 | -1.0 | 1153 | 34.3 | 12.1 | -1.6 | 1131 | 3.3 | . 7 | 4.8 | . 0 | 1169 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 14.4 | 3.7 | -. 9 | 4044 | 37.4 | 14.7 | -1.5 | 3886 | 6.1 | 2.2 | 7.0 | -. 0 | 3937 |
| Primary | 11.2 | 1.9 | -. 8 | 750 | 30.5 | 9.1 | -1.3 | 726 | 4.6 | 1.4 | 6.3 | -. 1 | 730 |
| Secondary | 8.1 | 2.3 | -. 4 | 1277 | 22.7 | 11.4 | -1.0 | 1193 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 10.3 | . 2 | 1196 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 16.1 | 4.2 | -1.0 | 1232 | 41.4 | 14.9 | -1.7 | 1196 | 5.1 | 1.8 | 6.2 | -. 1 | 1217 |
| Second | 16.1 | 3.4 | -1.0 | 1106 | 39.9 | 14.9 | -1.6 | 1039 | 6.6 | 1.9 | 7.1 | . 0 | 1066 |
| Middle | 14.0 | 3.1 | -. 8 | 1150 | 38.4 | 15.6 | -1.5 | 1107 | 6.4 | 2.6 | 8.4 | . 1 | 1121 |
| Fourth | 10.3 | 3.1 | -. 7 | 1411 | 27.6 | 10.8 | -1.2 | 1354 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 6.3 | -. 0 | 1350 |
| Richest | 7.3 | 2.1 | -. 4 | 1171 | 21.4 | 10.9 | -1.0 | 1110 | 5.6 | 2.1 | 10.2 | . 2 | 1110 |
| Total | 12.7 | 3.2 | -. 8 | 6071 | 33.5 | 13.3 | -1.4 | 5805 | 5.9 | 2.0 | 7.6 | . 0 | 5863 |

[1] MICS indicator 2.1a and MDG indicator 1.8
[3] MICS indicator 2.2a, [4] MICS indicator 2.2b
[5] MICS indicator 2.3a, [6] MICS indicator 2.3b

Children with incomplete birth dates (month and year) and children whose measurements are outside a plausible range are excluded from Table NU.1. Children are excluded from one or more of the anthropometric indicators when their weight and height have not been measured, which ever is applicable. For example, if a child has been weighed but his/her height has not been measured, the child is included in underweight calculations, but not in the calculations for stunting and wasting. Percentages of children by age and reasons for exclusion are shown in the data quality tables DQ. 6 and DQ.7. Overall 98 percent of children had both their weight and height measured (Table DQ.6). Table DQ. 7 shows that due to incomplete dates of birth, implausible measurements, and missing weight and/or height, 4.1 percent of children have been excluded from calculations of the weight-for-age indicator, while the figures are 8.4 for the height-for-age indicator, and 8.4 for the weight-for-height indicator.

Almost one in eight children under age five in Bhutan are moderately underweight (12.7\%) and 3.2 percent are classified as severely underweight (Table NU.1). More than one -third of children (33.5\%) are moderately stunted or too short for their age, out of which 13.3 percent are severely stunted.

Figure NU.1: Percent of children underweight, stunted and wasted by age groups, Bhutan 2010


Children in the Eastern region have the highest prevalence of stunting (42.8\%) and are classified as critical, which requires targeted programme intervention. In contrast, the percentage of children with wasting is the highest in Western region ( $6.7 \%$ ). Children whose mothers are uneducated and are from the poorest family had highest prevalence of stunting at 37.4 percent and 41.4 percent respectively, compared to educated mothers $(22.7 \%)$ and from the richest family ( $21.4 \%$ ). The age pattern shows a big jump in stunting and a smaller jump in underweight among children aged 12-23 months (Figure NU.1). This corresponds to the age at which many children cease to be breastfed and are exposed to contamination in water, food, and the environment in general. The higher level of underweight and stunting remain also among older age groups. The largest percentage of over-weight children is in the richest quintile (10.2\%), in urban areas (10\%) and in the Eastern region (11\%).

## Breastfeeding and Infant and Young Child Feeding

Breastfeeding for the first few years of life protects children from infection, provides an ideal source of nutrients and is economical and safe. However, many mothers stop breastfeeding too soon and there are often pressures to switch to an infant formula, which can contribute to growth faltering and micronutrient malnutrition and is unsafe if clean water is not readily available.

WHO/UNICEF have the following feeding recommendations:

- Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months
- Continued breastfeeding for two years or more
- Safe, appropriate and adequate complementary foods beginning at 6 months
- Frequency of complementary feeding: two times per day for 6-8 month olds; three times per day for 9-11 month olds

It is also recommended that breastfeeding be initiated within one hour of birth.

The indicators related to recommended child feeding practices are as follows:
Early initiation of breastfeeding (within one hour of birth)

- Exclusive breastfeeding rate (< six months)
- Predominant breastfeeding ( $<$ six months)
- Continued breastfeeding rate (at one year and at two years)
- Duration of breastfeeding
- Age-appropriate breastfeeding (0-23 months)
- Introduction of solid, semi-solid and soft foods (6-8 months)
- Minimum meal frequency (6-23 months)
- Milk feeding frequency for non-breastfeeding children (6-23 months)
- Bottle feeding (0-23 months)


## TABLE NU.2: INITIAL BREASTFEEDING

Percentage of last-born children in the 2 years preceding the survey who were ever breastfed, percentage who were breastfed within one hour of birth and within one day of birth, and percentage who received a prelacteal feed, Bhutan, 2010
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|r|r|r|r|r|r|}\hline & \begin{array}{c}\text { Percentage ever } \\ \text { breastfed }[1]\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Percentage who were } \\ \text { first breastfed: Within } \\ \text { one hour of birth [2] }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Percentage who were first } \\ \text { breasted: Within one day } \\ \text { of birth }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Percentage who received } \\ \text { a prelacteal feed }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { children in the two years } \\ \text { preceding the survey }\end{array}\right]$

| Contd. TABLE NU.2: INITIAL BREASTFEEDING |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of last-born children in the 2 years preceding the survey who were ever breastfed, percentage who were breastfed within one hour of birth and within one day of birth, and percentage who received a prelacteal feed, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage ever breastfed [1] | Percentage who were first breastfed: Within one hour of birth [2] | Percentage who were first breastfed: Within one day of birth | Percentage who received a prelacteal feed | Number of last-born children in the two years preceding the survey |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public sector health facility | 99.6 | 60.0 | 93.5 | 8.2 | 1492 |
| Private sector health facility | 100.0 | 35.6 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 3 |
| Home | 97.9 | 57.8 | 91.7 | 8.1 | 865 |
| Other/Missing | 90.6 | 27.4 | 90.6 | 16.2 | 8 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 98.9 | 56.8 | 92.5 | 7.7 | 1484 |
| Primary | 98.3 | 58.6 | 92.4 | 7.5 | 302 |
| Secondary + | 99.3 | 65.0 | 94.0 | 9.8 | 582 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 97.6 | 55.2 | 91.0 | 8.2 | 471 |
| Second | 98.8 | 57.9 | 91.7 | 8.8 | 448 |
| Middle | 99.7 | 61.4 | 94.3 | 7.3 | 475 |
| Fourth | 99.1 | 58.2 | 93.3 | 7.0 | 518 |
| Richest | 99.5 | 62.6 | 94.0 | 9.8 | 455 |
| Total | 98.9 | 59.0 | 92.9 | 8.2 | 2368 |

[1] MICS indicator 2.4
[2] MICS indicator 2.5

* Two unweighted cases for Birth Delivered in private health facility not shown and seven unweighted cases with missing place of delivery not shown
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Table NU. 2 provides the proportion of children born in the last two years who were ever breastfed, those who were first breastfed within one hour and one day of birth, and those who received a prelacteal feed. Although a very important step in management of lactation and establishment of a physical and emotional relationship between the baby and the mother, 59 percent of babies are breastfed for the first time within one hour of birth, while 92.9 percent of newborns in Bhutan start breastfeeding within one day of birth.

From the Table NU. 2 above and figure NU. 2 below it is clear that there is little change in the early initiation of breast feeding between background characteristics. Whether the delivery took place in the health facility or at home, attended by a skilled professional or non-skill, in urban or rural area, in the east or west, in poor or hard to reach households, the difference doesn't go beyond 7 percent at the most. The widest range is between the educational levels of mothers ( $8.2 \%$ between none and secondary education) and Dzongkhag, with Bhumthang the lowest (37.5\%) and Lhuentse the highest percent $(89.3 \%)$ of breastfed children within one hour of birth. It is worth mentioning that the high percent of children who were breastfed within one day, with the highest percentage in Thimphu (97.3\%) and Haa $(97.8 \%)$ and lowest in Bumthang at 87.1 percent. The highest percent of pre-lacteal feed (feeding a baby prior to giving breastmilk/Colostrum) was observed in Wangdue (21.3\%) and Samtse (17.2\%) and lowest in Lhuentse (2.6\%) and Zhemgang (1.9\%). This finding needs further study.

It is assumed that the higher the proportion of mothers' are being attended by skilled birth attendants (SBA) during delivery the more likely babies are to be breastfed within one hour. However, the percentage difference for this indicator between SBA (60.5\%) and traditional birth attendant (57.3\%) is only 3.2 percent.

Figure NU.2: Initial breastfeeding (within one hour and one day of birth), Bhutan 2010.


TABLE NU.3: BREASTFEEDING
Percentage of living children according to breastfeeding status at selected age groups, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Children 0-5 months |  |  | Children 12-15 months |  | Children 20-23 months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent exclusively breastfed [1] | Percent predominantly breastfed <br> [2] | Number of children | Percent breastfed (Continued breastfeeding at 1 year) [3] | Number of children | Percent breastfed (Continued breastfeeding at 2 years) [4] | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 47.3 | 67.1 | 297 | 93.0 | 187 | 68.1 | 196 |
| Female | 50.0 | 66.6 | 306 | 92.5 | 225 | 63.2 | 192 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 55.1 | 67.9 | 304 | 94.7 | 182 | 61.6 | 167 |
| Central | 43.4 | 67.5 | 140 | 89.2 | 100 | 67.1 | 114 |
| Eastern | 41.2 | 64.2 | 159 | 92.5 | 130 | 70.5 | 107 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 57.4 | 73.1 | 195 | 90.8 | 125 | 58.7 | 126 |
| Rural | 44.5 | 63.8 | 408 | 93.5 | 287 | 69.0 | 261 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 44.4 | 66.4 | 352 | 94.5 | 277 | 70.2 | 244 |
| Primary | 47.1 | 62.0 | 62 | 87.7 | 43 | 63.6 | 58 |
| Secondary | 57.3 | 69.2 | 188 | 89.8 | 92 | 54.2 | 85 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 36.1 | 64.4 | 115 | 96.1 | 82 | 77.2 | 65 |
| Second | 50.3 | 67.2 | 91 | 91.7 | 82 | 70.4 | 81 |
| Middle | 42.8 | 61.3 | 128 | 92.3 | 78 | 68.4 | 69 |
| Fourth | 47.1 | 67.2 | 129 | 96.3 | 79 | 58.2 | 103 |
| Richest | 65.0 | 73.5 | 139 | 87.7 | 90 | 57.6 | 70 |
| Total | 48.7 | 66.8 | 603 | 92.7 | 411 | 65.7 | 387 |

[1] MICS indicator 2.6
[2] MICS indicator 2.9
[3] MICS indicator 2.7
[4] MICS indicator 2.8

* By Dzongkhag is not shown because the number of unweighted observation are lower than 50

In Table NU.3, breastfeeding status is based on the reports of mothers/caretakers of children's consumption of food and fluids in the 24 hours prior to the interview. Exclusively breastfed refers to infants who received only breast milk (and vitamins, mineral supplements, or medicine). The table shows exclusive breastfeeding of infants during the first six months of life, as well as continued breastfeeding of children at 12-15 and 20-23 months of age.
48.7 percent of children aged less than six months are exclusively breastfed. By age 12-15 months, 92.7 percent of children are still being breastfed and by age $20-23$ months, 65.7 percent are still breastfed. Exclusive breastfeeding has a strong correlation with education of the mother and the wealth index. The most prominent difference, however, is in relationship to the wealth index where the children living in the households falling in the poorest quintile are less likely to be exclusively breastfed (36.1\%) than their peers from the richest quintile (65\%). While children from the Eastern region are less likely to be exclusively or predominantly breastfed, they are more likely to continue to be breastfed at two years of age than children from the Western and Central regions.

Table NU. 4 shows the median duration of breastfeeding by selected background characteristics. Among children under age three, the median duration is 24.2 months for any breastfeeding, 2.4 months for exclusive breastfeeding and 4.1 months for predominant breastfeeding. The median duration for exclusive breastfeeding is found higher in urban areas compared to rural and it is positively correlated with mothers' education. Corresponding to the findings in Table NU.3, the median duration of exclusive breastfeeding among children from the Eastern region is found to be lower than in other regions, while median duration of any breastfeeding is higher. The median duration of exclusive breastfeeding ( 0.7 month) is found lowest within the poorest wealth quintile.

TABLE NU.4: DURATION OF BREASTFEEDING
Median duration of any breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding, and predominant breastfeeding among children age 0-35 months, Bhu$\tan , 2010$

|  |  | ian duration (in month |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Any breastfeeding [1] | Exclusive breastfeeding | Predominant breastfeeding | 0-35 months |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 24.3 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 1922 |
| Female | 24.1 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 1878 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 20.0 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 106 |
| Chukha | 24.4 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 370 |
| Dagana | 29.8 | . 9 | 4.9 | 152 |
| Gasa | (21.1) | (0.0) | (15.0) | 28 |
| Haa | 21.4 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 71 |
| Lhuntse | 22.8 | . 5 | 4.6 | 79 |
| Monggar | 25.8 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 274 |
| Paro | 20.9 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 220 |
| Pemagatshel | 27.6 | 4.4 | 10.3 | 139 |
| Punakha | 23.1 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 141 |
| Samdrup Jongkhar | 27.4 | . 7 | 4.3 | 249 |
| Samtse | 21.9 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 399 |
| Sarpang | 26.3 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 209 |
| Thimphu | 22.6 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 515 |
| Trashigang | 25.9 | 1.4 | 6.2 | 273 |
| Trashiyangtse | 21.7 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 105 |
| Trongsa | 27.9 | . 7 | 2.2 | 80 |
| Tsirang | 31.1 | 1.6 | 5.0 | 116 |
| Wangdue | 22.9 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 155 |
| Zhemgang | 26.7 | 1.5 | 4.4 | 119 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Weatern | 22.4 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 1744 |
| Central | 25.6 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 936 |
| Eastern | 25.8 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 1119 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.5 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 1130 |
| Rural | 25.5 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 2670 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |
| None | 25.5 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 2476 |
| Primary | 23.3 | 2.3 | 4.2 | 457 |
| Secondary+ | 21.8 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 867 |
| Wealth index quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 28.1 | . 7 | 4.5 | 753 |
| Second | 27.1 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 692 |
| Middle | 24.5 | 2.0 | 3.8 | 755 |
| Fourth | 22.1 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 862 |
| Richest | 22.0 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 738 |
| Median | 24.2 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 3800 |
| Mean for all children (0-35 months) | 24.8 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 3800 |

[^5]The adequacy of infant feeding in children under 24 months is provided in Table NU.5. Different criteria of adequate feeding are used depending on the age of the child. For infants aged $0-5$ months, exclusive breastfeeding is considered as adequate feeding, while infants aged 6-23 months are considered to be adequately fed if they are receiving breast milk and solid, semi-solid or soft food. Thus 48.7 percent of 0-5 month infants are adequately breastfed through exclusive breastfeeding. The percentage of children 6-23 months old appropriately breastfed is higher in the Central region than in other regions. The correlation to the mothers' education, wealth and urban-rural is quite the opposite as for children 0-5 months old. Thus, the percentage appropriately breastfed 6-23 months old decreases with the mothers' education and with wealth, and is lower in urban areas.

| TABLE NU.5: AGE-APPROPRIATE BREASTFEEDING |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children age $\mathbf{0 - 2 3}$ months who were appropriately breastfed during the previous day, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Children age 0-5 months |  | Children age 6-23 months |  | Children age 0-23 months |  |
|  | Percent exclusively breastfed [1] | Number of children | Percent currently breastfeeding and receiving solid, semi-solid or soft foods | Number of children | Percent appropriately breastfed [2] | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 47.3 | 297 | 71.8 | 953 | 66.0 | 1250 |
| Female | 50.0 | 306 | 71.4 | 907 | 66.0 | 1213 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 55.1 | 304 | 70.4 | 828 | 66.3 | 1132 |
| Central | 43.4 | 140 | 75.2 | 482 | 68.1 | 622 |
| Eastern | 41.2 | 159 | 70.1 | 550 | 63.6 | 709 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 57.4 | 195 | 66.2 | 562 | 63.9 | 757 |
| Rural | 44.5 | 408 | 73.9 | 1298 | 66.9 | 1706 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 44.4 | 352 | 73.8 | 1179 | 67.1 | 1531 |
| Primary | 47.1 | 62 | 69.5 | 244 | 64.9 | 306 |
| Secondary | 57.3 | 188 | 66.6 | 438 | 63.8 | 626 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 36.1 | 115 | 76.5 | 359 | 66.7 | 474 |
| Second | 50.3 | 91 | 73.1 | 368 | 68.6 | 459 |
| Middle | 42.8 | 128 | 68.0 | 365 | 61.4 | 493 |
| Fourth | 47.1 | 129 | 72.2 | 410 | 66.2 | 539 |
| Richest | 65.0 | 139 | 67.9 | 359 | 67.1 | 497 |
| Total | 48.7 | 603 | 71.6 | 1860 | 66.0 | 2463 |

[1] MICS indicator 2.6
[2] MICS indicator 2.14

* By Dzongkhag is not shown because the number of unweighted observation are lower than 50

Adequate complementary feeding of children from six months to two years of age is particularly important for growth and development and the prevention of under-nutrition. Continued breastfeeding beyond six months should be accompanied by consumption of nutritionally adequate, safe and appropriate complementary foods that help meet nutritional requirements when breastmilk is no longer sufficient. This requires that for breastfed children, two or more meals of solid, semi-solid or soft foods are needed if they are six to eight months old, and three or more meals if they are 9-23 months of age. For children 6-23 months and older who are not breastfed, four or more meals of solid, semi-solid or soft foods or milk feeds are needed. Overall, 66.7 percent of infants aged 6-8 months received solid, semi-solid, or soft foods with higher levels among boys (69.7\%) than girls (63.4\%). (Table NU.6).

| TABLE NU.6: INTRODUCTION OF SOLID, SEMI-SOLID OR SOFT FOOD |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Percentage of infants age 6-8 months who received solid, semi-solid or soft foods during the previous day, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |
|  |  | All |  |
|  |  | Percent receiving solid, semi-solid or soft foods[1] |  |
| Sex |  | Number of children age 6-8 months |  |
| Male |  | 69.7 |  |
| Female |  | 63.4 |  |
| Residence |  | 66.7 |  |
| Urban |  | 66.7 |  |
| Rural | $\mathbf{6 6 . 7}$ |  |  |
| Total |  | 180 |  |

[1] MICS indicator 2.12

* Rest of the background characteristics are not shown because the number of unweighted observations are lower than 50

Table NU. 7 presents the proportion of children aged 6-23 months who received solid, semi-solid or soft foods the minimum number of times or more during the previous day, according to breastfeeding status. (See the note in Table NU. 7 for a definition of minimum number of times for different age groups). Overall, more than half of the children aged 6-23 months (62.6\%) were receiving solid, semi-solid and soft foods the minimum number of times. A similar proportion of females (63.1\%) were enjoying the minimum meal frequency compared to males (62.1\%).

Among currently breastfeeding children aged 6-23 months, more than half of them (64\%) were receiving solid, semi-solid and soft foods the minimum number of times. Among non-breastfeeding children, more than half of the children (53.6\%) were receiving solid, semi-solid and soft foods or milk feeds four times or more.

| TABLE NU.7: MINIMUM MEAL FREQUENCY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children age 6-23 months who received solid, semi-solid, or soft foods (and milk feeds for non-breastfeeding children) the minimum number of times or more during the previous day, according to breastfeeding status, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Currently breastfeeding |  | Currently not breastfeeding |  |  | All |  |
|  | Percent receiving solid, semi-solid and soft foods the minimum number of times | Number of children age 6-23 months | Percent receiving at least 2 milk feeds [1] | Percent receiving solid, semi-solid and soft foods or milk feeds 4 times or more | Number of children age 6-23 months | Percent with minimum meal frequency [2] | Number of children age 6-23 months |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 63.1 | 825 | 38.3 | 55.4 | 128 | 62.1 | 953 |
| Female | 64.9 | 785 | 34.2 | 51.7 | 122 | 63.1 | 907 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 months | 61.9 | 343 | 39.6 | 39.6 | 6 | 61.6 | 349 |
| 9-11 months | 56.3 | 274 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 3 | 56.7 | 278 |
| 12-17 months | 63.7 | 561 | 54.6 | 62.2 | 63 | 63.5 | 624 |
| 18-23 months | 70.9 | 431 | 28.8 | 50.3 | 179 | 64.9 | 610 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 64.1 | 708 | 41.5 | 56.3 | 120 | 62.9 | 828 |
| Central | 64.8 | 417 | 35.7 | 60.1 | 65 | 64.2 | 482 |
| Eastern | 63.2 | 485 | 27.3 | 41.9 | 65 | 60.7 | 550 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 61.7 | 474 | 40.2 | 56.4 | 88 | 60.8 | 562 |
| Rural | 65.0 | 1136 | 34.2 | 52.0 | 162 | 63.3 | 1298 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 63.2 | 1038 | 25.9 | 43.7 | 141 | 60.9 | 1179 |
| Primary | 63.0 | 210 | 22.1 | 37.5 | 34 | 59.5 | 244 |
| Secondary | 66.7 | 361 | 61.7 | 79.0 | 76 | 68.8 | 438 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 61.4 | 329 | 21.5 | 48.4 | 29 | 60.3 | 359 |
| Second | 63.3 | 325 | 30.3 | 54.8 | 43 | 62.3 | 368 |
| Middle | 65.5 | 309 | 29.1 | 47.5 | 56 | 62.7 | 365 |
| Fourth | 65.5 | 347 | 29.0 | 38.5 | 63 | 61.4 | 410 |
| Richest | 64.2 | 299 | 62.5 | 76.9 | 59 | 66.3 | 359 |
| Total | 64.0 | 1610 | 36.3 | 53.6 | 251 | 62.6 | 1860 |

[^6]The continued practice of bottle-feeding is a concern because of the possible contamination due to unsafe water and lack of hygiene in preparation. Table NU. 8 shows that bottle-feeding is still prevalent in Bhutan. 11.5 percent of children aged 0-23 months are fed using a bottle with a nipple. The prevalence of bottle-feeding is higher in the Western region (14.8\%) among children 0-23 months when compared with the Central (9.9\%) and Eastern (7.8\%). The practice of bottle-feeding is higher among highly educated mothers, in richer households and in urban areas.

TABLE NU.8: BOTTLE FEEDING
Percentage of children age $\mathbf{0 - 2 3}$ months who were fed with a bottle with a nipple during the previous day, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children age 0-23 months fed with a bottle with a nipple [1] | Number of children age 0-23 months: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 10.9 | 1250 |
| Female | 12.2 | 1213 |
| Age |  |  |
| 0-5 months | 6.4 | 603 |
| 6-11 months | 16.5 | 626 |
| 12-23 months | 11.5 | 1234 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |
| Bumthang | 20.2 | 72 |
| Chukha | 14.2 | 248 |
| Dagana | 5.2 | 108 |
| Gasa | (6.0) | 20 |
| Haa | 21.7 | 44 |
| Lhuntse | 11.8 | 47 |
| Mongar | 5.5 | 179 |
| Paro | 14.0 | 152 |
| Pemagatshel | 8.6 | 87 |
| Punakha | 12.6 | 102 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 6.7 | 160 |
| Samtse | 10.7 | 234 |
| Sarpang | 14.1 | 142 |
| Thimphu | 18.7 | 332 |
| Trashigang | 10.9 | 164 |
| Trashiyangtse | 5.0 | 72 |
| Trongsa | 10.8 | 53 |
| Tsirang | $1.1$ | 68 |
| Wangdue | 11.0 | 102 |
| Zhemgang | 4.7 | 76 |
| Region |  |  |
| Western | 14.8 | 1132 |
| Central | 9.9 | 622 |
| Eastern | 7.8 | 709 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 18.4 | 757 |
| Rural | 8.5 | 1706 |
| Mother's education |  |  |
| None | 7.4 | 1531 |
| Primary | $12.3$ | 306 |
| Secondary | 21.3 | 626 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |
| Poorest | 4.7 | 474 |
| Second | 4.0 | 459 |
| Middle | 7.1 | 493 |
| Fourth | 17.2 | 539 |
| Richest | 23.2 | 497 |
| Total | 11.5 | 2463 |

[1] MICS indicator 2.11

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases


## Low Birth Weight

Weight at birth is a good indicator not only of a mother's health and nutritional status but also the newborn's chances for survival, growth, long-term health and psychosocial development. Low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams) carries a range of grave health risks for children. Babies who were undernourished in the womb face a greatly increased risk of dying during their early months and years.

Those who survive have impaired immune function and increased risk of disease; they are likely to remain undernourished, with reduced muscle strength, throughout their lives, and suffer a higher incidence of diabetes and heart disease in later life. Children born underweight also tend to have a lower IQ and cognitive disabilities, affecting their performance in school and their job opportunities as adults.

In the developing world, low birth weight stems primarily from the mother's poor health and nutrition. Three factors are most impact: the mother's poor nutritional status before conception, short stature (due mostly to under nutrition and infections during her childhood), and poor nutrition during the pregnancy. Inadequate weight gain during pregnancy is particularly important since it accounts for a large proportion of foetal growth retardation. Moreover, diseases such as diarrhoea and malaria, which are common in many developing countries, can significantly impair foetal growth if the mother becomes infected while pregnant.

In the industrialized world, cigarette smoking during pregnancy is the leading cause of low birth weight. In developed and developing countries alike, teenagers who give birth when their own bodies have yet to finish growing run the risk of bearing underweight babies.

One of the major challenges in measuring the incidence of low birth weight is that more than half of infants in the developing world are not weighed. In the past, most estimates of low birth weight for developing countries were based on data compiled from health facilities. However, these estimates are biased for most developing countries because the majority of newborns are not delivered in facilities, and those who are represent only a selected sample of all births.

Because many infants may not be weighed at birth and those who are weighed may be a biased sample of all births, the reported birth weights usually cannot be used to estimate the prevalence of low birth weight among all children. Therefore, the percentage of births weighing below 2,500 grams is estimated from two items in the questionnaire: the mother's assessment of the child's size at birth (i.e., very small, smaller than average, average, larger than average, very large) and the mother's recall of the child's weight or the weight as recorded on a health card if the child was weighed at birth ${ }^{9}$.

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## TABLE NU.9: LOW BIRTH WEIGHT INFANTS

Percentage of last-born children in the 2 years preceding the survey that are estimated to have weighed below 2500 grams at birth and percentage of live births weighed at birth, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent of live births: |  | Number of live births in the last 2 years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Below 2500 grams [1] | Weighed at birth [2] |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 11.4 | 73.4 | 69 |
| Chukha | 14.4 | 74.3 | 223 |
| Dagana | 8.4 | 62.6 | 100 |
| Gasa | (10.3) | (63.7) | 28 |
| Наa | (7.4) | (90.5) | 43 |
| Lhuntse | (10.1) | (70.1) | 47 |
| Mongar | 11.0 | 70.0 | 186 |
| Paro | 10.5 | 98.1 | 146 |
| Pemagatshel | 9.3 | 72.7 | 94 |
| Punakha | 9.1 | 88.0 | 100 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 7.6 | 44.9 | 163 |
| Samtse | 11.7 | 65.1 | 221 |
| Sarpang | 7.7 | 73.7 | 132 |
| Thimphu | 8.2 | 99.4 | 298 |
| Trashigang | 9.0 | 47.0 | 161 |
| Trashiyangtse | 10.5 | 59.1 | 60 |
| Trongsa | 7.8 | 67.4 | 50 |
| Tsirang | 10.2 | 91.3 | 62 |
| Wangdue | 10.0 | 60.5 | 103 |
| Zhemgang | 8.1 | 44.6 | 82 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Western | 10.7 | 84.4 | 1059 |
| Central | 9.0 | 66.8 | 598 |
| Eastern | 9.4 | 58.5 | 711 |


| Contd. TABLE NU.9: LOW BIRTH WEIGHT INFANTS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of last-born children in the 2 years preceding the survey that are estimated to have weighed below 2500 grams at birth and percentage of live births weighed at birth, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |
|  | Percent of live births: |  | Number of live births in the last 2 years |
|  | Below 2500 grams [1] | Weighed at birth [2] |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.5 | 93.8 | 690 |
| Rural | 10.4 | 63.3 | 1678 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| None | 10.2 | 62.4 | 1484 |
| Primary | 10.3 | 73.5 | 302 |
| Secondary + | 8.7 | 96.3 | 582 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 12.2 | 43.9 | 471 |
| Second | 10.5 | 56.3 | 448 |
| Middle | 9.5 | 73.6 | 475 |
| Fourth | 9.8 | 88.2 | 518 |
| Richest | 7.3 | 97.3 | 455 |
| Total | 9.9 | 72.2 | 2368 |

[1] MICS indicator 2.18

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

In total, 72.2 percent of births were weighed at birth and approximately 9.9 percent of infants are estimated to weigh less than 2,500 grams at birth (Table NU.9). While there were little differences regarding low birth weight by region, there was some variation by Dzongkhag with lowest levels in Samdrup Jongkhar (7.6\%) and highest levels in Chukha (14.4\%) (Figure NU.3). The percentage of low birth weight does not vary much by urban and rural areas or by a mother's education. However, the percentage of low birth weight is significantly higher among newborns in the poorest quintile ( $12.2 \%$ ) compared to the richest quintile ( $7.3 \%$ ).

Figure.NU.3: Percent of children weight below 2500 grams by Dzongkhag, Bhutan 2010.



## IV. Child Health

## Neonatal Tetanus Protection

One of the MDGs is to reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio, with one strategy to eliminate maternal tetanus. In addition, another goal is to reduce the incidence of neonatal tetanus to less than one case of neonatal tetanus per 1,000 live births in every district. A World Fit for Children goal is to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus by 2005.
Prevention of maternal and neonatal tetanus is to assure all pregnant women receive at least two doses of tetanus toxoid vaccine. However, if women have not received two doses of the vaccine during the pregnancy, they (and their newborn) are also considered to be protected if the following conditions are met:

- Received at least two doses of tetanus toxoid vaccine, the last within the prior three years;
- Received at least three doses, the last within the prior five years;
- Received at least five doses, the last within 10 years;
- Received at least five doses during lifetime.

Table CH. 1 shows the protection status from tetanus of women who have had a live birth within the last two years. Figure CH. 2 shows the protection of women against neonatal tetanus by major background characteristics. Nationally, 73 percent of women had received sufficient protection against tetanus. There is little difference between urban and rural areas for the percentage of women who were protected against tetanus. 80.1 percent of women with secondary+ education were protected from tetanus compared to 71.3 percent of women with no formal education, and 68.2 percent of women with primary education. While regional differences are not very large. There are variations between Dzongkhag for tetanus protection coverage with approximately a 39 percentage point deference between the best performing Dzongkhag and the worst performing Dzongkhag

TABLE CH.1: NEONATAL TETANUS PROTECTION
Percentage of women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the last 2 years protected against neonatal tetanus,Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of women who received at least 2 doses during last pregnancy | Percentage of women who did not receive two or more doses during last pregnancy but received: |  |  |  | Protected against tetanus [1] | Number of women with a live birth in the last 2 years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2 doses, the last within prior 3 years | 3 doses, the last within prior 5 years | 4 doses, the last within prior 10 years | 5 or more doses during lifetime |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 51.7 | 22.6 | . 0 | . 1 | . 1 | 74.5 | 690 |
| Rural | 48.5 | 23.6 | . 2 | . 1 | . 1 | 72.4 | 1678 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 43.7 | 29.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 7 | 73.7 | 69 |
| Chukha | 45.6 | 15.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 60.6 | 223 |
| Dagana | 40.7 | 18.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 59.2 | 100 |
| Gasa | (32.8) | (19.6) | (.0) | (.0) | (.0) | (52.4) | 28 |
| Haa | 74.8 | 7.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 82.0 | 43 |
| Lhuntse | 60.9 | 25.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 86.4 | 47 |
| Mongar | 49.0 | 27.0 | . 7 | . 3 | . 0 | 77.0 | 186 |
| Paro | 58.1 | 10.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 68.9 | 146 |
| Pemagatshel | 52.3 | 30.0 | . 8 | . 7 | . 0 | 83.8 | 94 |
| Punakha | 44.8 | 8.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 53.0 | 100 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 42.6 | 38.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 81.6 | 163 |
| Samtse | 53.5 | 31.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 85.1 | 221 |
| Sarpang | 50.3 | 41.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 7 | 92.2 | 132 |
| Thimphu | 55.3 | 16.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 71.3 | 298 |
| Trashigang | 40.5 | 15.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 56.0 | 161 |
| Trashiyangtse | 52.1 | 27.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 7 | 80.0 | 60 |
| Trongsa | 41.7 | 31.4 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 74.1 | 50 |
| Tsirang | 63.2 | 3.8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 67.0 | 62 |
| Wangdue | 48.3 | 30.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 78.6 | 103 |
| Zhemgang | 39.7 | 37.6 | . 5 | 1.5 | . 0 | 79.2 | 82 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 52.5 | 17.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 69.8 | 1059 |
| Central | 46.8 | 29.0 | . 1 | . 2 | . 2 | 76.3 | 598 |
| Eastern | 47.1 | 27.4 | . 3 | . 2 | . 1 | 75.0 | 711 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 44.2 | 26.7 | . 1 | . 2 | . 1 | 71.3 | 1484 |
| Primary | 49.2 | 18.5 | . 2 | . 0 | . 1 | 68.2 | 302 |
| Secondary + | 62.9 | 17.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 80.1 | 582 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 43.1 | 27.6 | . 0 | . 1 | . 2 | 71.1 | 471 |
| Second | 50.5 | 20.0 | . 4 | . 0 | . 0 | 70.9 | 448 |
| Middle | 48.3 | 21.3 | . 2 | . 1 | . 2 | 70.0 | 475 |
| Fourth | 49.6 | 25.8 | . 1 | . 2 | . 0 | 75.7 | 518 |
| Richest | 55.9 | 21.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 77.2 | 455 |
| Total | 49.4 | 23.3 | . 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 73.0 | 2368 |

[^8]Figure.CH.1: Neonatal tetanus protection (women with a live birth in the previous 24 months), Bhutan 2010.


## Oral Rehydration Treatment

Diarrhoea is the second leading cause of death among children under-five worldwide. Most diar-rhoea-related deaths in children are due to dehydration from loss of large quantities of water and electrolytes from the body in liquid stools. Management of diarrhoea - either through oral rehydration salts (ORS) or a recommended home fluid (RHF) - can prevent many of these deaths. Preventing dehydration and malnutrition by increasing fluid intake and continuing to feed the child are also important strategies for managing diarrhoea.

The goals are to: 1) reduce by one half death due to diarrhoea among children under-five by 2010 compared to 2000 (A World Fit for Children); and 2) reduce by two thirds the mortality rate among children under-five by 2015 compared to 1990 (Millennium Development Goals). In addition, the World Fit for Children calls for a reduction in the incidence of diarrhoea by 25 percent.

The indicators are:

- Prevalence of diarrhoea
- Oral rehydration therapy (ORT)
- Home management of diarrhoea
- ORT with continued feeding

In the BMIS questionnaire, mothers (or caretakers) were asked to report whether their child had had diarrhoea in the two weeks prior to the survey. If so, the mother was asked a series of questions about what the child had to drink and eat during the episode and whether this was more or less than the child usually ate and drank.

Overall, 25.1 percent of under-five children had diarrhoea in the two weeks preceding the survey (Table CH.1). Diarrhoea prevalence was similar in all regions, but with some variations at Dzongkhag levels, with the highest prevalence in Wangdue (36.3\%) and the lowest prevalence in Pemagatshel $(15.7 \%)$. The peak of diarrhoea prevalence occurs in the weaning period, among children aged 12-23 months. Less diarrhoea prevalence is found among children in the richest quintile (18.8\%) and children of mothers with secondary or higher education (19.7\%).

TABLE CH.2: ORAL REHYDRATION SOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDED HOMEMADE FLUIDS
Percentage of children age $\mathbf{0 - 5 9}$ months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks, and treatment with oral rehydration solutions and recommended homemade fluids, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Had diarrhoea in last two weeks | Number of children age 0-59 months | Children with diarrhoea who received: |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | ORS (Fluid from ORS packet or pre-packaged ORS fluid) | Recommended homemade fluids |  |  |  | ORS or any recommended homemade fluid |  |
|  |  |  |  | Rice water/ rice porridge | Whey (Dachu) | Weak tea (Phekha) with salt | Any recommended homemade fluid |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 26.4 | 3216 | 60.6 | 31.8 | 15.8 | 36.1 | 58.0 | 81.1 | 850 |
| Female | 23.8 | 3081 | 61.3 | 34.5 | 14.1 | 34.1 | 57.4 | 79.8 | 732 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 17.2 | 171 | 52.7 | 20.5 | 19.0 | 30.1 | 50.2 | 75.8 | 30 |
| Chukha | 30.0 | 648 | 46.9 | 33.2 | 14.9 | 29.4 | 49.3 | 70.9 | 194 |
| Dagana | 24.5 | 237 | 62.9 | 30.6 | 2.8 | 20.5 | 40.0 | 86.9 | 58 |
| Gasa | 21.4 | 43 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 9 |
| Наa | 23.0 | 121 | 59.8 | 49.4 | 9.7 | 18.9 | 61.5 | 78.2 | 28 |
| Lhuntse | 30.4 | 124 | 84.7 | 46.5 | 48.8 | 72.1 | 83.7 | 90.7 | 38 |
| Mongar | 25.2 | 466 | 63.3 | 34.8 | 23.1 | 43.2 | 65.5 | 80.0 | 117 |
| Paro | 25.7 | 337 | 57.1 | 33.4 | 12.0 | 14.1 | 46.1 | 76.3 | 86 |
| Pemagatshel | 15.7 | 214 | (54.4) | (36.8) | (11.6) | (40.2) | (60.3) | (80.9) | 34 |
| Punakha | 27.6 | 218 | 53.3 | 29.5 | 19.6 | 40.6 | 59.0 | 77.8 | 60 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 20.2 | 410 | 54.6 | 19.5 | 13.9 | 27.4 | 50.8 | 87.0 | 83 |
| Samtse | 24.7 | 755 | 48.6 | 21.4 | 10.7 | 20.1 | 40.4 | 67.3 | 186 |
| Sarpang | 20.5 | 350 | 63.2 | 47.1 | 6.9 | 22.7 | 51.1 | 79.4 | 72 |
| Thimphu | 25.2 | 801 | 73.4 | 36.0 | 5.9 | 54.6 | 72.8 | 89.6 | 201 |
| Trashigang | 26.5 | 479 | 71.7 | 40.0 | 10.9 | 33.1 | 63.0 | 85.7 | 127 |
| Trashiyangtse | 25.6 | 169 | 56.4 | 35.8 | 16.6 | 35.5 | 62.1 | 80.9 | 43 |
| Trongsa | 23.4 | 133 | 53.0 | 38.0 | 44.8 | 49.2 | 74.0 | 83.4 | 31 |
| Tsirang | 21.2 | 186 | 67.7 | 40.3 | 14.3 | 23.1 | 52.0 | 77.7 | 39 |
| Wangdue | 36.3 | 261 | 75.7 | 29.6 | 26.2 | 41.9 | 66.0 | 89.9 | 95 |
| Zhemgang | 28.7 | 175 | 67.2 | 32.5 | 23.5 | 69.3 | 80.8 | 91.9 | 50 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.3 | 1841 | 64.3 | 33.5 | 8.3 | 39.2 | 60.1 | 82.8 | 467 |
| Rural | 25.0 | 4456 | 59.5 | 32.9 | 17.8 | 33.5 | 56.7 | 79.5 | 1115 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 26.2 | 2922 | 56.5 | 31.4 | 11.3 | 32.5 | 54.1 | 76.4 | 766 |
| Central | 24.7 | 1513 | 65.6 | 34.6 | 18.2 | 36.3 | 59.0 | 84.8 | 375 |
| Eastern | 23.7 | 1862 | 64.6 | 34.7 | 18.6 | 38.8 | 62.8 | 84.0 | 442 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-11 | 29.8 | 1229 | 47.9 | 21.1 | 3.7 | 17.4 | 32.9 | 62.4 | 366 |
| 12-23 | 36.2 | 1234 | 63.6 | 32.9 | 15.7 | 36.5 | 59.5 | 84.8 | 447 |
| 24-35 | 24.3 | 1337 | 66.0 | 43.1 | 18.3 | 48.0 | 72.7 | 89.6 | 325 |
| 36-47 | 20.2 | 1275 | 71.1 | 36.7 | 21.0 | 37.9 | 68.1 | 87.9 | 258 |
| 48-59 | 15.2 | 1222 | 57.1 | 34.3 | 21.5 | 40.6 | 61.7 | 79.5 | 186 |


| Contd. TABLE CH.2: ORAL REHYDRATION SOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDED HOMEMADE FLUIDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children age $\mathbf{0 - 5 9}$ months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks, and treatment with oral rehydration solutions and recommended homemade fluids, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Had diarrhoea in last two weeks | Number of children age 0-59 months | Children with diarrhoea who received: |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea |
|  |  |  | ORS (Fluid from ORS packet or pre-packaged ORS fluid) | Recommended homemade fluids |  |  |  | ORS or any recommended homemade fluid |  |
|  |  |  |  | Rice water/ rice porridge | Whey (Dachu) | Weak tea (Phekha) with salt | Any recommended homemade fluid |  |  |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 26.5 | 4207 | 62.3 | 31.9 | 15.9 | 37.8 | 58.7 | 81.4 | 1114 |
| Primary | 26.9 | 781 | 60.6 | 33.9 | 18.5 | 32.3 | 56.7 | 80.9 | 210 |
| Secondary | 19.7 | 1309 | 55.3 | 37.2 | 8.1 | 25.9 | 54.4 | 76.2 | 257 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 26.3 | 1294 | 60.1 | 34.7 | 19.1 | 37.5 | 61.7 | 80.6 | 341 |
| Second | 25.0 | 1159 | 61.8 | 31.8 | 21.4 | 35.1 | 59.4 | 82.6 | 290 |
| Middle | 28.0 | 1197 | 59.9 | 31.0 | 16.1 | 39.3 | 56.4 | 80.5 | 336 |
| Fourth | 27.0 | 1438 | 64.6 | 32.6 | 9.6 | 35.9 | 57.7 | 82.4 | 389 |
| Richest | 18.8 | 1208 | 56.0 | 36.0 | 8.2 | 24.1 | 51.6 | 74.3 | 227 |
| Total | 25.1 | 6297 | 60.9 | 33.1 | 15.0 | 35.2 | 57.7 | 80.5 | 1582 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Table CH. 2 also shows the percentage of children receiving various types of recommended liquids during the episode of diarrhoea. Since mothers were able to name more than one type of liquid, the percentages do not necessarily add to 100 . About 60.9 percent received fluids from ORS packets or pre-packaged ORS fluids and 57.7 percent received recommended homemade fluids. Children of mothers with secondary education and children from the richest quintile are slightly less likely to receive oral rehydration treatment than other children. Approximately eight out of ten children with diarrhoea received one or more of the recommended home treatments (i.e., were treated with ORS or any recommended homemade fluid), while around two out of every ten children did not receive any treatment. Figure CH. 2 shows differences in the treatment of diarrhoea by background characteristics as partly discussed above.

Figure CH.2: Oral rehydration solution (percentage of under-five children with diarrhoea who received ORS or any recommended homemade fluids), Bhutan 2010.


More than one third ( $39.4 \%$ ) of under five children with diarrhoea drank more than usual and for children of mothers with secondary education it was more than half (51.4\%) and among children from the richest quintile ( $50.8 \%$ ). 70.8 percent ate somewhat less, same or more (continued feeding), but 29.2 percent ate much less or ate almost none.
TABLE CH.3: FEEDING PRACTICES DURING DIARRHOEA
Percentage distribution of children age $0-59$ months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks by amount of liquids and food given during episode of diarrhoea, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Had diarrhoea in last two weeks | Number of children age 0-59 months | Drinking practices during diarrhoea: |  |  |  |  |  |  | Eating practices during diarrhoea: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Given <br> much <br> less to <br> drink | Given somewhat less to drink | Given about the same to drink | Given more to drink | Given nothing to drink | $\begin{gathered} \text { Miss- } \\ \text { ing/ } \\ \text { DK } \end{gathered}$ | Total | Given <br> much <br> less to <br> eat | Given somewhat less to eat | Given about the same to eat | Given more to eat | Stopped food | Had never been given food | Missing/ DK | Total |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 26.4 | 3216 | 11.1 | 15.7 | 32.8 | 39.0 | 1.2 | . 3 | 100.0 | 18.0 | 34.9 | 26.1 | 9.8 | 6.3 | 4.8 | . 1 | 100.0 | 850 |
| Female | 23.8 | 3081 | 10.8 | 18.6 | 28.8 | 39.9 | 1.7 | . 1 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 33.1 | 28.3 | 9.4 | 5.6 | 5.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 732 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 17.2 | 171 | 2.0 | 12.9 | 29.3 | 53.8 | 2.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 32.2 | 29.1 | 21.5 | 6.3 | 5.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 30 |
| Chukha | 30.0 | 648 | 12.8 | 20.5 | 29.1 | 35.8 | 1.8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 22.2 | 37.8 | 22.5 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 7.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 194 |
| Dagana | 24.5 | 237 | 4.8 | 14.7 | 49.6 | 30.9 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 12.2 | 21.9 | 48.5 | 12.6 | 1.3 | 3.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 58 |
| Gasa | 21.4 | 43 | 8.2 | 27.6 | 5.5 | 48.8 | 9.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 9 |
| Наa | 23.0 | 121 | 1.1 | 11.8 | 32.5 | 53.2 | 1.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 20.5 | 33.6 | 27.6 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 5.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 28 |
| Lhuntse | 30.4 | 124 | 29.6 | 28.6 | 24.0 | 11.7 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 24.1 | 33.9 | 26.7 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 38 |
| Mongar | 25.2 | 466 | 19.6 | 17.4 | 28.7 | 31.8 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 38.8 | 38.2 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 2.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 117 |
| Paro | 25.7 | 337 | 4.0 | 15.9 | 25.3 | 54.7 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 50.5 | 26.9 | 7.3 | 4.3 | 3.8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 86 |
| Pemagatshel | 15.7 | 214 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 56.5 | 31.3 | 5.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | (13.2) | (34.1) | (42.5) | (3.4) | (1.8) | (4.9) | (.0) | (100.0) | 34 |
| Punakha | 27.6 | 218 | . 0 | 8.1 | 28.6 | 60.2 | 3.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 30.3 | 28.6 | 18.8 | 17.5 | 3.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 60 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 20.2 | 410 | 4.5 | 12.5 | 49.4 | 31.9 | 1.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 32.8 | 49.4 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 1.8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 83 |
| Samtse | 24.7 | 755 | 6.7 | 27.3 | 33.5 | 32.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 30.4 | 35.5 | 11.1 | 3.1 | 2.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 186 |
| Sarpang | 20.5 | 350 | 9.6 | 4.0 | 49.6 | 35.1 | 1.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 26.1 | 29.5 | 22.3 | 3.4 | 11.4 | 7.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 72 |
| Thimphu | 25.2 | 801 | 20.2 | 6.3 | 13.2 | 59.0 | 1.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 25.3 | 24.0 | 15.5 | 15.7 | 14.5 | 5.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 201 |
| Trashigang | 26.5 | 479 | 20.2 | 15.8 | 22.4 | 40.5 | 1.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 21.5 | 36.5 | 16.9 | 7.9 | 6.1 | 11.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 127 |
| Trashiyangtse | 25.6 | 169 | 4.2 | 36.0 | 34.7 | 25.1 | 0.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 53.7 | 30.4 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 3.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 43 |
| Trongsa | 23.4 | 133 | 9.4 | 24.7 | 34.8 | 29.6 | 1.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 18.2 | 33.0 | 36.7 | 9.5 | 1.2 | 1.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 31 |
| Tsirang | 21.2 | 186 | 11.8 | 11.1 | 34.4 | 36.9 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 24.0 | 27.3 | 29.1 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 12.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 39 |
| Wangdue | 36.3 | 261 | 3.9 | 22.7 | 32.3 | 39.4 | 1.8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 39.3 | 28.4 | 9.7 | 10.6 | 3.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 95 |
| Zhemgang | 28.7 | 175 | 4.9 | 29.9 | 43.7 | 21.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 40.1 | 39.4 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 3.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 50 |

Contd. TABLE CH.3: FEEDING PRACTICES DURING DIARRHOEA
Percentage distribution of children age $0-59$ months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks by amount of liquids and food given during episode of diarrhoea, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Had diarrhoea in last two weeks | Number of children age 0-59 months | Drinking practices during diarrhoea: |  |  |  |  |  |  | Eating practices during diarrhoea: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Given much less to drink | Given somewhat less to drink | Given about the same to drink | Given more to drink | Given nothing to drink | $\begin{gathered} \text { Miss- } \\ \text { ing/ } \\ \text { DK } \end{gathered}$ | Total | Given much less to eat | Given somewhat less to eat | Given about the same to eat | Given more to eat | Stopped food | Had never been given food | $\begin{gathered} \text { Miss- } \\ \text { ing/ } \\ \text { DK } \end{gathered}$ | Total |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 26.2 | 2922 | 10.8 | 16.7 | 25.4 | 46.0 | 1.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 18.3 | 32.8 | 24.9 | 12.3 | 6.8 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 766 |
| Central | 24.7 | 1513 | 6.4 | 17.0 | 40.0 | 34.9 | 1.5 | . 2 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 32.5 | 32.6 | 9.1 | 6.6 | 5.1 | . 2 | 100.0 | 375 |
| Eastern | 23.7 | 1862 | 15.1 | 17.7 | 33.1 | 31.9 | 1.7 | . 5 | 100.0 | 21.7 | 37.5 | 26.3 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 442 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.3 | 1841 | 11.1 | 10.5 | 26.9 | 49.8 | 1.6 | . 1 | 100.0 | 17.8 | 28.5 | 26.9 | 13.1 | 9.3 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 467 |
| Rural | 25.0 | 4456 | 10.9 | 19.8 | 32.7 | 35.1 | 1.4 | . 2 | 100.0 | 18.4 | 36.4 | 27.2 | 8.2 | 4.5 | 5.2 | . 1 | 100.0 | 1115 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-11 | 29.8 | 1229 | 9.8 | 12.9 | 43.1 | 31.6 | 2.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 24.8 | 30.9 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 18.8 | . 2 | 100.0 | 366 |
| 12-23 | 36.2 | 1234 | 10.3 | 16.8 | 27.8 | 44.1 | . 9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 36.7 | 24.2 | 10.2 | 8.2 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 447 |
| 24-35 | 24.3 | 1337 | 15.3 | 16.6 | 25.4 | 41.5 | . 3 | . 9 | 100.0 | 21.8 | 42.1 | 23.6 | 10.2 | 2.2 | . 1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 325 |
| 36-47 | 20.2 | 1275 | 11.9 | 18.1 | 27.2 | 42.4 | . 5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 25.2 | 30.0 | 26.1 | 12.5 | 5.6 | . 6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 258 |
| 48-59 | 15.2 | 1222 | 5.9 | 25.1 | 29.6 | 35.9 | 3.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 15.0 | 37.6 | 34.2 | 8.3 | 4.9 | . 2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 186 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 26.5 | 4207 | 11.7 | 19.3 | 31.1 | 35.9 | 1.7 | . 3 | 100.0 | 20.1 | 35.9 | 24.4 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 5.1 | . 1 | 100.0 | 1114 |
| Primary | 26.9 | 781 | 9.6 | 14.9 | 30.8 | 43.4 | 1.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 33.0 | 33.9 | 10.7 | 8.2 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 210 |
| Secondary | 19.7 | 1309 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 30.5 | 51.4 | . 2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 26.8 | 33.2 | 12.9 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 257 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 26.3 | 1294 | 12.4 | 22.9 | 34.7 | 28.6 | 1.2 | . 2 | 100.0 | 20.4 | 36.9 | 28.2 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 4.8 | . 2 | 100.0 | 341 |
| Second | 25.0 | 1159 | 15.5 | 22.6 | 29.1 | 31.9 | 1.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 19.1 | 40.7 | 26.5 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 290 |
| Middle | 28.0 | 1197 | 8.4 | 16.3 | 34.9 | 37.6 | 2.3 | . 5 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 33.6 | 25.5 | 13.7 | 7.8 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 336 |
| Fourth | 27.0 | 1438 | 9.2 | 12.2 | 27.8 | 49.4 | 1.3 | . 2 | 100.0 | 20.6 | 30.1 | 25.4 | 11.6 | 8.6 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 389 |
| Richest | 18.8 | 1208 | 9.8 | 10.8 | 27.3 | 50.8 | 1.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 28.8 | 31.5 | 10.0 | 4.7 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 227 |
| Total | 25.1 | 6297 | 11.0 | 17.0 | 31.0 | 39.4 | 1.4 | . 2 | 100.0 | 18.2 | 34.1 | 27.1 | 9.6 | 6.0 | 5.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1582 |

*An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Table CH. 4 provides the proportion of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks who received oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding, and the percentage of children with diarrhoea who received other treatments. Overall, 73.6 percent of children with diarrhoea received ORS or increased fluids, and 85.4 percent received ORT (ORS or recommended homemade fluids or increased fluids). Combining the information in Table CH. 3 with those in Table CH. 2 on oral rehydration therapy, it is observed that 61.6 percent of children received ORT and, at the same time feeding was continued, as is the recommendation.

There are significant differences in the home management of diarrhoea by background characteristics. In the Western region, 58.9 percent received ORT and continued feeding, while it is higher for the Central ( $66.7 \%$ ) and Eastern ( $61.9 \%$ ) regions. Seven out of ten $0-11$ month old children with diarrhoea in the last two weeks received oral rehydration therapy while in the other age groups more than eight out of ten with diarrhoea in the last two weeks received it. About 10 percent of children with diarrhoea are not given any treatment or drug, with more than double that figure (23.1\%) for 0-11 month old children.

Figure CH.3: Oral rehydration therapy (percentage of under-five children with diarrhoea who received ORT), Bhutan 2010.

TABLE CH.4: ORAL REHYDRATION THERAPY WITH CONTINUED FEEDING AND OTHER TREATMENTS

| Percentage of children age 0-59 months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks who received oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding, and percentage of children with diarrhoea who received other treatments, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Children with diarrhoea who received: |  |  | Other treatment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Not given any treatment or drug | Number of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea |
|  | ORS or increased fluids | ORT (ORS or recommended homemade fluids or increased fluids) | ORT with continued feeding [1] | Pill or syrup: Antibiotic | Pill or syrup: Antimotility | Pill or syrup: Zinc | Pill or syrup: Other | Pill or syrup: Unknown | Injection: <br> Antibiotic | Injection: Nonantibiotic | Injection: <br> Unknown | Intravenous | Home remedy/ Herbal medicine | Other |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 73.3 | 86.7 | 63.0 | 14.3 | . 3 | . 4 | . 3 | 7.2 | 1.7 | . 0 | . 8 | . 0 | 3.6 | 11.6 | 9.6 | 850 |
| Female | 74.0 | 83.9 | 60.0 | 13.9 | . 9 | 1.3 | . 6 | 7.6 | 1.2 | . 0 | . 6 | . 0 | 3.5 | 12.1 | 12.0 | 732 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 73.2 | 88.0 | 71.5 | 6.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.0 | 8.9 | 12.0 | 30 |
| Chukha | 58.8 | 77.9 | 57.9 | 27.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.0 | 2.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.3 | 19.6 | 12.1 | 194 |
| Dagana | 78.3 | 93.1 | 77.0 | 16.1 | . 0 | 1.4 | . 0 | 31.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 5.7 | 58 |
| Gasa | 65.2 | 81.2 | 47.6 | 8.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 18.8 | 9 |
| Haa | 72.8 | 79.0 | 62.5 | 11.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 6.4 | 2.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.9 | 7.5 | 15.6 | 28 |
| Lhuntse | 85.9 | 90.7 | 73.3 | 23.9 | 2.9 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 7.7 | 38 |
| Mongar | 68.9 | 81.2 | 43.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.4 | . 0 | 9.6 | 2.1 | . 0 | 1.6 | . 0 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 17.8 | 117 |
| Paro | 79.2 | 87.2 | 75.1 | 25.4 | 1.4 | . 0 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.0 | 16.3 | 9.6 | 86 |
| Pemagatshel | 66.3 | 80.9 | 70.4 | 11.2 | 1.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.2 | 6.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 16.3 | 34 |
| Punakha | 80.6 | 88.0 | 69.1 | 35.8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 9 | 1.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 7.8 | 15.4 | 8.6 | 60 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 69.3 | 92.8 | 81.2 | 6.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 9 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.8 | . 0 | 1.7 | 37.0 | 6.1 | 83 |
| Samtse | 63.6 | 75.0 | 55.9 | 1.1 | . 0 | 3.6 | . 0 | 11.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.1 | 20.9 | 15.4 | 186 |
| Sarpang | 71.5 | 81.3 | 47.9 | 5.4 | 5.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 8.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 18.0 | 72 |
| Thimphu | 88.7 | 93.3 | 52.7 | 25.2 | . 0 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 6.9 | . 9 | . 0 | 1.9 | . 0 | 5.5 | 9.1 | 4.1 | 201 |
| Trashigang | 83.2 | 91.2 | 55.2 | 0.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.2 | 5.0 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 0 | 1.3 | 2.9 | 8.4 | 127 |
| Trashiyangtse | 63.9 | 82.2 | 78.0 | 15.8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 0 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 16.7 | 43 |
| Trongsa | 64.2 | 85.8 | 67.0 | 1.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 26.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.2 | . 0 | 1.7 | 8.1 | 9.8 | 31 |
| Tsirang | 74.3 | 84.2 | 53.8 | 7.9 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.3 | 25.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 7.8 | 3.6 | 10.9 | 39 |
| Wangdue | 83.6 | 90.6 | 71.1 | 19.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.5 | 9.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 8 | . 0 | . 7 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 95 |
| Zhemgang | 73.6 | 91.9 | 80.7 | 14.6 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.0 | 15.9 | 8.1 | 50 |

Contd. TABLE CH.4: ORAL REHYDRATION THERAPY WITH CONTINUED FEEDING AND OTHER TREATMENTS

| Percentage of children age $0-59$ months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks who received oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding, and percentage of children with diarrhoea who received other treatments, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Children with diarrhoea who received: |  |  | Other treatment: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Not given any treatment or drug | Number of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea |
|  | ORS or increased fluids | ORT (ORS or recommended homemade fluids or increased fluids) | ORT with continued feeding [1] | $\begin{gathered} \text { Pill or } \\ \text { syrup: } \\ \text { Antibiotic } \end{gathered}$ | Pill or syrup: Antimotility | Pill or syrup: Zinc | Pill or syrup: Other | Pill or syrup: Unknown | Injection: Antibiotic | Injection: Nonantibiotic | Injection: Unknown | Intravenous | Home remedy/ Herbal medicine | Other |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 72.4 | 83.2 | 58.9 | 20.1 | . 2 | 1.4 | . 6 | 6.4 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 5 | . 0 | 4.7 | 15.8 | 10.4 | 766 |
| Central | 75.7 | 88.1 | 66.7 | 11.9 | 1.2 | . 2 | . 7 | 14.2 | . 4 | . 0 | . 5 | . 0 | 2.5 | 6.6 | 9.9 | 375 |
| Eastern | 73.8 | 87.1 | 61.9 | 5.7 | . 7 | . 4 | . 0 | 3.3 | 2.6 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 0 | 2.5 | 9.5 | 11.8 | 442 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 78.8 | 86.6 | 60.0 | 19.7 | . 8 | 1.8 | . 7 | 8.1 | 1.1 | . 0 | 1.2 | . 0 | 3.6 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 467 |
| Rural | 71.4 | 84.9 | 62.3 | 11.8 | . 5 | . 4 | . 4 | 7.1 | 1.6 | . 0 | . 5 | . 0 | 3.5 | 12.6 | 10.7 | 1115 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-11 | 60.7 | 71.6 | 48.9 | 6.6 | 1.2 | . 9 | 1.1 | 6.6 | 1.4 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 0 | 1.3 | 9.4 | 23.1 | 366 |
| 12-23 | 76.4 | 88.5 | 63.1 | 17.5 | . 5 | 1.3 | . 3 | 6.9 | 1.8 | . 0 | 1.2 | . 0 | 4.2 | 13.0 | 8.2 | 447 |
| 24-35 | 81.5 | 93.8 | 70.9 | 15.5 | . 0 | . 7 | . 0 | 5.3 | 1.2 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | 3.6 | 13.6 | 5.4 | 325 |
| 36-47 | 80.2 | 90.5 | 61.6 | 16.3 | . 6 | . 7 | . 0 | 8.7 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.8 | 12.5 | 3.4 | 258 |
| 48-59 | 69.0 | 83.5 | 66.8 | 15.3 | . 3 | . 0 | 1.1 | 12.0 | 1.1 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | 3.2 | 10.0 | 11.7 | 186 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 72.3 | 85.3 | 59.3 | 13.7 | . 6 | . 8 | . 2 | 7.5 | 1.6 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | 4.2 | 12.2 | 10.6 | 1114 |
| Primary | 77.3 | 87.6 | 71.2 | 11.2 | . 2 | . 0 | 2.3 | 6.6 | 1.1 | . 0 | 0.0 | . 0 | 2.6 | 9.5 | 7.6 | 210 |
| Secondary | 76.1 | 84.1 | 63.7 | 18.5 | . 7 | 1.5 | . 0 | 7.7 | 1.2 | . 0 | 2.8 | . 0 | 1.5 | 12.4 | 13.7 | 257 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 69.1 | 83.5 | 60.9 | 8.2 | . 7 | . 7 | . 4 | 11.2 | . 8 | . 0 | . 5 | . 0 | 4.5 | 12.7 | 12.3 | 341 |
| Second | 72.0 | 86.1 | 64.6 | 13.5 | . 0 | . 6 | . 0 | 6.8 | 2.0 | . 0 | . 8 | . 0 | 3.0 | 8.9 | 10.7 | 290 |
| Middle | 70.5 | 85.6 | 61.5 | 12.7 | . 5 | . 7 | 1.6 | 5.2 | 2.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.4 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 336 |
| Fourth | 78.9 | 88.2 | 60.8 | 18.0 | . 8 | . 6 | . 2 | 8.1 | . 3 | . 0 | . 9 | . 0 | 1.9 | 12.2 | 7.5 | 389 |
| Richest | 78.0 | 82.6 | 60.4 | 19.3 | . 8 | 1.7 | . 0 | 4.5 | 2.6 | . 0 | 1.7 | . 0 | 2.9 | 15.6 | 13.2 | 227 |
| Total | 73.6 | 85.4 | 61.6 | 14.1 | . 6 | . 8 | . 5 | 7.4 | 1.5 | . 0 | . 7 | . 0 | 3.6 | 11.9 | 10.7 | 1582 |

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## Care Seeking and Antibiotic Treatment of Pneumonia

Pneumonia is the leading cause of death in children and the use of antibiotics in under-fives with suspected pneumonia is a key intervention. A World Fit for Children goal is to reduce by one-third the deaths due to acute respiratory infections.

Children with suspected pneumonia are those who had an illness with a cough, accompanied by rapid or difficult breathing and whose symptoms were NOT due to a problem in the chest and a blocked nose.

The indicators are:

- Prevalence of suspected pneumonia
- Care seeking for suspected pneumonia
- Antibiotic treatment for suspected pneumonia
- Knowledge of the danger signs of pneumonia
TABLE CH．5：CARE SEEKING FOR SUSPECTED PNEUMONIA AND ANTIBIOTIC USE DURING SUSPECTED PNEUMONIA

 | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Percentage of } \\ \text { children with }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Number } \\ \text { of children } \\ \text { age } 0-59\end{array}$ |
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Table CH. 5 presents the prevalence of suspected pneumonia and, if care was sought outside the home, the site of care. 6.9 percent of children aged 0-59 months were reported to have had symptoms of pneumonia during the two weeks preceding the survey. Of these children, 74.2 percent were taken to an appropriate provider, with the vast majority being taken to a public sector hospital (33.5\%) or a public sector Basic Health Unit (38.8\%).

Table CH. 5 also presents the use of antibiotics for the treatment of suspected pneumonia in underfives by sex, age, region, residence, and socio-economic factors. In Bhutan, 48.7 percent of under-five children with suspected pneumonia had received antibiotics during the two weeks prior to the survey. The percentage was higher in urban areas ( $58.4 \%$ ), while the percentage declines to only 38.9 percent in the Eastern region. The table also shows that antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia is very low among the poorest households ( $40.6 \%$ ), among children whose mothers/caretakers have no education (41.9\%), and among children 48-59 months old (35\%).

## Solid Fuel Use

More than three billion people around the world rely on solid fuels (biomass and coal) for their basic energy needs, including cooking and heating. Cooking and heating with solid fuels leads to high levels of indoor smoke, a complex mix of health-damaging pollutants. The main problem with the use of solid fuels is products of incomplete combustion, including CO, polyaromatic hydrocarbons, SO 2, and other toxic elements. Use of solid fuels increases the risks of acute respiratory illness, pneumonia, chronic obstructive lung disease, cancer, and possibly tuberculosis, low birth weight, cataracts, and asthma. The primary indicator is the proportion of the population using solid fuels as the primary source of domestic energy for cooking.

## TABLE CH.6: SOLID FUEL USE

Percentage disribution of household members according to type of cooking fuel used by the household, and percentage of household members living in households using solid fuels for cooking, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of household members in households using: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Solid fuels for cooking [1] | Number of household members |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Electricity | Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) | Kerosene | Coal | Wood | Straw/ <br> Shrubs/ <br> Grass | No food cooked in household | Other | Total |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 22.7 | 32.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 45.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 45.2 | 1605 |
| Chukha | 23.4 | 37.8 | . 0 | . 2 | 38.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 6863 |
| Dagana | 10.6 | 11.1 | . 1 | . 1 | 77.8 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 78.2 | 2541 |
| Gasa | 37.9 | 5.0 | . 0 | . 2 | 56.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 57.1 | 484 |
| Haa | 44.4 | 39.6 | . 6 | . 0 | 15.3 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 1312 |
| Lhuntse | 49.8 | 3.1 | . 1 | . 1 | 46.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 1564 |
| Mongar | 28.7 | 14.4 | . 1 | . 6 | 56.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 56.8 | 4741 |
| Paro | 48.6 | 45.8 | . 2 | . 0 | 5.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 3776 |
| Pemagatshel | 18.7 | 15.7 | . 1 | . 3 | 65.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 65.5 | 2627 |
| Punakha | 73.8 | 13.8 | . 0 | . 0 | 12.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 12.4 | 2549 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 34.3 | 12.7 | . 1 | . 2 | 52.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 52.9 | 3892 |
| Samtse | 25.5 | 12.8 | . 4 | . 3 | 61.0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 61.3 | 7530 |
| Sarpang | 29.1 | 35.9 | 1.0 | . 0 | 34.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 34.0 | 4127 |
| Thimphu | 47.1 | 52.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | 100.0 | . 6 | 8372 |
| Trashigang | 65.6 | 2.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 31.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 31.9 | 5266 |
| Trashiyangtse | 48.9 | 11.5 | . 0 | . 4 | 39.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 39.5 | 1711 |
| Trongsa | 23.6 | 21.8 | . 1 | . 3 | 54.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 54.5 | 1510 |
| Tsirang | 6.3 | 15.4 | . 0 | 1.4 | 76.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 78.3 | 2208 |
| Wangdue | 52.0 | 16.7 | . 1 | . 4 | 30.4 | . 4 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 31.2 | 2841 |
| Zhemgang | 29.1 | 7.0 | . 1 | . 5 | 63.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 63.7 | 1800 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 38.7 | 34.1 | . 2 | . 1 | 26.8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 27.0 | 30887 |
| Central | 26.1 | 21.3 | . 3 | . 3 | 51.9 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 52.3 | 16631 |
| Eastern | 41.7 | 9.9 | . 1 | . 3 | 48.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 48.3 | 19801 |


| Contd. TABLE CH.6: SOLID FUEL USE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage disribution of household members according to type of cooking fuel used by the household, and percentage of household members living in households using solid fuels for cooking, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of household members in households using: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Solid fuels for cooking <br> [1] | Number of household members |
|  | Electricity | Liquefied <br> Petroleum <br> Gas (LPG) | Kerosene | Coal | Wood | Straw/ <br> Shrubs/ <br> Grass | No food cooked in household | Other | Total |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 44.5 | 52.9 | . 4 | . 1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 18500 |
| Rural | 33.4 | 12.8 | . 1 | . 3 | 53.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 53.6 | 48820 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 35.2 | 13.8 | . 1 | . 3 | 50.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 50.9 | 44415 |
| Primary | 40.4 | 25.0 | . 3 | . 0 | 34.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 34.3 | 10129 |
| Secondary + | 37.9 | 57.9 | . 3 | . 0 | 3.8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 12763 |
| Missing/DK | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 13 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | . 1 | 0.0 | . 0 | . 2 | 99.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 13461 |
| Second | 27.7 | 2.2 | . 1 | . 6 | 69.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 70.0 | 13468 |
| Middle | 62.4 | 14.2 | . 4 | . 3 | 22.5 | . 1 | . 0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 22.8 | 13466 |
| Fourth | 61.2 | 34.1 | . 4 | . 0 | 4.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 4.4 | 13462 |
| Richest | 30.9 | 68.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | . 3 | 13462 |
| Total | 36.5 | 23.9 | . 2 | . 2 | 39.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 39.5 | 67320 |

[1] MICS indicator 3.11
*An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases

In more than a third of the household population (39.5\%) of Bhutan, the main source of fuel for cooking is solid fuels. Use of solid fuels is very low among the household population in urban areas $(2.2 \%)$, but very high in rural areas, where more than half of the household population (53.6\%) are using solid fuels. Differentials with respect to household wealth and the educational level of the household head are also significant. The findings show that use of solid fuels is very uncommon among household population in the Western region, and among the richest. The table also clearly shows that the overall percentage is high due to high level of use of wood for cooking purposes.

Solid fuel use alone is a poor proxy for indoor air pollution, since the concentration of the pollutants is different when the same fuel is burnt in different stoves or fires. Use of closed stoves with chimneys minimizes indoor pollution, while open stoves or a fire with no chimney or hood means that there is no protection from the harmful effects of solid fuels. Solid fuel use by place of cooking is depicted in Table CH.7. The table shows that of household members using solid fuels for cooking 36.7 percent cook in a separate building, 34.2 percent in a separate room used as kitchen, and 25.3 percent cook elsewhere in the house.

TABLE CH.7: SOLID FUEL USE BY PLACE OF COOKING
Percentage distribution of household members in households using solid fuels by place of cooking, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Place of cooking: |  |  |  |  |  | Number of household members in households using solid fuels for cooking |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | In a separate room used as kitchen | Elsewhere in the house | In a separate building | Outdoors | Other | Total |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 31.0 | 68.1 | . 4 | . 5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 725 |
| Chukha | 44.7 | 22.2 | 32.1 | . 5 | . 5 | 100.0 | 2659 |
| Dagana | 22.4 | 17.9 | 57.0 | 2.5 | . 2 | 100.0 | 1986 |
| Gasa | 44.9 | 55.1 | 0.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 277 |
| Haa | 16.8 | 69.2 | 13.4 | . 0 | . 6 | 100.0 | 201 |
| Lhuntse | 21.9 | 45.7 | 31.3 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 734 |
| Mongar | 29.3 | 14.6 | 40.8 | 15.1 | . 2 | 100.0 | 2695 |
| Paro | 65.9 | 18.3 | 10.9 | 4.3 | . 7 | 100.0 | 206 |
| Pemagatshel | 37.7 | 21.4 | 40.5 | . 5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1721 |
| Punakha | 47.4 | 25.7 | 24.2 | 2.2 | . 6 | 100.0 | 316 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 32.6 | 38.0 | 29.0 | . 3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2058 |
| Samtse | 51.3 | 14.2 | 26.9 | 7.4 | . 2 | 100.0 | 4617 |
| Sarpang | 10.5 | 19.7 | 69.8 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1401 |
| Thimphu | (81.5) | (.0) | (.0) | (18.5) | (.0) | (100.0) | 50 |
| Trashigang | 12.0 | 43.1 | 44.2 | . 7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1682 |
| Trashiyangtse | 38.7 | 21.3 | 39.2 | . 9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 677 |
| Trongsa | 35.4 | 47.9 | 14.7 | 1.6 | . 5 | 100.0 | 823 |
| Tsirang | 8.3 | 16.9 | 74.0 | . 7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1728 |
| Wangdue | 73.4 | 16.1 | 5.5 | . 0 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 885 |
| Zhemgang | 35.7 | 32.9 | 30.8 | . 5 | . 1 | 100.0 | 1147 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 48.5 | 19.9 | 26.7 | 4.6 | . 3 | 100.0 | 8325 |
| Central | 26.6 | 26.8 | 45.0 | 1.0 | . 6 | 100.0 | 8696 |
| Eastern | 28.6 | 28.7 | 37.9 | 4.7 | . 1 | 100.0 | 9567 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 45.3 | 27.5 | 25.7 | 1.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 399 |
| Rural | 34.0 | 25.3 | 36.9 | 3.5 | . 3 | 100.0 | 26190 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 33.9 | 27.0 | 35.1 | 3.6 | . 4 | 100.0 | 22621 |
| Primary | 36.5 | 13.6 | 47.1 | 2.6 | . 2 | 100.0 | 3475 |
| Secondary + | 30.5 | 30.2 | 38.7 | . 6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 486 |
| Missing/DK | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 30.0 | 32.8 | 33.1 | 3.8 | . 4 | 100.0 | 13450 |
| Second | 36.8 | 19.5 | 40.2 | 3.2 | . 3 | 100.0 | 9429 |
| Middle | 39.8 | 13.4 | 43.5 | 3.1 | . 2 | 100.0 | 3077 |
| Fourth | 56.7 | 10.5 | 32.4 | . 5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 589 |
| Richest | 51.9 | 48.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 44 |
| Total | 34.2 | 25.3 | 36.7 | 3.4 | . 3 | 100.0 | 26589 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases



## VII. Water and Sanitation

Safe drinking water is a basic necessity for good health. Unsafe drinking water can be a significant carrier of diseases such as trachoma, cholera, typhoid, and schistosomiasis. Drinking water can also be tainted with chemical, physical and radiological contaminants with harmful effects on human health. In addition to its association with disease, access to drinking water may be particularly important for women and children, especially in rural areas, who bear the primary responsibility for carrying water, often for long distances.

The MDG goal is to reduce by half, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. The World Fit for Children goal calls for a reduction in the proportion of households without access to hygienic sanitation facilities and affordable and safe drinking water by at least one-third.

The list of indicators used in MICS is as follows:

Water

- Use of improved drinking water sources
- Use of adequate water treatment method
- Time to source of drinking water
- Person collecting drinking water

Sanitation

- Use of improved sanitation facilities
- Sanitary disposal of child's faeces

For more details on water and sanitation and to access some reference documents, please visit the UNICEF childinfo website http://www.childinfo.org/wes.html.

## Use of Improved Water Sources

The distribution of the population by source of drinking water is shown in Table WS. 1 and Figure WS.1. The population using improved sources of drinking water are those using any of the following types of supply: piped water (into dwelling, compound, yard or plot, public tap/standpipe), tube well/ borehole, protected well, protected spring, and rainwater collection. Bottled water is considered as an improved water source only if the household is using an improved water source for other purposes, such as hand-washing and cooking.
TABLE WS.1: USE OF IMPROVED WATER SOURCES
Percent distribution of household population according to main source of drinking water and percentage of household population using improved drinking water sources, Bhutan, 2010

Contd. TABLE WS.1: USE OF IMPROVED WATER SOURCES
Percent distribution of household population according to main source of drinking water and percentage of household population using improved drinking water sources, Bhutan, 2010

| Percent distribution of household population according to main source of drinking water and percentage of household population using improved drinking water sources, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Main source of drinking water |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Percentage using improved sources of drinking water [1] | Number of household members |
|  | Improved sources |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Unimproved sources |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Piped } \\ \text { into } \\ \text { dwell-- } \\ \text { ing } \end{gathered}$ | Piped into compound | $\begin{gathered} \text { Piped } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { neigh- } \\ \text { bor } \end{gathered}$ | Public outdoor tap | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pro- } \\ & \text { tected } \\ & \text { well } \end{aligned}$ | Spring | Rainwater collection | Bottled water | Unprotected well | Unprotected spring | Tankertruck | Cart with samll tank/ drum | Surface <br> water(river,stream, dam, lake,pond,canal,irrigation channel) | Other |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 41.8 | 44.2 | 5.7 | 3.1 | . 3 | . 6 | . 0 | . 1 | . 3 | 1.7 | . 0 | . 1 | 2.0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 95.8 | 30887 |
| Central | 18.2 | 54.5 | 8.9 | 11.6 | . 1 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | 1.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 94.5 | 16631 |
| Eastern | 12.3 | 71.6 | 5.8 | 5.7 | . 9 | 1.7 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 98.0 | 19801 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 69.9 | 23.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | . 0 | . 3 | . 0 | . 1 | 0.0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 18500 |
| Rural | 11.1 | 66.8 | 7.8 | 7.0 | . 6 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | 1.7 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.9 | . 1 | 100.0 | 94.8 | 48820 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 13.5 | 65.0 | 7.7 | 7.4 | . 7 | 1.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.6 | . 1 | 100.0 | 95.4 | 44415 |
| Primary | 31.2 | 51.4 | 6.4 | 4.7 | . 1 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.1 | . 1 | . 0 | 2.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 95.0 | 10129 |
| Secondary + | 72.3 | 22.1 | 2.6 | 2.1 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 1 | 100.0 | 99.5 | 12763 |
| Missing/DK | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | . 1 | 72.1 | 8.8 | 8.2 | . 7 | 1.8 | . 1 | . 0 | . 8 | 2.8 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.3 | . 3 | 100.0 | 91.8 | 13461 |
| Second | 1.8 | 74.1 | 8.2 | 7.9 | . 8 | 1.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | 2.2 | . 0 | . 1 | 2.9 | . 1 | 100.0 | 94.6 | 13468 |
| Middle | 4.7 | 73.7 | 8.4 | 7.7 | . 4 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 3 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.4 | . 1 | 100.0 | 96.2 | 13466 |
| Fourth | 39.8 | 46.1 | 6.6 | 5.2 | . 3 | . 5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | . 1 | 1.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 98.4 | 13462 |
| Richest | 90.0 | 8.0 | . 7 | . 7 | . 1 | . 1 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 13462 |
| Total | 27.3 | 54.8 | 6.5 | 6.0 | . 5 | 1.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 3 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.2 | . 1 | 100.0 | 96.1 | 67320 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases

Overall, 96.1 percent of the population is using an improved source of drinking water -99.6 percent in urban areas and 94.8 percent in rural areas. There are only small regional differences with 94.5 percent of the population in Central region getting its drinking water from an improved source compared to 95.8 percent in the Western region and 98 percent in the Eastern region.

The source of drinking water for the population varies by region (Table WS.1). In the Western and Eastern regions, 91.7 and 89.7 percent respectively uses drinking water that is piped into their dwelling, yard or neighbour's place. In contrast, only about 81.6 percent of those residing in Central region have piped water. In Gasa Dzongkhag more than two out of ten household members use surface water as the source of drinking water, therefore, the use of improved drinking water sources at 70 percent is much lower compared to the other Dzongkhags.

Figure WS.1: Percentage of household population using improved source of drinking water by Dzongkhag, Bhutan 2010.


Use of in-house water treatment is presented in Table WS.2. Households were asked of ways they may be treating water at home to make it safer to drink - boiling, adding bleach or chlorine, using a water filter, and using solar disinfection were considered as proper treatment of drinking water. The table shows water treatment by all households and the percentage of household members living in households using unimproved water sources but using appropriate water treatment methods.

About 56 percent of the household population used a proper method to treat their drinking water. Calculated by area, 54.7 percent of rural and 98.6 percent of urban household members properly treated the water. Disparities exist between the educational levels of the household head and between the wealth quintiles. It is more likely for a household to treat the water properly in the wealthier households, and in those with household head with primary, secondary education or above. Most of the households ( $74.8 \%$ ) boil the drinking water as it is a cost effective way of treatment.
TABLE WS.2: HOUSEHOLD WATER TREATMENT
 used, the percentage who are using an appropriate treatment method, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Water treatment method used in the household |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of household members | Percentage of household members in households using unimproved drinking water sources and using an appropriate water treatment method [1] | Number of household members in households using unimproved drinking water sources |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | None | Boil | Add bleach / chlorine | Strain through a cloth | Use water filter | Solar disinfection | Let it stand and settle | Other | Don't know |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 17.8 | 73.5 | . 9 | 1.1 | 20.3 | . 0 | 12.6 | . 0 | . 0 | 1605 | 100.0 | 6 |
| Chukha | 6.8 | 81.8 | . 4 | 1.2 | 34.9 | . 1 | 13.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 6863 | 70.6 | 430 |
| Dagana | 9.7 | 89.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 12.6 | . 0 | 2.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 2541 | 85.7 | 150 |
| Gasa | 23.4 | 53.7 | . 0 | 5.5 | 3.4 | . 0 | 30.8 | . 0 | . 0 | 484 | 30.6 | 145 |
| Haa | 4.0 | 94.0 | . 0 | 1.0 | 29.1 | . 0 | 7.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 1312 | * | . |
| Lhuntse | 51.7 | 40.3 | . 0 | 1.9 | 8.4 | . 0 | 15.9 | . 0 | . 0 | 1564 | 16.6 | 30 |
| Mongar | 33.2 | 63.6 | . 4 | 1.0 | 15.6 | . 0 | 3.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 4741 | (22.9) | 46 |
| Paro | 7.9 | 71.7 | . 2 | . 7 | 28.1 | . 2 | 22.7 | . 0 | . 0 | 3776 | 58.1 | 135 |
| Pemagatshel | 29.1 | 63.6 | . 6 | 4.5 | 9.4 | 1.5 | 24.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 2627 | 74.2 | 99 |
| Punakha | 23.7 | 58.2 | . 0 | 1.9 | 25.3 | . 1 | 13.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 2549 | 34.6 | 228 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 32.5 | 60.7 | . 4 | 2.8 | 13.9 | . 0 | 5.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 3892 | 31.1 | 104 |
| Samtse | 11.1 | 85.5 | . 0 | 1.2 | 17.2 | . 0 | 3.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 7530 | 70.1 | 345 |
| Sarpang | 11.5 | 83.7 | . 1 | 7.5 | 16.0 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | . 0 | 4127 | 80.1 | 136 |
| Thimphu | 1.8 | 95.2 | . 3 | 1.1 | 60.1 | . 0 | 1.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 8372 | * | . |
| Trashigang | 20.5 | 67.5 | . 0 | . 7 | 9.5 | . 0 | 18.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 5266 | (57.3) | 76 |
| Trashiyangtse | 33.2 | 63.4 | . 1 | . 7 | 11.9 | . 0 | 2.8 | . 0 | . 0 | 1711 | 66.3 | 45 |
| Trongsa | 29.3 | 45.3 | . 1 | 2.5 | 18.1 | . 2 | 36.7 | . 0 | . 0 | 1510 | 32.7 | 79 |
| Tsirang | 5.5 | 93.5 | . 0 | . 2 | 9.2 | . 0 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | 2208 | 86.1 | 93 |
| Wangdue | 9.9 | 66.3 | . 1 | 1.3 | 14.2 | . 1 | 32.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 2841 | 51.0 | 283 |
| Zhemgang | 55.5 | 42.6 | . 0 | . 8 | 11.6 | . 0 | 2.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1800 | 7.6 | 163 |

Contd. TABLE WS.2: HOUSEHOLD WATER TREATMENT
 Percentage of household population by drinking water treatment method used in the
used, the percentage who are using an appropriate treatment method, Bhutan, 2010

| Water treatment method used in the household |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of household members | Percentage of household members in households using unimproved drinking water sources and using an appropriate water treatment method [1] |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None | Boil | Add bleach / chlorine | Strain through a cloth | Use water filter | Solar disinfection | Let it stand and settle | Other | Don't know |  |  | Number of <br> household members in households using unimproved drinking water sources |


| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Western | 8.2 | 83.2 | . 2 | 1.2 | 35.0 | . 1 | 8.6 | . 0 | . 0 | 30887 | 58.2 | 1283 |
| Central | 17.1 | 74.0 | . 2 | 2.5 | 14.4 | . 0 | 10.8 | . 0 | . 0 | 16631 | 55.6 | 910 |
| Eastern | 30.6 | 62.2 | . 3 | 1.8 | 11.9 | . 2 | 11.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 19801 | 48.7 | 399 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.6 | 90.2 | . 4 | 2.2 | 55.6 | . 0 | 3.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 18500 | 98.6 | 68 |
| Rural | 22.4 | 68.9 | . 1 | 1.5 | 10.9 | . 1 | 12.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 48820 | 54.7 | 2524 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 22.9 | 67.9 | . 2 | 1.7 | 11.5 | . 1 | 12.7 | . 0 | . 0 | 44415 | 49.3 | 2022 |
| Primary | 9.2 | 84.2 | . 0 | 1.3 | 25.3 | . 1 | 7.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 10129 | 77.2 | 505 |
| Secondary + | 2.6 | 91.1 | . 4 | 2.1 | 62.1 | . 1 | 2.8 | . 0 | . 0 | 12763 | 92.3 | 65 |
| Missing/DK | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 35.5 | 57.5 | . 0 | . 8 | . 7 | . 2 | 9.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 13461 | 49.5 | 1109 |
| Second | 26.6 | 64.8 | . 0 | 1.7 | 2.4 | . 1 | 14.9 | . 0 | . 0 | 13468 | 55.0 | 731 |
| Middle | 15.6 | 74.5 | . 1 | 1.2 | 9.0 | . 0 | 16.6 | . 0 | . 0 | 13466 | 57.5 | 506 |
| Fourth | 5.5 | 86.5 | . 3 | 2.3 | 30.9 | . 0 | 7.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 13462 | 81.2 | 215 |
| Richest | 1.7 | 90.6 | . 6 | 2.5 | 72.7 | . 2 | 1.8 | . 0 | . 0 | 13462 | (100.0) | 30 |
| Total | 17.0 | 74.8 | . 2 | 1.7 | 23.2 | . 1 | 10.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 67320 | 55.8 | 2592 |

[^10]The amount of time it takes to obtain water is presented in Table WS. 3 and the person who usually collected the water in Table WS.4. Note that these results refer to one roundtrip from home to drinking water source. Information on the number of trips made in one day was not collected.

Table WS. 3 shows that for 93 percent of households, the drinking water source is on the premises. For 5.1 percent of all households, it takes less than 30 minutes to get to the water source and bring water, while 1.9 percent of households spend 30 minutes or more for this purpose. In rural areas more households spend time in collecting water compared to those in urban areas. For users of improved drinking water sources, a higher 1.2 percent of households in the Eastern region spend 30 minutes or more for getting water compared to the Central and Western regions ( 0.9 and $0.3 \%$ respectively). However, for users of unimproved drinking water sources, a lower 0.6 percent in the Eastern region spend 30 minutes or more for getting water compared to the Central and Western regions ( 1.5 and $1.4 \%$ respectively). Thus, in the Eastern region it is easier to find unimproved drinking water sources close by, and more difficult to find improved drinking water sources close by compared to the other regions.
TABLE WS.3: TIME TO SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { Number of } \\
\text { household }
\end{array} \\
& \text { Users of unimproved drinking water sources } \\
& \text { Users of unimproved drinking water sources } \\
& \text { Missing/DK } \\
& \text { Time to source of drinking water } \\
&
\end{aligned}
$$






$1.2 \square$

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| Dzongkhag |
| :--- |
| Bumthang |
| Chukha |
| Dagana |
| Gasa |
| Haa |
| Lhuntse |
| Mongar |
| Paro |
| Pemagatshel |
| Punakha |
| Samdrup jongkhar |
| Samtse |
| Sarpang |
| Thimphu |
| Trashigang |
| Trashiyangtse |
| Trongsa |
| Tsirang |
| Wangdue |
| Zhemgang |

Contd. TABLE WS.3: TIME TO SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER
Percent distribution of household population according to time to go to source of drinking water, get water and return, for users of improved and unimproved drinking water sources, Bhutan,


[^11]TABLE WS.4: PERSON COLLECTING WATER

|  | Percentage of |  | Person usually collecting drinking water |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of households without drinking water on premises |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | without drinking water on premises | Number of households | Adult woman (age $15+$ years) | Adult man (age $15+$ years) | Female child (under 15) | Male child (under 15) | DK | Missing | Total |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 11.9 | 320 | 72.1 | 19.6 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 3.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 38 |
| Chukha | 5.6 | 1478 | (57.0) | (37.3) | (5.6) | (.0) | (.0) | (.0) | (100.0) | 83 |
| Dagana | 11.5 | 548 | 77.5 | 15.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 1.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 63 |
| Gasa | 38.0 | 102 | 83.1 | 16.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 39 |
| Haa | . 6 | 297 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| Lhuntse | . 7 | 364 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| Mongar | 4.3 | 965 | (65.3) | (32.1) | (2.7) | (.0) | (.0) | (.0) | (100.0) | 42 |
| Paro | 5.3 | 790 | (58.1) | (34.6) | (5.2) | (2.0) | (.0) | (.0) | (100.0) | 42 |
| Pemagatshel | 8.9 | 564 | 88.9 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | (.0) | (.0) | (100.0) | 50 |
| Punakha | 9.5 | 515 | 72.6 | 22.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | . 8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 49 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 1.4 | 827 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11 |
| Samtse | 4.6 | 1641 | (62.8) | (24.8) | (2.7) | (7.0) | (2.6) | (0.0) | (100.0) | 76 |
| Sarpang | 4.9 | 895 | (59.8) | (39.4) | (0.8) | (.0) | (.0) | (0.0) | (100.0) | 44 |
| Thimphu | . 1 | 1932 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 3 |
| Trashigang | 12.5 | 1245 | 79.1 | 17.8 | 3.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 156 |
| Trashiyangtse | 2.2 | 444 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 10 |
| Trongsa | 17.2 | 315 | 82.6 | 11.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 54 |
| Tsirang | 2.1 | 473 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 10 |
| Wangdue | 28.4 | 624 | 86.6 | 7.9 | 2.7 | 1.9 | . 2 | . 6 | 100.0 | 177 |
| Zhemgang | 8.7 | 338 | 87.1 | 11.5 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 29 |

Contd. TABLE WS.4: PERSON COLLECTING WATER

| Percentage used in the | out drinking , 2010 | er on premise | and percent di | ribution of hous | olds without | king water on | accordi | the person | collecting | nking water |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of |  |  |  | Person us | ly collecting drink |  |  |  |  |
|  | without drink ing water on premises | Number of households | Adult woman (age $15+$ years) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Adult man (age } \\ & 15+\text { years) } \end{aligned}$ | Female child (under 15) | Male child (under 15) | DK | Missing | Total | without ing water on premises |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 4.3 | 6755 | 65.1 | 27.9 | 3.5 | 2.6 | . 8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 293 |
| Central | 11.8 | 3512 | 79.5 | 15.4 | 2.5 | 1.7 | . 6 | . 3 | 100.0 | 416 |
| Eastern | 6.2 | 4409 | 77.7 | 20.1 | 2.2 | . 0 | 0.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 271 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.9 | 4320 | 63.6 | 23.5 | 4.3 | 5.6 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 81 |
| Rural | 8.7 | 10356 | 75.7 | 20.2 | 2.6 | 1.1 | . 4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 899 |
| Education of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 8.3 | 9265 | 76.4 | 19.0 | 2.8 | 1.1 | . 5 | . 1 | 100.0 | 768 |
| Primary | 7.0 | 2134 | 71.8 | 23.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | . 3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 149 |
| Secondary + | 1.9 | 3275 | 61.1 | 30.9 | 3.3 | 4.0 | . 7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 64 |
| Missing/DK | * | 2 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Wealth inde |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 11.7 | 2762 | 76.1 | 18.3 | 3.8 | 1.0 | . 8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 323 |
| Second | 9.6 | 2849 | 75.6 | 21.3 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 273 |
| Middle | 8.3 | 2992 | 74.4 | 22.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 | . 3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 247 |
| Fourth | 3.9 | 3087 | 73.0 | 17.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | . 7 | . 9 | 100.0 | 120 |
| Richest | . 5 | 2986 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 16 |
| Total | 6.7 | 14676 | 74.7 | 20.4 | 2.7 | 1.5 | . 5 | . 1 | 100.0 | 980 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Table WS. 4 shows that for the majority of households (74.7\%), an adult female is usually the person collecting the water, when the source of drinking water is not on the premises. Adult men collect water in 20.4 percent of cases, while for the rest of the households, female or male children under age 15 collect water ( $4.2 \%$ ).

## Use of Improved Sanitation Facilities

Inadequate disposal of human excreta and personal hygiene is associated with a range of diseases including diarrhoeal diseases and polio. An improved sanitation facility is defined as one that hygienically separates human excreta from human contact and is not shared by more than one household. Improved sanitation can reduce diarrheal disease by more than a third, and can significantly lessen the adverse health impacts of other disorders responsible for death and disease among millions of children in developing countries. Improved sanitation facilities for excreta disposal include flush or pour flush to a piped sewer system, septic tank, or latrine; ventilated improved pit latrine, pit latrine with slab, and composting toilet.

Table WS. 5 identifies the proportion of household members using each different type of sanitation facilities. In rural areas, the population is mostly using pit latrines without slabs ( $37.6 \%$ ) or with slabs ( $22.1 \%$ ). In contrast, the most common facilities in urban areas are flush toilets with connection to a septic tank without soak pit ( $58.5 \%$ ) or with soak pit ( $15.7 \%$ ). 3.4 percent of the households were without any toilet facility at all. Most of these households are in the rural areas.

According to Population and Housing Census of Bhutan (PHCB), 2005, the improved sanitation coverage in Bhutan was 84.2 per cent. The WHO / UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP), 2010 reports the improved sanitation coverage of Bhutan at 65 percent. The discrepancy between the PHCB and BMIS is due to the difference in usage of definition of improved sanitation coverage. BMIS has followed the definition of JMP, which segregates pit latrines with slab and without slab. It categorizes pit latrine without slab as un-improved sanitation facility, where as in PHCB, 2005 all pit latrines were counted as improved sanitation facility.
TABLE WS.5: TYPES OF SANITATION FACILITIES
Percent distribution of household population according to type of toilet facility used by the household, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Type of toilet facility used by household |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of household members |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Improved sanitation facility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Unimproved sanitation facility |  |  |  |  |  | Open defecation (no facility, bush, field) |  |  |
|  | Flush toilet | Flush to septic $\operatorname{tank}$ (Without soak pit) | Flush to pit (latrine) | Flush to unknown place/ not sure/DK where | Flush to septic tank (with soak pit) | Ventilated Improved Pit latrine (VIP) | Pit latrine with slab | Composing toilet | Flush to somewhere else | Pit latrine without slab /open pit | Long drop latrine | Buck- <br> et | Other | Missing | No facility,Bush, Field |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 2.9 | 15.1 | . 9 | . 0 | 13.2 | . 0 | 58.7 | . 0 | . 0 | 6.2 | 1.2 | . 3 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1605 |
| Chukha | . 5 | 54.5 | 8.7 | . 0 | 3.6 | . 2 | 18.5 | . 0 | . 3 | 8.4 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 6863 |
| Dagana | 2.8 | 14.7 | . 9 | . 0 | 11.0 | . 0 | 11.7 | . 0 | . 5 | 54.4 | . 5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 2541 |
| Gasa | . 5 | 9.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.4 | . 0 | 50.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 36.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 484 |
| Haa | . 0 | 32.1 | 2.2 | . 0 | 26.8 | 1.5 | 5.0 | . 0 | . 3 | 14.0 | 17.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | 100.0 | 1312 |
| Lhuntse | . 9 | 7.7 | 2.4 | . 0 | 1.9 | . 4 | 26.4 | . 0 | . 6 | 55.6 | 1.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 1564 |
| Mongar | 9.2 | 10.4 | 1.2 | . 0 | 5.6 | . 0 | 14.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 56.7 | 0.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 4741 |
| Paro | . 1 | 47.2 | . 7 | . 0 | 7.6 | . 0 | 28.1 | . 4 | . 0 | 11.3 | 1.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 3776 |
| Pemagatshel | 1.8 | 22.4 | 1.9 | . 0 | 1.6 | . 0 | 5.6 | . 0 | . 1 | 55.2 | 1.9 | 5.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 2627 |
| Punakha | . 1 | 28.7 | 2.5 | . 2 | 6.6 | . 0 | 26.5 | . 1 | . 4 | 29.9 | . 5 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 2549 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 6.0 | 30.9 | 10.6 | . 0 | 1.8 | . 8 | 13.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 31.0 | . 3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 3892 |
| Samtse | . 1 | 41.6 | 11.2 | . 0 | 3.6 | . 0 | 8.4 | . 4 | . 5 | 29.2 | . 5 | . 0 | . 3 | . 0 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 7530 |
| Sarpang | 1.1 | 46.9 | 8.4 | . 0 | 7.0 | . 9 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 4 | 30.6 | 1.0 | . 8 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 4127 |
| Thimphu | 19.5 | 42.7 | 4.0 | . 0 | 16.5 | 2.8 | 5.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 7.9 | . 1 | . 1 | . 4 | . 0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 8372 |
| Trashigang | . 1 | 7.3 | 1.5 | . 0 | 11.9 | . 0 | 33.8 | . 0 | 1.0 | 39.4 | . 0 | . 1 | . 2 | . 0 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 5266 |
| Trashiyangtse | . 0 | 14.3 | 21.2 | . 0 | 1.9 | . 0 | 32.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 24.8 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 1711 |
| Trongsa | . 8 | 14.9 | 9.7 | . 0 | 4.5 | . 0 | 28.8 | . 0 | . 3 | 35.6 | . 4 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 1510 |
| Tsirang | . 1 | 19.6 | 41.7 | . 0 | 3.9 | . 0 | 1.9 | . 1 | . 1 | 28.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 2208 |
| Wangdue | . 2 | 28.6 | . 2 | . 0 | 4.2 | . 0 | 38.3 | . 0 | . 1 | 24.7 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 2841 |
| Zhemgang | . 1 | 27.2 | 4.1 | . 0 | 1.1 | . 1 | 10.4 | . 4 | . 2 | 47.0 | 3.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 1800 |

Contd.TABLE WS.5: TYPES OF SANITATION FACILITIES
Percent distribution of household population according to type of toilet facility used by the household, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Type of toilet facility used by household |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of household members |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Improved sanitation facility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Unimproved sanitation facility |  |  |  |  |  | ```Open def- ecation (no facility, bush, field) No facility,Bush, Field``` |  |  |
|  | Flush toilet | Flush to septic $\operatorname{tank}$ (Without soak pit) | Flush to pit (latrine) | Flush to unknown place/ not sure/DK where | Flush to septic tank (with soak pit) | Ventilated Improved Pit latrine (VIP) | Pit latrine with slab | Composing toilet | Flush to somewhere else | Pit latrine without slab /open pit | Long drop latrine | Buck- <br> et | Other | Missing |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 5.5 | 43.5 | 6.1 | . 0 | 8.8 | . 9 | 14.3 | . 2 | . 2 | 16.1 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 30887 |
| Central | 1.1 | 27.1 | 9.2 | . 0 | 6.4 | . 2 | 18.2 | . 1 | . 2 | 32.9 | 1.1 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 16631 |
| Eastern | 3.7 | 15.3 | 5.1 | . 0 | 5.4 | . 2 | 20.6 | . 0 | . 3 | 44.0 | . 4 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 19801 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.2 | 58.5 | 3.7 | . 0 | 15.7 | 1.1 | 4.0 | . 0 | . 1 | 4.3 | . 2 | . 2 | . 1 | . 0 | . 8 | 100.0 | 18500 |
| Rural | 1.1 | 20.8 | 7.7 | . 0 | 4.0 | . 3 | 22.1 | . 1 | . 3 | 37.6 | 1.3 | . 3 | . 1 | . 0 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 48820 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 2.0 | 19.9 | 6.5 | . 0 | 4.8 | . 5 | 22.6 | . 1 | . 3 | 37.2 | 1.2 | . 3 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 44415 |
| Primary | 3.3 | 42.7 | 10.3 | . 0 | 8.3 | . 8 | 10.5 | . 0 | . 2 | 20.3 | . 8 | . 3 | . 2 | . 0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 10129 |
| Secondary + | 10.7 | 61.1 | 3.8 | . 0 | 14.8 | . 4 | 3.3 | . 0 | . 2 | 4.5 | . 2 | . 1 | . 2 | . 0 | . 6 | 100.0 | 12763 |
| Missing/DK | . 0 | 30.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 49.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 19.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 13 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | . 1 | 1.4 | 9.4 | . 0 | . 5 | . 0 | 21.3 | . 1 | . 3 | 58.4 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 13461 |
| Second | . 7 | 9.8 | 9.1 | . 0 | 1.0 | . 1 | 28.3 | . 2 | . 3 | 43.8 | 1.3 | . 4 | . 2 | . 0 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 13468 |
| Middle | 1.9 | 19.7 | 7.9 | . 0 | 4.8 | . 6 | 27.4 | . 1 | . 3 | 31.4 | 1.8 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 13466 |
| Fourth | 3.0 | 54.8 | 5.8 | . 0 | 16.1 | 1.5 | 7.6 | . 0 | . 3 | 8.4 | 1.0 | . 3 | . 2 | . 0 | . 9 | 100.0 | 13462 |
| Richest | 13.6 | 70.0 | . 6 | . 0 | 13.8 | . 2 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | . 1 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 13462 |
| Total | 3.9 | 31.2 | 6.6 | . 0 | 7.2 | . 5 | 17.1 | . 1 | . 3 | 28.5 | 1.0 | . 3 | . 1 | . 0 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 67320 |

Access to safe drinking-water and to basic sanitation is measured by the proportion of population using an improved water source and improved sanitation facility. MDGs and WHO / UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water Supply and Sanitation classify households as using an unimproved sanitation facility if they are using otherwise acceptable sanitation facilities, but sharing a facility between two or more households or using a public toilet facility.

As shown in Table WS.6, 58.4 percent of the household population is using an improved sanitation facility without sharing with other households. Use of a shared facility is not very common among households using an unimproved facility. Only 8.1 percent of households use an improved toilet facility that is shared with other households. Rural households are less likely than urban households to use a shared improved toilet facility ( $5 \%$ and $16.4 \%$ ) respectively.
TABLE WS.6: USE AND SHARING OF SANITATION FACILITIES

Contd. TABLE WS.6: USE AND SHARING OF SANITATION FACILITIES

Percent distribution of household population by use of private and public sanitation facilities and use of shared facilities, by users of improved and unimproved sanitation facilities, Bhutan, 2010 | $\begin{array}{c}\text { mproved } \\ \text { sanitation } \\ \text { faility: Not } \\ \text { fhared }[1]\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Improved sani- } \\ \text { tation facility: } \\ \text { Public facility }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Improved sani- } \\ \text { tation facility: } \\ 5 \text { housholds } \\ \text { or less }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Improved sanita- } \\ \text { tion facility } \\ \text { than } 5 \text { households }\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | P

| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Western | 67.6 | . 3 | 9.7 | 1.6 | 15.6 | . 1 | 2.0 | . 2 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 30887 |
| Central | 56.5 | . 4 | 5.0 | . 5 | 32.9 | . 2 | 1.2 | . 1 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 16631 |
| Eastern | 45.7 | . 3 | 3.9 | . 3 | 43.9 | . 3 | 1.3 | . 0 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 19801 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 77.9 | . 5 | 13.6 | 2.3 | 3.4 | . 1 | 1.3 | . 1 | . 8 | 100.0 | 18500 |
| Rural | 51.0 | . 3 | 4.2 | . 5 | 37.6 | . 2 | 1.7 | . 1 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 48820 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 50.5 | . 3 | 4.9 | . 7 | 37.1 | . 2 | 1.8 | . 1 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 44415 |
| Primary | 62.3 | . 5 | 11.7 | 1.4 | 20.1 | . 1 | 1.2 | . 4 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 10129 |
| Secondary + | 82.7 | . 4 | 9.4 | 1.6 | 3.5 | . 2 | 1.3 | . 2 | . 6 | 100.0 | 12763 |
| Missing/DK | 49.2 | . 0 | . 0 | 30.9 | 19.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 31.6 | . 1 | 1.0 | . 1 | 57.6 | . 2 | 1.6 | . 0 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 13461 |
| Second | 47.3 | . 2 | 1.6 | . 2 | 43.4 | . 3 | 2.1 | . 2 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 13468 |
| Middle | 50.6 | . 5 | 10.0 | 1.3 | 30.8 | . 2 | 2.9 | . 3 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 13466 |
| Fourth | 68.0 | . 7 | 17.4 | 2.7 | 8.5 | . 2 | 1.5 | . 1 | . 9 | 100.0 | 13462 |
| Richest | 94.5 | . 2 | 4.0 | . 6 | . 6 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 13462 |
| Total | 58.4 | . 3 | 6.8 | 1.0 | 28.2 | . 2 | 1.6 | . 1 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 67320 |

[1] MICS indicator 4.3; MDG indicator 7.9
TABLE WS.7: DISPOSAL OF CHILD'S FAECES
Percent distribution of children age 0-2 years according to place of disposal of child's faeces, and the percentage of children age 0-2 years whose stools were disposed of safely the last time the child passed stools, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Place of disposal of child's faeces |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Percentage of children whose stools were disposed of safely [1] | Number of children age $0-2$ years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Child used toilet / latrine | Put / Rinsed into toilet or latrine | Put / Rinsed into drain or ditch | Thrown into garbage (solid waste) | Buried | Left in the open | Other |  |  |  |
| Type of sanitaton facility in dwelling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improved | 20.5 | 44.6 | 26.4 | 4.3 | . 9 | 2.6 | . 9 | 100.0 | 65.0 | 2534 |
| Unimproved | 14.5 | 30.9 | 41.1 | 2.4 | . 6 | 8.7 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 45.4 | 1129 |
| Open defacation | 3.0 | 12.9 | 40.9 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 23.5 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 135 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 10.5 | 29.5 | 52.7 | 5.8 | . 0 | 1.0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 106 |
| Chukha | 25.2 | 44.5 | 16.5 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 4.0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 69.7 | 370 |
| Dagana | 19.8 | 37.0 | 28.7 | 2.0 | . 0 | 12.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 56.8 | 152 |
| Gasa | (15.4) | (31.2) | (33.3) | (12.0) | (.0) | (8.1) | (.0) | (100.0) | (46.6) | 28 |
| Haa | 25.4 | 42.5 | 18.9 | 10.6 | . 5 | 2.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 71 |
| Lhuntse | 8.7 | 39.4 | 25.6 | 26.0 | . 0 | . 3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 48.1 | 79 |
| Mongar | 9.1 | 35.1 | 39.2 | . 4 | 2.1 | 12.6 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 44.2 | 274 |
| Paro | 13.5 | 48.7 | 29.4 | 2.1 | . 0 | 6.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 62.1 | 220 |
| Pemagatshel | 11.4 | 53.8 | 24.4 | 4.2 | . 0 | 4.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 65.2 | 139 |
| Punakha | 16.1 | 32.0 | 43.4 | 3.2 | . 0 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 48.1 | 141 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 9.8 | 30.9 | 39.1 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 10.9 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 40.7 | 249 |
| Samtse | 24.4 | 43.4 | 22.0 | 3.4 | . 8 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 67.8 | 399 |
| Sarpang | 29.1 | 43.1 | 18.9 | 1.2 | . 0 | 5.8 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 72.2 | 209 |
| Thimphu | 26.4 | 59.3 | 10.4 | 3.2 | . 5 | . 0 | . 3 | 100.0 | 85.6 | 515 |
| Trashigang | 13.3 | 18.5 | 49.6 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 13.0 | . 7 | 100.0 | 31.8 | 271 |
| Trashiyangtse | 11.1 | 22.7 | 60.6 | 3.4 | . 0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 33.8 | 105 |
| Trongsa | 16.9 | 17.7 | 56.4 | 2.5 | . 0 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 34.6 | 80 |
| Tsirang | 4.7 | 42.2 | 44.9 | 4.5 | . 0 | 3.0 | . 7 | 100.0 | 46.9 | 116 |
| Wangdue | 18.1 | 26.9 | 45.8 | 6.7 | . 7 | . 7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 45.0 | 155 |
| Zhemgang | 14.2 | 21.9 | 60.8 | 1.3 | . 0 | 1.1 | . 8 | 100.0 | 36.1 | 119 |

Contd. TABLE WS.7: DISPOSAL OF CHILD'S FAECES

| Percent distribution of children age $0-2$ years according to place of disposal of child's faeces, and the percentage of children age $0-2$ years whose stools were disposed of safely child passed stools, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Place of disposal of child's faeces |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Percentage of children whose stools were disposed of safely [1] | Number of children age $0-2$ years |
|  | Child used toilet / latrine | Put / Rinsed into toilet or latrine | Put / Rinsed into drain or ditch | Thrown into garbage (solid waste) | Buried | Left in the open | Other |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 23.0 | 47.8 | 20.1 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 70.8 | 1744 |
| Central | 17.7 | 32.9 | 40.5 | 3.3 | . 1 | 4.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 936 |
| Eastern | 10.7 | 31.6 | 40.9 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 9.3 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 42.3 | 1118 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 23.3 | 54.0 | 15.6 | 4.7 | . 5 | 1.3 | . 6 | 100.0 | 77.4 | 1130 |
| Rural | 15.9 | 33.2 | 37.9 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 6.7 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 2668 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 17.2 | 35.3 | 34.8 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 6.7 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 52.5 | 2474 |
| Primary | 18.9 | 36.1 | 36.0 | 2.9 | . 0 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 55.0 | 457 |
| Secondary | 20.3 | 52.6 | 18.6 | 6.5 | . 9 | . 9 | . 2 | 100.0 | 72.9 | 867 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 11.2 | 28.6 | 42.1 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 9.4 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 39.7 | 753 |
| Second | 12.4 | 30.4 | 43.1 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 8.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 42.8 | 692 |
| Middle | 13.9 | 30.5 | 43.5 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 6.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 44.4 | 754 |
| Fourth | 26.0 | 44.8 | 22.7 | 3.5 | . 0 | 2.3 | . 6 | 100.0 | 70.8 | 862 |
| Richest | 25.4 | 61.5 | 6.7 | 5.5 | . 7 | 0.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 87.0 | 738 |
| Total | 18.1 | 39.4 | 31.3 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 5.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 57.5 | 3798 |

[1] MICS indicator 4.4

* Figures in parenthesis indicates that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Safe disposal of a child's faeces is disposing of the stool by the child using a toilet or by rinsing the stool into a toilet or latrine. Disposal of faeces of children 0-2 years of age is presented in Table WS. 7 which shows that 57.5 percent of households safely disposed of children's faeces. The rural-urban variation was very significant: only 49 percent of rural households compared to 77.4 percent of urban households followed the safe procedures. Safe procedures were least common in the Eastern region $(42.3 \%)$ followed by the Central region (50.6 \%) and the Western region with a high 70.8 percent. There was a strong positive correlation between the safe disposal of a child's faeces and both the education of mother and economic status of households.

In its 2008 report ${ }^{10}$ the JMP developed a new way of presenting the access figures, by disaggregating and refining the data on drinking-water and sanitation and reflecting them in a "ladder" format. This ladder allows a disaggregated analysis of trends in a three rung ladder for drinking-water and a fourrung ladder for sanitation. For sanitation, this gives an understanding of the proportion of population with no sanitation facilities at all, of those reliant on technologies defined by JMP as "unimproved," of those sharing sanitation facilities of otherwise acceptable technology and those using "improved" sanitation facilities.

Table WS. 8 presents the percentages of the household population by drinking water and sanitation ladders. The table also shows the percentage of household members using improved sources of drinking water and sanitary means of excreta disposal. About 56.9 percent of the surveyed household population reported using an improved water source and sanitary means of excreta disposal. The urban population was almost twice as likely ( $77.7 \%$ ) to use an improved source of drinking water and sanitary means of excreta disposal compared to the rural population (49 \%).

As expected, the use of improved sources of drinking water and improved sanitation facilities also strongly correlates with the education level of household head and wealth index of household. The richest quintile is more than three times more likely to use improved drinking water sources and improved sanitation facilities than the poorest quintile. The Western region is more likely to use improved sources of drinking water and improved sanitation facilities when compared to the Central and Eastern regions. There are great variations between the dzongkhags, with Pemagatsel and Lhuentse having the lowest, about 30 percent each, and Thimphu and Bumthang having the highest, above 75 percent.

[^12]TABLE WS.8: DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION LADDERS
Percentage of household population by drinking water and sanitation ladders, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of household population using: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of households |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Improved drinking water [1] |  | Unimproved drinking water | Total | Improved sanitation [2] | Unimproved sanitation |  |  | Total | Improved drinking water sources and improved sanitation |  |
|  | Piped into dwelling, plot or yard | Other improved |  |  |  | Shared improved facilities | Unimproved facilities | Open defecation |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 83.7 | 15.9 | . 4 | 100.0 | 80.3 | 10.5 | 7.7 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 79.9 | 1605 |
| Chukha | 79.1 | 14.7 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 76.2 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 71.7 | 6863 |
| Dagana | 80.3 | 13.8 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 37.3 | 3.7 | 55.3 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 36.2 | 2541 |
| Gasa | 30.2 | 39.8 | 30.0 | 100.0 | 57.6 | 3.5 | 36.3 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 41.6 | 484 |
| Наa | 96.8 | 3.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 7.6 | 32.2 | . 2 | 100.0 | 60.0 | 1312 |
| Lhuntse | 70.0 | 28.1 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 36.1 | 3.5 | 57.4 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 35.8 | 1564 |
| Mongar | 92.6 | 6.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 37.3 | 3.3 | 56.9 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 37.0 | 4741 |
| Paro | 85.4 | 11.0 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 76.1 | 8.1 | 12.4 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 74.5 | 3776 |
| Pemagatshel | 74.8 | 21.5 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 31.4 | 1.8 | 62.5 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 29.8 | 2627 |
| Punakha | 70.9 | 20.1 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 53.8 | 10.9 | 31.1 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 51.2 | 2549 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 88.1 | 9.3 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 52.0 | 11.5 | 31.3 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 51.1 | 3892 |
| Samtse | 85.7 | 9.7 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 53.7 | 11.7 | 30.5 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 52.8 | 7530 |
| Sarpang | 76.8 | 19.9 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 57.8 | 7.5 | 32.8 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 56.5 | 4127 |
| Thimphu | 98.8 | 1.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 75.1 | 15.9 | 8.4 | . 5 | 100.0 | 75.1 | 8372 |
| Trashigang | 79.3 | 19.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 52.1 | 2.4 | 40.7 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 51.6 | 5266 |
| Trashiyangtse | 90.2 | 7.2 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 65.9 | 3.7 | 25.0 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 64.4 | 1711 |
| Trongsa | 59.9 | 34.9 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 50.9 | 7.8 | 36.3 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 49.7 | 1510 |
| Tsirang | 91.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 63.9 | 3.4 | 29.0 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 62.8 | 2208 |
| Wangdi | 59.2 | 30.9 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 65.4 | 5.9 | 26.2 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 61.0 | 2841 |
| Zhemgang | 51.1 | 39.8 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 40.5 | 2.8 | 50.9 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 39.3 | 1800 |

Contd. TABLE WS.8: DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION LADDERS
Percentage of household population by drinking water and sanitation ladders, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of household population using: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of households |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Improved drinking water [1] |  | Unimproved drinking water | Total | Improved sanitation [2] | Unimproved sanitation |  |  | Total | Improved drinking water sources and improved sanitation |  |
|  | Piped into dwelling, plot or yard | Other improved |  |  |  | Shared improved facilities | Unimproved facilities | Open defecation |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 86.1 | 9.7 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 67.6 | 11.6 | 17.8 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 65.7 | 30887 |
| Central | 72.6 | 21.9 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 56.5 | 5.9 | 34.5 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 54.8 | 16631 |
| Eastern | 83.8 | 14.2 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 45.7 | 4.5 | 45.6 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 45.0 | 19801 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 93.1 | 6.5 | . 4 | 100.0 | 77.9 | 16.3 | 5.0 | . 8 | 100.0 | 77.7 | 18500 |
| Rural | 78.0 | 16.9 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 51.0 | 5.0 | 39.6 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 48820 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 78.5 | 17.0 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 50.5 | 5.9 | 39.1 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 48.9 | 44415 |
| Primary | 82.6 | 12.5 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 62.3 | 13.6 | 21.8 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 59.6 | 10129 |
| Secondary + | 94.5 | 5.0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 82.7 | 11.4 | 5.2 | . 6 | 100.0 | 82.5 | 12763 |
| Missing/DK | 50.8 | 49.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 49.2 | 30.9 | 19.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 49.2 | 13 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 72.2 | 19.6 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 31.6 | 1.2 | 59.4 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 30.0 | 13461 |
| Second | 75.9 | 18.6 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 47.3 | 2.0 | 46.0 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 45.2 | 13468 |
| Middle | 78.4 | 17.8 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 11.9 | 34.1 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 48.1 | 13466 |
| Fourth | 85.9 | 12.5 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 20.8 | 10.3 | . 9 | 100.0 | 67.0 | 13462 |
| Richest | 98.2 | 1.6 | . 2 | 100.0 | 94.5 | 4.7 | . 7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 94.3 | 13462 |
| Total | 82.1 | 14.0 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 58.4 | 8.1 | 30.1 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 56.9 | 67320 |

[1] MICS indicator 4.1; MDG indicator 7.8
[2] MICS indicator 4.3; MDG indicator 7.9

## Handwashing

Handwashing with water and soap is the most cost effective health intervention to reduce both the incidence of diarrhoea and pneumonia in children under five. It is most effective when done using water and soap after visiting a toilet or cleaning a child, before eating or handling food and, before feeding a child. Monitoring correct hand washing behaviour at these critical times is challenging.

A reliable alternative to observations or self-reported behaviour is assessing the likelihood that correct hand washing behaviour takes place by observing whether a household has a specific place where people most often wash their hands, and observing if water and soap (or other local cleansing materials) are present at a specific place for hand washing. Water and soap availability is higher for the Western region, higher level of education of the household head, wealthier households and urban areas.

In Bhutan, 97.6 percent of the households had a specific place for hand washing, while 1.9 percent households could not indicate a specific place where household members usually wash their hands and 0.1 percent of the households did not give a permission to see the place used for handwashing (Table WS.9). Of those households where place for handwashing was observed, more than two-thirds $(80.9 \%)$ had both water and soap present at the designated place. In 8.7 percent of the households, only water was available at the designated place, while 8.2 percent of the households had soap but no water. The remaining 2.2 percent of households had neither water nor soap available at the designated place for hand washing. Interestingly, among the dzongkhags, Paro has the largest percent of observed households without both water and soap available.
TABLE WS.9: WATER AND SOAP AT PLACE FOR HANDWASHING

| Percentage of households where place for handwashing was observed and percent distribution of households by availability of water and soap at place for handwashing, Bhuta |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of households where place for handwashing was observed | Percentage of households where place for handwashing was not observed |  |  | Total | Number of households | Percent distribution of households where place for handwashing was observed, where: |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of households where place for handwashing was observed |
|  |  | Not in dwelling/plot/yard | No permission to see | Other reasons |  |  | Water and soap are available [1] | Water is available, soap is not available | Water is not available, soap is available | Water and soap are not available | Missing |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 92.4 | 7.6 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 320 | 74.8 | 21.1 | 3.8 | . 4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 296 |
| Chukha | 98.8 | . 2 | . 0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1478 | 80.9 | . 3 | 18.6 | . 2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1460 |
| Dagana | 99.1 | . 9 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 548 | 56.9 | 31.4 | 4.1 | 7.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 543 |
| Gasa | 98.7 | . 8 | . 0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 102 | 78.8 | 3.2 | 17.2 | . 8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 101 |
| Haa | 86.5 | 13.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 297 | 99.3 | 0.0 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 257 |
| Lhuntse | 99.5 | . 4 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 364 | 77.4 | . 3 | 21.4 | . 9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 362 |
| Mongar | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 965 | 74.0 | 18.0 | 5.7 | 2.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 965 |
| Paro | 99.5 | . 5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 790 | 50.5 | 27.5 | 9.5 | 12.4 | . 1 | 100.0 | 787 |
| Pemagatshel | 98.9 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 564 | 69.3 | 12.4 | 13.5 | 4.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 558 |
| Punakha | 90.5 | 2.0 | . 1 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 515 | 83.4 | 1.4 | 14.9 | . 2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 466 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 827 | 65.5 | 21.7 | 5.6 | 7.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 827 |
| Samtse | 99.4 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1641 | 89.8 | 2.3 | 5.5 | 2.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1632 |
| Sarpang | 98.4 | . 8 | . 3 | . 5 | 100.0 | 895 | 90.5 | 0.0 | 9.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 880 |
| Thimphu | 99.9 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1932 | 94.4 | 5.1 | . 5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1930 |
| Trashigang | 96.0 | 3.6 | . 4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1245 | 81.5 | 12.9 | 4.5 | 1.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1196 |
| Trashiyangtse | 76.1 | 23.4 | . 0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 444 | 86.7 | 1.8 | 11.2 | . 3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 338 |
| Trongsa | 98.7 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 315 | 83.3 | 10.3 | 5.9 | . 4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 311 |
| Tsirang | 99.0 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 473 | 95.5 | . 5 | 3.7 | . 3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 469 |
| Wangdi | 98.8 | 1.1 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 624 | 82.6 | . 1 | 17.2 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 616 |
| Zhemgang | 99.2 | . 8 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 338 | 81.9 | 6.2 | 11.8 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 335 |

contd. TABLE WS.9: WATER AND SOAP AT PLACE FOR HANDWASHING

| Percentage of households where place for handwashing was observed and percent distribution of households by availability of water and soap at place for handwashing, Bhuta |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of households where place for handwashing was observed | Percentage of households where place for handwashing was not observed |  |  | Total | Number of households | Percent distribution of households where place for handwashing was observed, where: |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of households where place for handwashing was observed |
|  |  | Not in dwelling/plot/yard | No permission to see | Other reasons |  |  | Water and soap are available [1] | Water is available, soap is not available | Water is not available, soap is available | Water and soap are not available | Missing |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 98.2 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 8 | 100.0 | 6755 | 84.3 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 2.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 6632 |
| Central | 98.2 | 1.5 | . 1 | . 1 | 100.0 | 3512 | 81.6 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 1.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 3449 |
| Eastern | 96.3 | 3.5 | . 1 | . 1 | 100.0 | 4409 | 75.2 | 13.8 | 8.1 | 2.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 4245 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.3 | . 6 | . 1 | . 1 | 100.0 | 4320 | 88.2 | 4.2 | 6.7 | . 9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 4288 |
| Rural | 96.9 | 2.5 | . 1 | . 5 | 100.0 | 10356 | 77.8 | 10.6 | 8.9 | 2.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 10039 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 96.9 | 2.5 | . 1 | . 5 | 100.0 | 9265 | 77.7 | 10.7 | 8.9 | 2.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 8977 |
| Primary | 98.7 | 1.0 | . 1 | . 2 | 100.0 | 2134 | 81.4 | 8.0 | 8.5 | 2.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2106 |
| Secondary + | 99.0 | . 7 | . 0 | . 3 | 100.0 | 3275 | 89.6 | 3.4 | 6.1 | . 8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 3241 |
| Missing/DK | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2 | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 97.1 | 2.5 | . 1 | . 3 | 100.0 | 2762 | 73.1 | 14.5 | 9.2 | 3.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2681 |
| Second | 96.1 | 3.2 | . 0 | . 6 | 100.0 | 2849 | 77.7 | 10.5 | 9.6 | 2.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2737 |
| Middle | 96.7 | 2.6 | . 2 | . 6 | 100.0 | 2992 | 77.6 | 10.6 | 8.8 | 3.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2892 |
| Fourth | 98.6 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 4 | 100.0 | 3087 | 83.7 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 2.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 3044 |
| Richest | 99.5 | . 3 | . 0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 2986 | 91.5 | 2.0 | 6.1 | . 4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2972 |
| Total | 97.6 | 1.9 | . 1 | . 4 | 100.0 | 14676 | 80.9 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 2.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 14327 |

[1] MICS indicator 4.5
TABLE WS10: AVAILABILITY OF SOAP
Percent distribution of households by availability of soap in the dwelling, Bhutan, 2010

|  |  | Place for handwashing observed |  |  |  | Place for handwashing not observed |  |  | Percentage of households with soap anywhere in the dwelling [1] | Number of households |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Soap observed | Soap shown | No soap in household | Not able/Does not want to show soap | Missing | Soap shown | No soap in household | Not able/Does not want to show soap |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 72.6 | 19.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 7.6 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 320 |
| Chukha | 98.2 | . 5 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | 1.1 | . 2 | . 0 | 99.8 | 1478 |
| Dagana | 60.5 | 38.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 9 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 548 |
| Gasa | 94.8 | 2.6 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 98.6 | 102 |
| Haa | 86.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 13.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 297 |
| Lhuntse | 98.3 | . 1 | 1.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 3 | . 3 | . 0 | 98.7 | 364 |
| Mongar | 79.8 | 19.0 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 98.7 | 965 |
| Paro | 59.7 | 39.6 | . 1 | . 0 | . 1 | . 5 | . 0 | . 0 | 99.8 | 790 |
| Pemagatshel | 82.0 | 13.4 | 3.6 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.1 | . 0 | . 0 | 96.4 | 564 |
| Punakha | 89.0 | 1.2 | . 3 | . 0 | . 0 | 9.1 | . 4 | . 0 | 99.3 | 515 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 71.0 | 28.2 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 99.3 | 827 |
| Samtse | 94.7 | 4.0 | . 8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | . 1 | . 0 | 99.1 | 1641 |
| Sarpang | 98.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.5 | . 1 | . 0 | 99.8 | 895 |
| Thimphu | 94.8 | 5.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1932 |
| Trashigang | 82.6 | 13.3 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.9 | . 1 | . 0 | 99.7 | 1245 |
| Trashiyangtse | 74.6 | 1.2 | . 3 | . 0 | . 0 | 23.6 | . 2 | . 0 | 99.4 | 444 |
| Trongsa | 88.1 | 10.3 | . 3 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 99.7 | 315 |
| Tsirang | 98.2 | . 7 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 99.9 | 473 |
| Wangdue | 98.6 | . 1 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.0 | . 3 | . 0 | 99.6 | 624 |
| Zhemgang | 92.9 | 5.3 | . 8 | . 1 | . 0 | . 3 | . 5 | . 0 | 98.6 | 338 |

Contd. TABLE WS10: AVAILABILITY OF SOAP
Percent distribution of households by availability of soap in the dwelling, Bhutan, 2010

|  |  | Place for handwashing observed |  |  |  | Place for handwashing not observed |  |  | Percentage of households with soap anywhere in the dwelling [1] | Number of households |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Soap observed | Soap shown | No soap in household | Not able/Does not want to show soap | Missing | Soap shown | No soap in household | Not able/Does not want to show soap |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 90.6 | 7.3 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.7 | . 1 | . 0 | 99.6 | 6755 |
| Central | 88.7 | 9.4 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.6 | . 1 | . 0 | 99.7 | 3512 |
| Eastern | 80.2 | 15.1 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.6 | . 1 | . 0 | 98.9 | 4409 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 94.2 | 5.0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | 99.9 | 4320 |
| Rural | 84.0 | 12.3 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.9 | . 1 | . 0 | 99.2 | 10356 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 83.9 | 12.3 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.0 | . 1 | . 0 | 99.1 | 9265 |
| Primary | 88.7 | 9.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 99.9 | 2134 |
| Secondary + | 94.7 | 4.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 3275 |
| Missing/DK | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 79.9 | 15.7 | 1.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.7 | . 2 | . 0 | 98.3 | 2762 |
| Second | 83.9 | 11.5 | . 8 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.7 | . 2 | . 0 | 99.0 | 2849 |
| Middle | 83.5 | 13.1 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 99.9 | 2992 |
| Fourth | 90.0 | 8.5 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 0 | 99.9 | 3087 |
| Richest | 97.1 | 2.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 2986 |
| Total | 87.0 | 10.1 | . 5 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.3 | . 1 | . 0 | 99.4 | 14676 |



## VIII. Reproductive Health

## Fertility

In MICS4, adolescent birth rates and total fertility rates are calculated by using information on the date of last birth of each woman and are based on the one-year period (1-12 months) preceding the survey. Rates are underestimated by a very small margin due to the absence of information on multiple births (twins, triplets etc) and on women having multiple deliveries during the one year period preceding the survey.

Table RH. 1 shows adolescent birth rates and total fertility rate. The adolescent birth rate (age-specific fertility rate for women age $15-19$ ) is defined as the number of births to women aged 15-19 years during the one year period preceding the survey, divided by the average number of women aged 1519 (number of women-years lived between ages 15 through 19 , inclusive) during the same period, expressed per 1,000 women. The total fertility rate (TFR) is calculated by summing the age-specific fertility rates calculated for each of the five-year age groups of women, from age 15 through to age 49. The TFR is expressed as average number of births per women. It denotes the average number of children to which a woman will have given birth by the end of her reproductive years if current fertility rates prevailed.

TABLE RH.1: ADOLESCENT BIRTH RATE AND TOTAL FERTILITY RATE, BHUTAN, 2010

|  | Adolescent birth rate [1] (Age-specific fertility rate for women age 15-19) | Total Fertility Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |
| Bumthang | 41 | 3.0 |
| Chukha | 29 | 1.9 |
| Dagana | 124 | 3.0 |
| Gasa | 332 | 4.0 |
| Haa | 53 | 2.2 |
| Lhuentse | 67 | 2.3 |
| Mongar | 138 | 3.3 |
| Paro | 42 | 2.9 |
| Pemagatshel | 163 | 4.0 |
| Punakha | 35 | 2.8 |
| Samdrup Jongkhar | 20 | 2.0 |
| Samtse | 63 | 2.6 |
| Sarpang | 37 | 2.5 |
| Thimphu | 34 | 2.2 |
| Trashigang | 86 | 2.9 |
| Trashiyangtse | 54 | 3.3 |
| Trongsa | 95 | 2.7 |
| Tsirang | 60 | 2.1 |
| Wangdue | 51 | 2.4 |
| Zhemgang | 150 | 4.1 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 30 | 2.3 |
| Rural | 77 | 2.8 |
| Mother's education |  |  |
| None | 113 | 2.9 |
| Primary | 70 | 2.5 |
| Secondary+ | 29 | 3.0 |
| Wealth index quintile |  |  |
| Poorest | 112 | 3.1 |
| Second | 95 | 2.8 |
| Middle | 97 | 3.0 |
| Fourth | 36 | 2.4 |
| Richest | 10 | 2.0 |
| Total | 59 | 2.6 |

[1]MICS indicator 5.1; MDG indicator 5.4

TABLE RH.2: EARLY CHILDBEARING
Percentage of women age 15-19 who have had a live birth or who are pregnant with the first child; percentage of women age 15-19 who have begun childbearing before age 15, and the percentage of women age 20-24 who have had a live birth before age 18, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of women age 15-19 |  |  |  | Number of women age 15-19 | Percentage of women age 20-24 who have had a live birth before age 18 [1] | Number of women age 20-24 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Have had a live birth | Are pregnant with first child | Have begun childbearing | Have had a live birth before age 15 |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 6.4 | 7.9 | 14.3 | . 0 | 51 | 11.9 | 58 |
| Chukha | 6.5 | 1.6 | 8.1 | . 0 | 269 | 13.1 | 296 |
| Dagana | 20.9 | . 0 | 20.9 | 1.6 | 76 | 24.1 | 88 |
| Gasa | * | * | * | * | 9 | (3.0) | 23 |
| Haa | 2.6 | 1.1 | 3.8 | . 0 | 36 | 22.9 | 49 |
| Lhuntse | 17.3 | 4.0 | 21.3 | . 0 | 33 | 16.5 | 60 |
| Mongar | 18.9 | 1.0 | 19.9 | . 0 | 117 | 16.6 | 161 |
| Paro | 4.4 | 1.8 | 6.1 | . 0 | 135 | 6.5 | 151 |
| Pemagatshel | 21.6 | . 0 | 21.6 | 5.4 | 53 | 17.2 | 76 |
| Punakha | 7.5 | 3.1 | 10.6 | . 6 | 70 | 11.5 | 74 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 4.9 | 5.6 | 10.5 | 1.4 | 99 | 24.3 | 136 |
| Samtse | 8.5 | 3.6 | 12.2 | . 7 | 251 | 18.7 | 274 |
| Sarpang | 7.2 | . 8 | 8.0 | . 0 | 141 | 18.6 | 173 |
| Thimphu | 2.9 | . 7 | 3.6 | . 5 | 357 | 8.8 | 407 |
| Trashigang | 9.7 | 3.7 | 13.4 | . 0 | 91 | 21.6 | 139 |
| Trashiyangtse | 5.7 | 5.7 | 11.4 | . 0 | 35 | 7.8 | 50 |
| Trongsa | 8.7 | 5.4 | 14.1 | . 0 | 35 | 18.7 | 47 |
| Tsirang | 8.9 | 4.5 | 13.4 | . 0 | 89 | 17.2 | 80 |
| Wangdue | 7.0 | 3.5 | 10.5 | . 0 | 64 | 14.4 | 99 |
| Zhemgang | 25.2 | 7.6 | 32.8 | 2.7 | 42 | 20.8 | 63 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 5.7 | 1.9 | 7.6 | . 3 | 1126 | 12.3 | 1273 |
| Central | 11.1 | 3.3 | 14.4 | . 5 | 498 | 18.1 | 608 |
| Eastern | 12.8 | 3.1 | 16.0 | 1.0 | 428 | 18.7 | 622 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.9 | . 8 | 3.7 | . 2 | 753 | 10.3 | 882 |
| Rural | 11.8 | 3.5 | 15.3 | . 7 | 1299 | 18.0 | 1620 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 20.3 | 4.8 | 25.1 | 1.4 | 548 | 24.0 | 1158 |
| Primary | 11.6 | 4.1 | 15.7 | . 9 | 304 | 22.7 | 340 |
| Secondary + | 2.4 | 1.0 | 3.4 | . 0 | 1201 | 2.7 | 1004 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 15.8 | 2.5 | 18.3 | 1.6 | 316 | 21.1 | 402 |
| Second | 17.0 | 4.2 | 21.2 | . 1 | 323 | 17.7 | 413 |
| Middle | 13.2 | 5.4 | 18.6 | 1.5 | 339 | 16.8 | 499 |
| Fourth | 4.6 | 1.4 | 6.0 | . 0 | 441 | 17.1 | 614 |
| Richest | . 8 | . 8 | 1.5 | . 0 | 633 | 6.3 | 574 |
| Total | 8.5 | 2.5 | 11.0 | . 5 | 2052 | 15.3 | 2502 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

The results show great variation by all the background characteristics. The education of the mother and wealth displays the widest range. Adolescent birth rate reduces from 113 to 29 per 1,000 women if mother has none or only secondary education respectively. It also reduces from 112 for households in the poorest quintile to 10 in the richest quintile. Adolescent birth rate in Bhutan is 59. While the TFR in Bhutan is 2.6 per women; the women would have given birth to three or more children in the poorest households and two children in the richest households.

Sexual activity and childbearing early in life carry significant risks for young people all around the world. Table RH. 2 presents some early childbearing indicators for women aged 15-19 and 20-24, while Table RH. 3 presents the trends for early childbearing. As shown in Table RH.2, 8.5 percent of women aged 15-19 have already had a birth, 2.5 percent are pregnant with their first child, thus summing up to 11 percent having begun childbearing. 0.5 percent has already had a live birth before the age of 15 . All the early childbearing results show positive correlation to women's education and household wealth. Differences are also presented by region and area.

Table RH. 3 presents trends in early childbearing. Among women 20-24 years old, 15.3 percent have had a live birth before 18 years of age. Early child bearing decreases with wealth and education, thus it is almost 10 times more common among women 20-24 years old with no education ( $24 \%$ ), compared with women with secondary plus ( $2.7 \%$ ). Early child bearing is more common in rural areas ( $18 \%$ ) and in the Eastern and Central regions ( $18.7 \%$ and $18.1 \%$ ) respectively. The percentage of women with live birth before the age of 18 has remained relatively unchanged over the last 25 years.
TABLE RH.3: TRENDS IN EARLY CHILDBEARING

Percentage of women who have had a live birth by age 15 and 18 , by age groups, Bhutan, 2010 |  | Urban |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{c}\text { Percentage of } \\ \text { women with a } \\ \text { live birth before } \\ \text { age 15 }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Number of } \\ \text { women }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Percentage of } \\ \text { women with a } \\ \text { live birth before } \\ \text { age } 18\end{array}$ |

|  | Urban |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of women with a live birth before age 15 | Number of women | Percentage of women with a live birth before age 18 | Number of women | Percentage of women with a live birth before age 15 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | . 2 | 753 | * | 0 | . 7 |
| 20-24 | . 6 | 882 | 10.3 | 882 | 1.5 |
| 25-29 | 1.4 | 983 | 11.1 | 983 | 2.3 |
| 30-34 | 1.8 | 722 | 16.6 | 722 | 2.3 |
| 35-39 | 2.6 | 536 | 13.1 | 536 | 2.0 |
| 40-44 | 2.4 | 380 | 17.4 | 380 | 1.4 |
| 45-49 | 2.4 | 192 | 10.5 | 192 | . 7 |
| Total | 1.4 | 4448 | 12.9 | 3695 | 1.6 |

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
When comparing the age group of 15-19 years to the older age groups, it is worth mentioning the declining trend in giving birth before the age of 15 . In the age category of 15-19 the percentage of women who has given a birth before reaching age 15 was 0.5 percent whereas 35-39 age categories was 2.2 percent.


## Contraception

Appropriate family planning is important to the health of women and children by: 1) preventing pregnancies that are too early or too late; 2) extending the period between births; and 3) limiting the number of children. Access by all couples to information and services to prevent pregnancies that are too early, too closely spaced, too late or too many is critical.

Current use of contraception was reported by 65.6 percent of women currently married or in union (Table RH.4). The most popular method is injectables, which are used by 28.9 percent of married women in Bhutan. The next most popular method as reported by currently married women or women in a union was male sterilization, which accounts for 12.6 percent of married women. Between 3.7 and 7.5 percent of women reported use of the IUD, oral pills, female sterilization and the male condom. Less than 0.1 percent use periodic abstinence, withdrawal, male sterilization, or the lactational amenorrhea method (LAM). In Bhutan, foam and jelly forms of contraceptives are not used at all.

Contraceptive prevalence among married women or union is highest in the Central region at 68.1 percent and almost as high in the Western region at 66.7 percent with a lower 61.8 percent in the Eastern region. Adolescents are far less likely to use contraception than older women. Only about 30.2 percent of women aged 15-19 currently use a method of contraception compared to 56.5 percent of 20-24 year olds and 70.9 percent of 40-44 year olds. As to be expected married/in union women with children are more likely to use contraception then women who have not had children.

Women's education level is negatively associated with contraceptive prevalence. The percentage of women using any method of contraception decreases from 67.5 percent among those with no education, to 66.2 percent among women with primary education, and to 57.7 percent among women with secondary or higher education. In addition to differences in prevalence, the method mix varies by education. Thus while injectables remain the most popular methods for all regardless of the level of education, the second most popular method is a male condom for women with secondary + education, the pill for women with primary education, and male sterilization for women with no education.

Among the poorest quintile, male sterilization is high (16.1\%) compared to the richest quintile (8.2\%), while female sterilization is the highest among the richest quintile ( $10.4 \%$ ) compared to the poorest quintile (3.9\%).

## TABLE RH.4: USE OF CONTRACEPTION

Percentage of women age 15-49 years currently married or in union who are using (or whose partner is using) a contraceptive method, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent of women (currently married or inunion) who are using: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Any modern method | Any traditional method | Anymethod [1] | Number of women currently married or in union |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Not using any method | Female sterilization | Male sterilization | IUD | Injectables | $\underset{\text { Im- }}{\text { Imants }}$ | Oral Contraceptive Pill | Male <br> con- <br> dom | Female <br> con- <br> dom | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Foam/ } \\ & \text { jelly } \end{aligned}$ | Lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM) | Periodic abstinence/ Rhythm | Withdrawal | Other |  |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 39.5 | 4.4 | 7.7 | 2.3 | 34.4 | . 0 | 6.4 | 5.1 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 60.5 | . 0 | 60.5 | 222 |
| Chukha | 34.2 | 7.7 | 10.6 | 3.9 | 25.5 | . 0 | 7.1 | 10.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 3 | . 0 | . 4 | 65.0 | . 8 | 65.8 | 1039 |
| Dagana | 23.0 | 3.0 | 20.6 | 1.6 | 33.6 | . 0 | 11.5 | 6.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | 76.6 | 4 | 77.0 | 396 |
| Gasa | 32.7 | 2.1 | 10.8 | 2.8 | 37.0 | . 0 | 5.0 | 9.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 67.3 | . 0 | 67.3 | 86 |
| Haa | 22.7 | 14.5 | 11.4 | 3.4 | 30.4 | . 4 | 8.5 | 8.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 77.1 | . 2 | 77.3 | 201 |
| Lhuntse | 35.6 | 4.2 | 14.2 | 5.3 | 33.9 | . 0 | 4.8 | 1.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 64.4 | . 0 | 64.4 | 219 |
| Mongar | 36.4 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 6.2 | 38.4 | . 0 | 3.5 | 2.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 63.6 | . 0 | 63.6 | 697 |
| Paro | 32.7 | 11.7 | 10.1 | 6.2 | 25.3 | . 3 | 8.1 | 5.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 67.2 | . 1 | 67.3 | 504 |
| Pemagatshel | 44.3 | 3.3 | 12.7 | 1.6 | 28.0 | . 3 | 6.1 | 3.8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 55.7 | . 0 | 55.7 | 373 |
| Punakha | 38.8 | 11.1 | 13.7 | 2.5 | 20.2 | . 2 | 7.2 | 5.8 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | 60.8 | . 4 | 61.2 | 342 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 37.6 | 5.7 | 12.3 | 1.7 | 31.3 | . 0 | 8.4 | 2.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 62.4 | . 0 | 62.4 | 638 |
| Samtse | 32.9 | 9.1 | 21.5 | 1.0 | 21.8 | . 0 | 10.3 | 3.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 66.9 | . 2 | 67.1 | 1143 |
| Sarpang | 32.6 | 5.0 | 11.7 | 4.7 | 29.6 | . 0 | 9.4 | 6.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 5 | . 2 | . 0 | 66.8 | . 6 | 67.4 | 651 |
| Thimphu | 33.4 | 11.4 | 7.1 | 7.3 | 23.2 | . 0 | 7.1 | 10.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | 66.4 | . 1 | 66.6 | 1327 |
| Trashigang | 35.8 | 3.6 | 12.7 | 2.6 | 38.2 | . 0 | 6.0 | 1.1 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 64.2 | . 0 | 64.2 | 772 |
| Trashiyangtse | 46.8 | 6.1 | 10.5 | 5.0 | 25.0 | . 0 | 2.8 | 3.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 2 | 52.8 | . 5 | 53.2 | 219 |
| Trongsa | 31.6 | 5.5 | 13.4 | 3.6 | 32.4 | . 9 | 5.0 | 7.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | 68.3 | . 2 | 68.4 | 209 |
| Tsirang | 27.2 | 3.7 | 13.8 | 2.4 | 36.9 | . 2 | 13.3 | 2.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 72.6 | . 1 | 72.8 | 333 |
| Wangdue | 34.8 | 8.2 | 20.4 | 2.0 | 22.2 | . 4 | 6.3 | 5.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 65.0 | . 2 | 65.2 | 394 |
| Zhemgang | 39.3 | 1.9 | 7.3 | 2.4 | 41.2 | . 0 | 5.4 | 2.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | 60.4 | . 2 | 60.7 | 262 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 33.3 | 10.0 | 12.5 | 4.2 | 23.9 | . 1 | 8.0 | 7.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | 66.4 | . 3 | 66.7 | 4642 |
| Central | 31.9 | 4.7 | 14.1 | 2.9 | 32.0 | . 2 | 8.7 | 5.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 1 | . 0 | 67.7 | . 3 | 68.1 | 2468 |
| Eastern | 38.2 | 4.6 | 11.5 | 3.5 | 34.1 | . 0 | 5.6 | 2.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 61.8 | . 0 | 61.8 | 2919 |

## Contd. TABLE RH.4: USE OF CONTRACEPTION

Percentage of women age 15-49 years currently married or in union who are using (or whose partner is using) a contraceptive method, Bhutan, 2010

Number of living children

| 0 | 87.8 | . 3 | 1.6 | . 1 | 1.1 | . 0 | 2.5 | 6.5 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | 12.1 | . 1 | 12.2 | 837 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 44.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 35.1 | . 1 | 7.0 | 8.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 1 | 55.4 | . 2 | 55.7 | 1868 |
| 2 | 27.2 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 4.6 | 34.8 | . 1 | 10.1 | 6.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 1 | 72.5 | . 2 | 72.8 | 2640 |
| 3 | 23.6 | 11.3 | 19.5 | 4.6 | 29.3 | . 1 | 7.2 | 4.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | 76.1 | . 3 | 76.4 | 2199 |
| 4+ | 26.1 | 9.4 | 23.0 | 4.4 | 26.9 | . 0 | 7.0 | 3.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 73.6 | . 2 | 73.9 | 2485 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 32.5 | 7.0 | 15.9 | 3.8 | 30.6 | . 1 | 7.0 | 2.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 67.3 | . 2 | 67.5 | 7087 |
| Primary | 33.8 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 3.2 | 30.1 | . 1 | 9.9 | 5.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | 65.9 | . 3 | 66.2 | 1165 |
| Secondary + | 42.3 | 6.4 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 21.1 | . 0 | 7.9 | 15.9 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | 57.3 | . 4 | 57.7 | 1778 |
| Missing/DK | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . |  | . |  |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 31.0 | 3.9 | 16.1 | 2.0 | 37.5 | . 1 | 8.0 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 68.9 | . 2 | 69.0 | 1855 |
| Second | 34.4 | 4.3 | 16.2 | 2.8 | 34.2 | . 2 | 6.4 | 1.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 65.5 | . 1 | 65.6 | 1888 |
| Middle | 34.9 | 5.9 | 14.1 | 3.4 | 30.2 | . 1 | 7.5 | 3.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | 64.7 | . 4 | 65.1 | 1937 |
| Fourth | 33.6 | 10.1 | 9.5 | 4.5 | 27.6 | . 1 | 8.4 | 6.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | 66.2 | . 2 | 66.4 | 2189 |
| Richest | 37.7 | 10.4 | 8.2 | 5.3 | 16.9 | . 0 | 7.0 | 13.9 | . 1 | . 0 | . 1 | . 2 | . 0 | . 1 | 61.9 | . 4 | 62.3 | 2160 |
| Total | 34.4 | 7.1 | 12.6 | 3.7 | 28.9 | . 1 | 7.5 | 5.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 1 | 65.4 | . 2 | 65.6 | 10029 |

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## Unmet Need

Unmet need for contraception refers to fecund women who are not using any method of contraception, but who wish to postpone the next birth (spacing) or who wish to stop childbearing altogether (limiting). Unmet need is identified in BMIS by using a set of questions eliciting current behaviours and preferences pertaining to contraceptive use, fecundity, and fertility preferences.

Table RH. 5 shows the results of the survey on contraception, unmet need, and the demand for contraception satisfied.

Unmet need for spacing is defined as percentage of women who are not using a method of contraception AND

- are not pregnant and not postpartum amenorrheic ${ }^{11}$ and are fecund ${ }^{12}$ and say they want to wait two or more years for their next birth OR
- are not pregnant and not postpartum amenorrheic and are fecund and unsure whether they want another child OR
- are pregnant and say that pregnancy was mistimed: would have wanted to wait OR
- are postpartum amenorrheic and say that the birth was mistimed: would have wanted to wait

Unmet need for limiting is defined as percentage of women who are not using a method of contraception AND

- are not pregnant and not postpartum amenorrheic and are fecund and say they do not want any more children OR
- are pregnant and say they didn't want to have a child OR
- are postpartum amenorrheic and say that they didn't want the birth

Total unmet need for contraception is simply the sum of unmet need for spacing and unmet need for limiting. Slightly more than one out of ten women aged 15-49 has an unmet need for contraception. The needs of the women in the younger age groups are less fulfilled; particularly those in the age group 15-19 (27.4\%) compared age group 45-49 (6.5\%). The unmet need for contraception is slightly higher in the Eastern region when compared with the two other regions.
Of the unmet need for contraception, the need is slightly higher for limiting (6.9\%) of children as opposed to spacing (4.7\%).
${ }^{11}$ A women is postpartum amenorrheic if she had a birth in the last two years and is not currently pregnant, and her menstrual period has not returned since the birth of the last child
${ }^{12}$ A women is considered infecund if she is neither pregnant nor postpartum amenorrheic, and (1a) has not had menstruation for at least six months, or (1b) never menstruated, or (1c) her last menstruation occurred before her last birth, or (1d) in menopause/has had hysterectomy OR
(2) She declares that she has had hysterectomy, or that she has never menstruated or that she is menopausal, or that she has been trying to get pregnant for two or more years without result in response to questions on why she thinks she is not physically able to get pregnant at the time of survey OR
(3) She declares she cannot get pregnant when asked about desire for future birth OR
(4) She has not had a birth in the preceding five years, is currently not using contraception and is currently married and was continuously married during the last five years preceding the survey

Using information on contraception and unmet need, the percentage of demand for contraception satisfied is also estimated from the BMIS data. Percentage of demand satisfied is defined as the proportion of women currently married or in a marital union who are currently using contraception, of the total demand for contraception. The total demand for contraception includes women who currently have an unmet need (for spacing or limiting), plus those who are currently using contraception. Nationally, the percentage of demand for contraception satisfied is 84.9. The demand for contraception satisfied is least for women aged 15-19 years old at 52.4 percent and for Pemagatshel Dzongkhag at 73.9 percent.

|  | TABLE RH.5: | ONTRAC | ION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of | years currently | rried or in un | ith an unmet | pl | ng and percenta | of demand for | (ion | d,Bhutan, 201 |  |
|  |  | Met need for contraception - For spacing | Met need for contraception - For limiting | Met need for contraception - Total | Unmet need for contraception For spacing | Unmet need for contraception - For limiting | Unmet need for contraception Total [1] | Number of women currently married or in union | Percentage of demand for contraception satisfied | Number of women currently married or in union with need for contraception |
|  | Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Bumthang | 14.6 | 45.9 | 60.5 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 15.0 | 222 | 80.1 | 168 |
|  | Chukha | 11.2 | 54.8 | 65.8 | 3.6 | 6.0 | 9.6 | 1039 | 87.2 | 784 |
|  | Dagana | 14.3 | 62.6 | 77.0 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 7.4 | 396 | 91.2 | 334 |
|  | Gasa | 11.5 | 55.8 | 67.3 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 10.3 | 86 | 86.8 | 67 |
|  | Haa | 12.0 | 65.3 | 77.3 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 7.5 | 201 | 91.1 | 170 |
|  | Lhuntse | 16.7 | 47.6 | 64.4 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 11.7 | 219 | 84.7 | 167 |
|  | Mongar | 15.9 | 47.7 | 63.6 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 13.5 | 697 | 82.5 | 538 |
|  | Paro | 9.2 | 58.3 | 67.3 | 3.4 | 8.7 | 12.1 | 504 | 84.7 | 400 |
|  | Pemagatshel | 15.4 | 40.4 | 55.7 | 9.2 | 10.5 | 19.7 | 373 | 73.9 | 281 |
|  | Punakha | 7.1 | 54.1 | 61.2 | 3.1 | 12.6 | 15.6 | 342 | 79.7 | 263 |
|  | Samdrup jongkhar | 8.9 | 53.5 | 62.4 | 4.8 | 8.2 | 13.0 | 638 | 82.7 | 482 |
| 二 | Samtse | 9.6 | 57.6 | 67.1 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 13.8 | 1143 | 83.0 | 924 |
| ひ | Sarpang | 13.5 | 53.9 | 67.4 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 8.4 | 651 | 88.9 | 493 |
|  | Thimphu | 17.5 | 49.1 | 66.6 | 3.2 | 6.2 | 9.4 | 1327 | 87.7 | 1008 |
|  | Trashigang | 10.8 | 53.4 | 64.2 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 13.2 | 772 | 83.0 | 598 |
|  | Trashiyangtse | 6.6 | 46.6 | 53.2 | 4.5 | 7.8 | 12.3 | 219 | 81.2 | 144 |
|  | Trongsa | 12.2 | 56.2 | 68.4 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 10.1 | 209 | 87.2 | 164 |
|  | Tsirang | 12.7 | 60.0 | 72.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 7.8 | 333 | 90.3 | 269 |
|  | Wangdue | 10.6 | 54.6 | 65.2 | 3.5 | 7.7 | 11.2 | 394 | 85.4 | 301 |
|  | Zhemgang | 17.4 | 43.3 | 60.7 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 14.3 | 262 | 80.9 | 197 |

## Contd. TABLE RH.5: UNMET NEED FOR CONTRACEPTION

Percentage of women aged 15-49 years currently married or in union with an unmet need for family planning and percentage of demand for contraception satisfied,Bhutan, 2010


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## Antenatal Care

The antenatal period presents important opportunities for reaching pregnant women with a number of interventions that may be vital to their health and well-being and that of their infants. Better understanding of foetal growth and development and its relationship to the mother's health has resulted in increased attention to the potential of antenatal care as an intervention to improve both maternal and newborn health.

For example, if the antenatal period is used to inform women and families about the danger signs and symptoms and about the risks of labour and delivery, it may provide the route for ensuring that pregnant women do, in practice, deliver with the assistance of a skilled health care provider. The antenatal period also provides an opportunity to supply information on birth spacing, which is recognized as an important factor in improving infant survival. Tetanus immunization during pregnancy can be lifesaving for both the mother and infant.

The prevention and treatment of malaria among pregnant women, management of anaemia during pregnancy and treatment of STIs can significantly improve foetal outcomes and improve maternal health. Adverse outcomes such as low birth weight can be reduced through a combination of interventions to improve women's nutritional status and prevent infections (e.g., malaria and STIs) during pregnancy. More recently, the potential of the antenatal period as an entry point for HIV prevention and care, in particular for the prevention of HIV transmission from mother to child, has led to renewed interest in access to and use of antenatal services.

WHO recommends a minimum of four antenatal visits based on a review of the effectiveness of different models of antenatal care. WHO guidelines are specific on the content on antenatal care visits, which include:

- Blood pressure measurement
- Urine testing for bateriuria and proteinuria
- Blood testing to detect syphilis and severe anemia
- Weight/height measurement (optional)

The type of personnel providing antenatal care to women aged 15-49 years who gave birth in the two years preceding is presented in Table RH.6. Coverage of antenatal care by skilled personnel is relatively high in Bhutan with 97.3 percent of women receiving antenatal care at least once during the pregnancy. With such high coverage of antenatal care in Bhutan there are few disparities between the background variables. The difference between urban and rural coverage is just 3 percent for example. However the lowest antenatal care coverage in the country appears to be in Pemagatshel at 84.8 percent.

|  | TABLE RH.6: | L CARE | OVIDER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent distribu | men aged | -49 who gave | birth in the | wo years prece | ing the surve | y by type of | nnel providin | antenatal | Bhutan, |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Person providi | $g$ antenatal care |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Doctor | Nurse / Midwife | HA/BHW | Asst. Clinical Officer(ACO) | Traditional birth attendant | Village health worker | Other/missing | No antenatal care received | Total | skilled personnel [1] | gave birth in the preceding two years |
|  | Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Bumthang | 17.0 | 63.0 | 17.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.5 | 100 | 97.5 | 69 |
|  | Chukha | 27.2 | 65.8 | 5.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.0 | 100 | 98.0 | 223 |
|  | Dagana | 25.1 | 49.1 | 23.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.3 | 100 | 97.7 | 100 |
|  | Gasa | (6.0) | (72.6) | (10.6) | (.0) | (.0) | (.0) | (.0) | (10.8) | (100.0) | (89.2) | 28 |
|  | Haa | 36.4 | 40.2 | 21.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.4 | 100 | 97.6 | 43 |
|  | Lhuntse | 13.1 | 35.3 | 47.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.3 | 100 | 95.7 | 47 |
|  | Mongar | 20.6 | 30.8 | 47.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 7 | 100 | 99.3 | 186 |
|  | Paro | 22.2 | 72.3 | 4.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.1 | 100 | 98.9 | 146 |
|  | Pemagatshel | 13.7 | 37.2 | 33.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 2.1 | 13.0 | 100 | 84.8 | 94 |
|  | Punakha | 32.3 | 61.4 | 4.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | . 0 | 1.6 | 100 | 98.0 | 100 |
|  | Samdrup jongkhar | 21.6 | 51.6 | 24.5 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.6 | 100 | 98.4 | 163 |
|  | Samtse | 17.5 | 57.7 | 24.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 8 | 100 | 99.2 | 221 |
| $\stackrel{\varpi}{\infty}$ | Sarpang | 9.3 | 70.2 | 20.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | 100 | 100.0 | 132 |
|  | Thimphu | 42.0 | 55.8 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.6 | 100 | 98.4 | 298 |
|  | Trashigang | 20.2 | 18.8 | 54.8 | . 8 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 0 | 4.1 | 100 | 94.7 | 161 |
|  | Trashiyangtse | 11.9 | 48.1 | 34.8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.2 | 100 | 94.8 | 60 |
|  | Trongsa | 32.9 | 26.7 | 37.9 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.0 | . 0 | 1.4 | 100 | 97.6 | 50 |
|  | Tsirang | 4.2 | 58.3 | 35.1 | 1.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 7 | 100 | 99.3 | 62 |
|  | Wangdue | 41.9 | 28.6 | 28.8 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 7 | 100 | 99.3 | 103 |
|  | Zhemgang | 13.5 | 49.1 | 29.2 | . 0 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | 7.6 | 100 | 91.9 | 82 |

## Contd. TABLE RH.6: ANTENATAL CARE PROVIDER

Percent distribution of women aged 15-49 who gave birth in the two years preceding the survey by type of personnel providing antenatal care, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Person providing antenatal care |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | At least once by skilled personnel [1] | Number of women who gave birth in the preceding two years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor | Nurse / Midwife | HA/BHW | Asst. Clinical Officer(ACO) | Traditional birth attendant | Village health worker | Other/missing | No antenatal care received |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 28.9 | 60.9 | 8.4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.7 | 100 | 98.2 | 1059 |
| Central | 20.4 | 51.0 | 26.2 | . 2 | . 1 | . 1 | . 0 | 2.0 | 100 | 97.8 | 598 |
| Eastern | 18.6 | 35.5 | 41.1 | . 3 | . 0 | . 3 | . 3 | 3.9 | 100 | 95.5 | 711 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 37.8 | 57.3 | 3.8 | . 2 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | . 7 | 100 | 99.1 | 690 |
| Rural | 17.9 | 48.1 | 30.5 | . 1 | . 0 | . 2 | . 1 | 3.2 | 100 | 96.6 | 1678 |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 20 | 19.5 | 48.7 | 27.2 | . 5 | . 0 | . 8 | . 0 | 3.3 | 100 | 96.0 | 269 |
| 20-34 | 24.1 | 51.9 | 21.7 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 1 | 2.0 | 100 | 97.9 | 1852 |
| 35-49 | 24.7 | 44.7 | 25.2 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.2 | 100 | 94.6 | 247 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 20.8 | 47.6 | 28.0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | 3.2 | 100 | 96.5 | 1484 |
| Primary | 19.0 | 59.2 | 20.3 | . 4 | . 0 | . 0 | . 3 | . 9 | 100 | 98.8 | 302 |
| Secondary + | 33.5 | 54.5 | 10.5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 2 | 1.4 | 100 | 98.5 | 582 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 12.9 | 34.2 | 48.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.3 | 100 | 95.7 | 471 |
| Second | 16.6 | 44.1 | 34.0 | . 4 | . 0 | . 1 | . 2 | 4.7 | 100 | 95.0 | 448 |
| Middle | 21.3 | 56.6 | 19.6 | . 0 | . 0 | . 5 | . 0 | 2.0 | 100 | 97.5 | 475 |
| Fourth | 29.2 | 61.7 | 8.0 | . 3 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 8 | 100 | 99.2 | 518 |
| Richest | 38.0 | 55.9 | 4.9 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 3 | . 8 | 100 | 98.8 | 455 |
| Total | 23.7 | 50.7 | 22.7 | . 1 | . 0 | . 1 | . 1 | 2.5 | 100 | 97.3 | 2368 |

[1] MICS indicator 5.5a; MDG indicator 5.5

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

UNICEF and WHO recommend a minimum of at least four antenatal care visits during pregnancy. Table RH. 7 shows number of antenatal care visits during the last pregnancy during the two years preceding the survey, regardless of provider by selected characteristics. More than nine in ten mothers $(94.1 \%)$ receive antenatal care more than once and more than seven out of ten of the mothers received antenatal care at least four times $(77.3 \%)$. Mothers from the poorest households and those with no education or primary education are less likely than more advantaged mothers to receive ANC four or more times. For example, 64 percent of the women living in poorest households reported four or more antenatal care visits compared with 91.8 percent among those living in richest households. Women less than 20 years of age, as well as women aged 35-49, are less likely to receive four or more antenatal care visits compared to women 20-34 years old

TABLE RH.7: NUMBER OF ANTENATAL CARE VISITS
Percentage of women who had a live birth during the two years preceding the survey by number of antenatal care visits by any provider, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent of women who had: |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women who gave birth in the preceding two years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No antenetal care visits | One visit | Two visits | Three visits | 4 or more visits [1] | Missing/DK |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 2.5 | 3.2 | 4.9 | 16.9 | 72.4 | . 0 | 100 | 69 |
| Chukha | 2.0 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 8.1 | 84.2 | . 0 | 100 | 223 |
| Dagana | 2.3 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 16.9 | 70.7 | . 8 | 100 | 100 |
| Gasa | (10.8) | (7.0) | (7.7) | (8.3) | (55.6) | (10.6) | (100) | 28 |
| Наa | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 7.3 | 85.8 | . 0 | 100 | 43 |
| Lhuntse | 4.3 | 4.4 | 17.8 | 13.7 | 59.8 | . 0 | 100 | 47 |
| Mongar | . 7 | 3.0 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 78.1 | . 7 | 100 | 186 |
| Paro | 1.1 | 3.4 | 6.2 | 11.9 | 75.9 | 1.4 | 100 | 146 |
| Pemagatshel | 13.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 9.3 | 70.4 | 1.2 | 100 | 94 |
| Punakha | 1.6 | 2.2 | 6.2 | 12.9 | 77.1 | . 0 | 100 | 100 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 1.6 | 3.3 | 6.9 | 17.3 | 70.1 | . 7 | 100 | 163 |
| Samtse | . 8 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 7.2 | 86.8 | . 0 | 100 | 221 |
| Sarpang | . 0 | . 3 | . 0 | 4.9 | 94.9 | . 0 | 100 | 132 |
| Thimphu | 1.6 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 8.2 | 83.6 | . 6 | 100 | 298 |
| Trashigang | 4.1 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 16.9 | 69.3 | 1.1 | 100 | 161 |
| Trashiyangtse | 5.2 | 0.0 | 8.6 | 14.7 | 70.5 | . 9 | 100 | 60 |
| Trongsa | 1.4 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 17.8 | 73.2 | . 0 | 100 | 50 |
| Tsirang | . 7 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 12.5 | 79.8 | 1.8 | 100 | 62 |
| Wangdue | . 7 | 2.5 | 8.9 | 14.2 | 72.6 | 1.1 | 100 | 103 |
| Zhemgang | 7.6 | 4.5 | 9.4 | 20.4 | 58.2 | . 0 | 100 | 82 |


| Contd. TABLE RH.7: NUMBER OF ANTENATAL CARE VISITS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women who had a live birth during the two years preceding the survey by number of antenatal care visits by any provider, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percent of women who had: |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women who gave birth in the preceding two years |
|  | No antenetal care visits | One visit | Two visits | Three visits | 4 or more visits [1] | Missing/DK |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 1.7 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 8.9 | 82.1 | . 6 | 100 | 1059 |
| Central | 2.0 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 13.9 | 76.0 | . 5 | 100 | 598 |
| Eastern | 3.9 | 3.3 | 7.0 | 13.5 | 71.4 | . 8 | 100 | 711 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | . 7 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 6.7 | 87.1 | . 7 | 100 | 690 |
| Rural | 3.2 | 3.0 | 6.3 | 13.5 | 73.3 | . 7 | 100 | 1678 |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 20 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 7.1 | 11.1 | 73.8 | 1.4 | 100 | 269 |
| 20-34 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 4.6 | 11.2 | 79.1 | . 6 | 100 | 1852 |
| 35-49 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 8.2 | 14.6 | 67.5 | . 5 | 100 | 247 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 3.2 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 12.8 | 73.8 | . 9 | 100 | 1484 |
| Primary | . 9 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 16.2 | 74.9 | . 4 | 100 | 302 |
| Secondary + | 1.4 | 1.3 | 3.6 | 5.9 | 87.7 | . 2 | 100 | 582 |
| Wealth index quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 4.3 | 4.2 | 9.8 | 17.2 | 64.0 | . 5 | 100 | 471 |
| Second | 4.7 | 3.5 | 7.2 | 14.7 | 68.8 | 1.1 | 100 | 448 |
| Middle | 2.0 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 13.5 | 77.8 | . 8 | 100 | 475 |
| Fourth | . 8 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 8.3 | 83.7 | . 7 | 100 | 518 |
| Richest | . 8 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 91.8 | . 3 | 100 | 455 |
| Total | 2.5 | 2.7 | 5.3 | 11.5 | 77.3 | . 7 | 100 | 2368 |

[1] MICS indicator 5.5b; MDG indicator 5.5

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

The types of services pregnant women received are shown in table RH.8. Among those women who have given birth to a child during the two years preceding the survey, 93 percent reported that a blood sample was taken during antenatal care visits, 94.7 percent reported that their blood pressure was checked, 89.1 percent that urine specimen was taken. Among the Dzongkhags, Gasa ${ }^{13}$ - followed by Zhemgang, Pemagatshel and Samdrup jongkhar - had the least reported percentage of women who had their blood pressure measured, urine sample taken and blood sample taken as part of antenatal care. This percentage is also low among pregnant women less than 20 years old, with no education or belonging to the poorest quintiles. There is a difference between urban and rural women; in particular women living in rural areas are less likely to have a urine specimen taken.

[^15]TABLE RH.8: CONTENT OF ANTENATAL CARE
Percentage of women age 15-49 years who had their blood pressure measured, urine sample taken, and blood sample taken as part of antenatal care,Bhutan, 2010

[1] MICS indicator 5.6

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases


## Assistance at Delivery

Three quarters of all maternal deaths occur during delivery and the immediate post-partum period. The single most critical intervention for safe motherhood is to ensure a competent health worker with midwifery skills is present at every birth, and transport is available to a referral facility for obstetric care in case of emergency. A World Fit for Children goal is to ensure that women have ready and affordable access to skilled attendance at delivery. The indicators are the proportion of births with a skilled attendant and proportion of institutional deliveries. The skilled attendant at delivery indicator is also used to track progress toward the Millennium Development target of reducing the maternal mortality ratio by three quarters between 1990 and 2015.

The BMIS included a number of questions to assess the proportion of births attended by a skilled attendant. A skilled attendant includes a doctor, nurse/midwife, basic health worker or assistant clinical officer.

About 64.5 percent of births occurring in the past two years preceding the BMIS survey were assisted at delivery by skilled personnel (Table RH.9). This percentage is highest in Western region at 78.7 percent and lowest in Eastern region at 49.2 percent. Women with secondary or higher education are more likely to have been delivered with the assistance of a skilled attendant than women with primary or no education. Women from the richest quintile are almost three times more likely to have been delivered by a skilled attendant than women from the poorest quintile. More women were assisted at birth by a skilled attendant in the urban areas (89.5\%) comparing with their peers in the rural areas ( $54.3 \%$ ). Among the Dzongkhags, Zhemgang had the least skilled attendance at delivery (37.7\%).

About one in three of the births ( $32.1 \%$ ) in the past two years preceding the survey were assisted at delivery by a midwife/nurse, while doctors assisted with the delivery of 26.1 percent of births. In the Western region, about 29.7 percent of births are delivered by doctors as compared to 23.8 and 22.5 in the Central and Eastern regions respectively. The main non-skilled support comes from relatives and friends, who assisted in the delivery of 29.9 percent of births. A high 54.1 percent of women from the poorest quintile are delivered with the assistance of a relative or friend. The proportion delivered by relatives or friends is much higher in the Eastern region (42.4\%) compared to the Central region $(37.9 \%)$ and the Western region (17\%) in particular. More than one in ten $(12.4 \%)$ of the births were delivered through C-section.

TABLE RH.9: ASSISTANCE DURING DELIVERY
Percent distribution of women age $15-49$ who had a live birth in the two years preceding the survey by person assisting, at delivery and percentage of births delivered by C-section, Bhutan, 2010


## Contd. TABLE RH.9: ASSISTANCE DURING DELIVERY

Percent distribution of women age $\mathbf{1 5 - 4 9}$ who had a live birth in the two years preceding the survey by person assisting, at delivery and percentage of births delivered by C-section, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Person assisting at delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Any skilled personnel | Percent delivered by C-section | Number of women who gave birth in preceding two years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor | Nurse / Midwife | HA/BHW | Asst. Clinical Officer (ACO) | Traditional birth attendant | Village health worker | Relative / <br> Friend | Other/missing | No attendant |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 40.2 | 46.4 | 2.7 | . 1 | . 1 | . 1 | 8.2 | 2.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 89.5 | 18.2 | 690 |
| Rural | 20.2 | 26.2 | 7.7 | . 1 | 2.4 | . 2 | 38.8 | 3.8 | . 5 | 100.0 | 54.3 | 10.1 | 1678 |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 20 | 19.4 | 30.4 | 8.4 | . 0 | 1.3 | . 2 | 35.1 | 5.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 58.2 | 8.2 | 269 |
| 20-34 | 27.0 | 33.7 | 5.5 | . 1 | 1.9 | . 2 | 28.5 | 2.8 | . 4 | 100.0 | 66.2 | 12.7 | 1852 |
| 35-49 | 26.0 | 22.5 | 9.7 | . 5 | 1.2 | . 2 | 34.7 | 5.2 | . 2 | 100.0 | 58.6 | 15.3 | 247 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public sector health facility | 41.0 | 49.3 | 8.2 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.1 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 19.7 | 1492 |
| Private sector health facility | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 35.6 | 3 |
| Home | . 3 | 2.9 | 2.9 | . 0 | 4.7 | . 5 | 79.3 | 8.6 | . 8 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 865 |
| Other | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 12.2 | . 0 | 66.1 | 16.5 | 5.1 | 100.0 | . 0 | 0.0 | 7 |
| Missing/DK | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | . 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 20.9 | 25.7 | 6.9 | . 1 | 2.6 | . 3 | 38.4 | 4.6 | . 5 | 100.0 | 53.6 | 10.7 | 1484 |
| Primary | 26.1 | 30.6 | 5.5 | . 2 | . 3 | . 0 | 34.2 | 3.1 | . 1 | 100.0 | 62.4 | 12.8 | 302 |
| Secondary + | 39.3 | 49.3 | 5.0 | . 0 | . 3 | . 0 | 6.0 | . 2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 93.6 | 16.8 | 582 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 10.2 | 15.2 | 8.8 | . 1 | 4.3 | . 4 | 54.1 | 6.1 | . 8 | 100.0 | 34.3 | 7.3 | 471 |
| Second | 15.6 | 18.2 | 9.3 | . 2 | 3.0 | . 4 | 48.4 | 4.3 | . 6 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 8.1 | 448 |
| Middle | 26.9 | 34.3 | 6.1 | . 0 | 1.5 | . 1 | 28.8 | 2.0 | . 3 | 100.0 | 67.3 | 12.3 | 475 |
| Fourth | 33.7 | 43.8 | 3.3 | . 1 | . 2 | . 0 | 16.2 | 2.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 80.9 | 14.1 | 518 |
| Richest | 43.2 | 47.9 | 4.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 3.4 | 1.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 95.1 | 20.4 | 455 |
| Total | 26.1 | 32.1 | 6.2 | . 1 | 1.8 | . 2 | 29.9 | 3.3 | . 3 | 100.0 | 64.5 | 12.4 | 2368 |

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## Place of Delivery

Increasing the proportion of births that are delivered in health facilities is an important factor in reducing the health risks to both the mother and the baby. Proper medical attention and hygienic conditions during delivery can reduce the risks of complications and infection that can cause morbidity and mortality to either the mother or the baby. Table RH. 10 presents the percentage distribution of women aged 15-49, who had a live birth in the two years preceding the survey by place of delivery and the percentage of births delivered in a health facility, according to background characteristics.
63.1 percent of births in Bhutan are delivered in a health facility; 63 percent of deliveries occur in public sector facilities and 0.1 percent occurs in private sector facilities. More than one in three $(36.6 \%)$ births occurs at home. Women aged $20-34$ are most likely to deliver in a health facility ( $65.1 \%$ ). Women in urban areas are almost twice as likely to deliver in a health facility as their rural counterparts ( $89.8 \%$ compared with $52.2 \%$ ). The Western region has the highest proportion of institutional deliveries (77.7\%), followed by the Central region (56.1\%), while the Eastern region has the lowest proportion (47.4\%). Women with higher levels of educational attainment are more likely to deliver in a health facility than women with less education or no education. The proportion of births occurring in a health facility increases drastically with increasing wealth quintile, from 33.2 percent of births in the lowest wealth quintile to 95.8 percent among those in the highest quintile. With about 36 percent, Trashigang and Zhemgang had the least women delivering in the health facility, while Thimphu had the most among the Dzongkhags with 94.4 percent.

TABLE RH.10: PLACE OF DELIVERY
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 with a birth in two years preceding the survey by place of delivery, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Place of delivery |  |  |  | Total | Delivered in health facility [1] | Number of women who gave birth in preceding two years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Public sector health facility | Private sector health facility | Home | Other |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 55.7 | . 0 | 44.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 55.7 | 69 |
| Chukha | 71.4 | . 8 | 26.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 72.2 | 223 |
| Dagana | 56.1 | . 0 | 43.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 56.1 | 100 |
| Gasa | 59.3 | . 0 | 36.4 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 59.3 | 28 |
| Haa | 78.8 | . 0 | 21.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 78.8 | 43 |
| Lhuntse | 57.3 | . 0 | 42.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 57.3 | 47 |
| Mongar | 59.8 | . 0 | 40.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 59.8 | 186 |
| Paro | 81.7 | . 0 | 18.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 81.7 | 146 |
| Pemagatshel | 45.1 | . 0 | 54.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 45.1 | 94 |
| Punakha | 77.9 | . 0 | 22.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 77.9 | 100 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 44.9 | . 0 | 53.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 163 |
| Samtse | 59.9 | . 0 | 40.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 59.9 | 221 |
| Sarpang | 61.5 | . 0 | 37.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 61.5 | 132 |
| Thimphu | 94.4 | . 0 | 5.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 94.4 | 298 |
| Trashigang | 35.9 | . 6 | 63.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 36.5 | 161 |
| Trashiyangtse | 40.8 | . 0 | 59.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 60 |
| Trongsa | 45.5 | . 0 | 53.8 | . 7 | 100.0 | 45.5 | 50 |
| Tsirang | 73.1 | . 0 | 26.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 73.1 | 62 |
| Wangdue | 59.4 | . 0 | 40.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 59.4 | 103 |
| Zhemgang | 36.9 | . 0 | 62.7 | . 5 | 100.0 | 36.9 | 82 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 77.5 | . 2 | 22.0 | . 3 | 100.0 | 77.7 | 1059 |
| Central | 56.1 | . 0 | 43.6 | . 3 | 100.0 | 56.1 | 598 |
| Eastern | 47.3 | . 1 | 52.3 | . 3 | 100.0 | 47.4 | 711 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 89.4 | . 4 | 9.9 | . 3 | 100.0 | 89.8 | 690 |
| Rural | 52.2 | 0.0 | 47.5 | . 3 | 100.0 | 52.2 | 1678 |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 20 | 57.2 | 0.0 | 42.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 57.2 | 269 |
| 20-34 | 65.0 | . 1 | 34.6 | . 3 | 100.0 | 65.1 | 1852 |
| 35-49 | 54.1 | . 7 | 44.6 | . 5 | 100.0 | 54.9 | 247 |
| Number of Antenatal care visits: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 21.4 | 0.0 | 77.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 59 |
| 1-3 visits | 44.0 | . 4 | 55.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 44.4 | 462 |
| 4+ visits | 69.2 | . 1 | 30.5 | . 3 | 100.0 | 69.2 | 1831 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 51.5 | 0.0 | 48.0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 51.5 | 1484 |
| Primary | 61.7 | . 6 | 37.6 | . 1 | 100.0 | 62.3 | 302 |
| Secondary + | 93.0 | . 2 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 93.1 | 582 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 33.2 | 0.0 | 66.4 | . 5 | 100.0 | 33.2 | 471 |
| Second | 40.8 | 0.0 | 58.8 | . 4 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 448 |
| Middle | 64.4 | 0.0 | 35.1 | . 5 | 100.0 | 64.4 | 475 |
| Fourth | 79.9 | 0.0 | 19.9 | . 2 | 100.0 | 79.9 | 518 |
| Richest | 95.2 | . 6 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 95.8 | 455 |
| Total | 63.0 | . 1 | 36.6 | . 3 | 100.0 | 63.1 | 2368 |

[1] MICS indicator 5.8


## IX. Child Development

## Early Childhood Education and Learning

Attendance to pre-school education in an organized learning or child education program is important for the readiness of children going to school. In Bhutan, early education does not include pre-primary (PP), which is received in formal schools prior to starting grade one of primary education.

About 10 percent of children aged 36-59 months are attending some form of organized early childhood education programme (Table CD.1). Urban-rural and regional differentials are significant - the figure is as high as 18.4 percent in urban areas, compared to 6 percent in rural areas. Among children aged 36-59 months, attendance is more prevalent in the Western region (13.6\%), and lowest in the Eastern region ( $5.5 \%$ ). No gender differential exists, but differentials by education and wealth are significant. About 27 percent of children living in the richest households attend pre-school, while the figure drops to 2.7 percent in the poorest households. The proportion of children attending an early childhood education programme at ages 36-47 months is 3.9 percent compared to 15.4 percent at ages 48-59 months. Thimphu Dzongkhag (18.5\%) has the highest pre-school attendance and Pemagatsel Dzongkhag ( $0.8 \%$ ) the lowest.

TABLE CD.1: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are attending some form of organized early childhood education programme, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children age 36-59 months currently attending early childhood education [1] | Number of children aged 36-59 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 9.6 | 1294 |
| Female | 9.5 | 1203 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |
| Bumthang | 9.2 | 66 |
| Chukha | 12.5 | 278 |
| Dagana | 3.5 | 85 |
| Gasa | * | 14 |
| Наa | 16.4 | 50 |
| Lhuntse | 5.2 | 45 |
| Mongar | 8.5 | 192 |
| Paro | 18.6 | 117 |
| Pemagatshel | . 8 | 76 |
| Punakha | 14.1 | 77 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 9.3 | 161 |
| Samtse | 8.4 | 355 |
| Sarpang | 5.0 | 141 |
| Thimphu | 18.5 | 285 |
| Trashigang | 2.2 | 206 |
| Trashiyangtse | 3.3 | 64 |
| Trongsa | 11.0 | 53 |
| Tsirang | 6.3 | 70 |
| Wangdue | 7.8 | 105 |
| Zhemgang | 4.5 | 57 |
| Region |  |  |
| Western | 13.6 | 1177 |
| Central | 6.4 | 577 |
| Eastern | 5.5 | 743 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 18.4 | 711 |
| Rural | 6.0 | 1786 |
| Age of child |  |  |
| 36-47 months | 3.9 | 1275 |
| 48-59 months | 15.4 | 1222 |
| Mother's education |  |  |
| None | 5.4 | 1731 |
| Primary | 7.4 | 325 |
| Secondary | 27.1 | 442 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |
| Poorest | 2.7 | 542 |
| Second | 1.5 | 466 |
| Middle | 4.8 | 442 |
| Fourth | 12.2 | 577 |
| Richest | 26.5 | 470 |
| Total | 9.5 | 2497 |

[1] MICS indicator 6.8

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases

It is well recognized that a period of rapid brain development occurs in the first 3-4 years of life, and the quality of home care is the major determinant of the child's development during this period. In this context, adult activities with children, presence of books in the home for the child, and the conditions of care are important indicators of the quality of home care. Children should be physically healthy, mentally alert, emotionally secure, socially competent and ready to learn.

Information on a number of activities that support early learning was collected in the survey. These included the involvement of adults with children in the following activities: reading books or looking at picture books, telling stories, singing songs, taking children outside the home, compound or yard, playing with children, and spending time with children naming, counting, or drawing things.

For more than half ( $54.2 \%$ ) of under-five children, an adult household member engaged in four or more activities that promote learning and school readiness during the three days preceding the survey (Table CD.2). The average number of activities that adults engaged with children was 3.6. Father's involvement with one or more activities was 51.3 percent. A high of 14.6 percent of children were living in a household without their fathers. The wealth and education (both parents) positively correlate with the proportion of adult/father engagement and the number of activities. For example, fathers with secondary education engage in twice as many activities ( 2.2 activities) compared with fathers having no education (1 activity).

## TABLE CD.2: SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

Percentage of children age 36-59 months with whom an adult household member engaged in activitiesthat promote learning and school readiness during the last three days, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children aged 36-59 months |  | Mean number of activities |  | Percentage of children not living with their natural father | Number of children aged 36-59 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | With whom adult household members engaged in four or more activities [1] | With whom the father engaged in one or more activities [2] | Any adult household member engaged with the child | The father engaged with the child |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 52.0 | 52.8 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 13.6 | 1294 |
| Female | 56.6 | 49.6 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 15.7 | 1203 |


| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bumthang | 42.0 | 46.5 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 28.1 | 66 |
| Chukha | 60.0 | 54.6 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 12.9 | 278 |
| Dagana | 55.4 | 58.1 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 15.6 | 85 |
| Gasa | * | * | * | * | * | 14 |
| Haa | 49.3 | 60.0 | 3.4 | 1.8 | 14.2 | 50 |
| Lhuntse | 56.0 | 25.1 | 4.0 | . 4 | 30.0 | 45 |
| Mongar | 36.2 | 33.4 | 2.8 | . 7 | 20.8 | 192 |
| Paro | 66.7 | 39.0 | 4.1 | . 8 | 21.3 | 117 |
| Pemagatshel | 59.8 | 59.3 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 17.4 | 76 |
| Punakha | 43.6 | 43.6 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 30.1 | 77 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 33.3 | 56.1 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 15.3 | 161 |
| Samtse | 59.3 | 47.8 | 3.8 | 1.1 | 7.8 | 355 |
| Sarpang | 45.4 | 39.6 | 3.3 | . 8 | 13.5 | 141 |
| Thimphu | 68.0 | 77.4 | 4.2 | 2.1 | 7.4 | 285 |
| Trashigang | 66.8 | 62.6 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 7.9 | 206 |
| Trashiyangtse | 62.8 | 34.1 | 3.7 | . 6 | 14.0 | 64 |
| Trongsa | 57.8 | 36.8 | 3.5 | . 9 | 26.9 | 53 |
| Tsirang | 57.1 | 42.1 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 17.8 | 70 |
| Wangdue | 35.2 | 42.1 | 2.9 | . 9 | 20.4 | 105 |
| Zhemgang | 44.2 | 57.7 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 11.2 | 57 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 60.5 | 55.9 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 12.1 | 1177 |
| Central | 47.0 | 45.4 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 18.3 | 577 |
| Eastern | 49.9 | 48.6 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 15.7 | 743 |

## Contd. TABLE CD.2: SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

Percentage of children age 36-59 months with whom an adult household member engaged in activitiesthat promote learning and school readiness during the last three days, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children aged 36-59 months |  | Mean number of activities |  | Percentage of children not living with their natural father | Number of children aged 36-59 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | With whom adult household members engaged in four or more activities [1] | With whom the father engaged in one or more activities [2] | Any adult household member engaged with the child | The father engaged with the child |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 64.3 | 64.6 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 8.4 | 711 |
| Rural | 50.2 | 46.0 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 17.0 | 1786 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36-47 months | 54.3 | 48.5 | 3.6 | 1.1 | 15.7 | 1275 |
| 48-59 months | 54.2 | 54.2 | 3.6 | 1.3 | 13.4 | 1222 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 47.9 | 48.9 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 13.4 | 1731 |
| Primary | 58.2 | 43.9 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 20.6 | 325 |
| Secondary | 76.1 | 65.9 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 14.7 | 442 |
| Father's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 45.5 | 50.8 | 3.2 | 1.0 | . 0 | 1065 |
| Primary | 58.2 | 55.5 | 3.7 | 1.3 | . 0 | 518 |
| Secondary + | 72.3 | 75.9 | 4.3 | 2.2 | . 0 | 549 |
| Father not in household | 47.2 | 9.8 | 3.4 | . 2 | 100.0 | 364 |
| Missing/DK | * | * | * | * | * | 1 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 39.7 | 44.4 | 3.1 | . 9 | 15.8 | 542 |
| Second | 49.6 | 46.1 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 17.3 | 466 |
| Middle | 50.0 | 44.5 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 17.4 | 442 |
| Fourth | 59.8 | 51.7 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 11.8 | 577 |
| Richest | 72.8 | 70.4 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 11.3 | 470 |
| Total | 54.2 | 51.3 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 14.6 | 2497 |

[1] MICS indicator 6.1
[2] MICS Indicator 6.3
*An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases

There are small gender differentials in terms of adult activities with children; however, a slightly higher proportion of fathers engaged in activities with male children ( $52.8 \%$ ) than with female children ( $49.6 \%$ ). Larger proportions of adults engaged in learning and school readiness activities with children in urban areas ( $64.3 \%$ ) than in rural areas ( $50.2 \%$ ). Strong differentials by region and socio-economic status are also observed: Adult engagement in activities with children was greatest in the Western region ( $60.5 \%$ ) and lowest in the Central region ( $47 \%$ ), while the proportion was 72.8 percent for children living in the richest households, as opposed to those living in the poorest households ( 39.7 \%). Father's involvement showed a similar pattern in terms of differentials by region and socio-economic status.

Exposure to books in early years not only provides the child with greater understanding of the nature of print, but may also give the child opportunities to see others reading, such as older siblings doing school work. The presence of books is important for later school performance and IQ scores. In the BMIS, the mother/caretaker of all children under - five were asked about number of children's books or picture books they have for the child, household objects or outside objects, and homemade toys or toys that came from a shop that are available at home.

Only 6.4 percent of children age $0-59$ months are living in households where at least three children's books are present (Table CD.3). The proportion of children with 10 or more books declines to 1.2 percent. While small gender differentials are observed, urban children appear to have more access to children's books than those living in rural households. The proportion of under-five children who have three or more children's books is 13 percent in urban areas, compared to 3.6 percent in rural areas. Thimphu and Paro have the highest proportion of children with three or more books among the dzongkhags. The availability is more than twice as high in the Western region compared to the Eastern region.

The presence of children's books is positively correlated with the child's age; in the homes of 9.4 percent of children aged 24-59 months, there are three or more children's books, while the figure is 1.7 percent for children aged 0-23 months. Education and wealth have a very strong correlation with availability of children's books. The likelihood of finding at least three children's books is more than 30 times higher among the richest ( $23.9 \%$ ) compared to the poorest ( $0.7 \%$ ). Similarly the likelihood of finding at least three children's books is more than 10 times higher when the mother has secondary or higher education compared to when the mother has no education.

Although very few children have 10 or more children's books, the analysis is similar to that of children with three or more children's books. There is no household in Gasa Dzongkhag with 10 or more children's books while Thimphu Dzongkhag has the highest proportion with 4.3 percent households having 10 or more children's books.

TABLE CD.3: LEARNING MATERIALS
Percentage of children under age 5 by numbers of children's books present in the household, and by playthings that child plays with, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Household has for the child: |  | Child plays with: |  |  | Two or more types of playthings [2] | Number of children under age 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3 or more children's books [1] | 10 or more children's books | Homemade toys | Toys from a shop/manufactured toys | Household objects/ objects found outside |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 6.2 | 1.0 | 25.3 | 60.9 | 66.0 | 52.6 | 3216 |
| Female | 6.5 | 1.5 | 20.6 | 60.7 | 64.6 | 50.5 | 3081 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 8.7 | 1.9 | 20.0 | 69.6 | 46.4 | 44.1 | 171 |
| Chukha | 4.3 | . 2 | 36.5 | 74.5 | 72.8 | 64.5 | 648 |
| Dagana | 1.9 | . 4 | 37.6 | 48.0 | 76.8 | 55.5 | 237 |
| Gasa | 2.9 | . 0 | 44.5 | 43.4 | 46.5 | 50.2 | 43 |
| Наa | 7.5 | . 4 | 21.3 | 77.4 | 72.9 | 65.5 | 121 |
| Lhuntse | 4.2 | . 8 | 12.2 | 57.0 | 58.8 | 52.2 | 124 |
| Mongar | 3.3 | . 3 | 16.1 | 43.1 | 49.8 | 32.6 | 466 |
| Paro | 12.6 | 1.8 | 15.0 | 72.3 | 44.6 | 43.5 | 337 |
| Pemagatshel | 2.4 | . 3 | 28.5 | 48.9 | 33.1 | 35.1 | 214 |
| Punakha | 3.6 | 1.6 | 16.7 | 66.3 | 74.3 | 58.2 | 218 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 3.9 | . 2 | 7.6 | 47.3 | 69.5 | 36.4 | 410 |
| Samtse | 4.2 | . 5 | 18.5 | 53.1 | 75.8 | 52.5 | 755 |
| Sarpang | 5.6 | 1.5 | 42.8 | 68.3 | 75.0 | 65.0 | 350 |
| Thimphu | 16.8 | 4.3 | 15.4 | 84.5 | 67.1 | 65.5 | 801 |
| Trashigang | 5.1 | 1.5 | 27.8 | 59.0 | 68.1 | 51.5 | 479 |
| Trashiyangtse | 3.5 | 1.1 | 14.0 | 36.4 | 48.0 | 27.4 | 169 |
| Trongsa | 6.6 | 1.5 | 23.9 | 49.7 | 66.9 | 46.5 | 133 |
| Tsirang | 4.8 | 1.1 | 21.4 | 45.7 | 47.2 | 33.3 | 186 |
| Wangdue | 4.6 | . 4 | 38.9 | 61.4 | 78.3 | 63.4 | 261 |
| Zhemgang | 3.3 | . 5 | 17.2 | 40.7 | 79.4 | 42.6 | 175 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 8.7 | 1.7 | 21.6 | 70.5 | 68.5 | 58.6 | 2922 |
| Central | 4.9 | 1.0 | 31.5 | 56.5 | 69.0 | 52.7 | 1513 |
| Eastern | 3.9 | . 7 | 18.2 | 49.1 | 57.4 | 39.4 | 1862 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 13.0 | 2.8 | 17.4 | 80.6 | 64.5 | 60.5 | 1841 |
| Rural | 3.6 | . 6 | 25.3 | 52.6 | 65.6 | 47.8 | 4456 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-23 months | 1.7 | . 3 | 12.6 | 48.8 | 46.3 | 36.1 | 2463 |
| 24-59 months | 9.4 | 1.8 | 29.6 | 68.5 | 77.6 | 61.4 | 3834 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 2.0 | . 4 | 24.9 | 52.9 | 66.9 | 48.3 | 4207 |
| Primary | 4.0 | . 1 | 25.4 | 70.6 | 66.4 | 58.4 | 781 |
| Secondary | 21.8 | 4.7 | 15.2 | 80.5 | 59.6 | 57.9 | 1309 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | . 7 | . 1 | 24.6 | 32.5 | 66.9 | 35.9 | 1294 |
| Second | 1.9 | . 1 | 25.4 | 44.7 | 63.9 | 43.3 | 1159 |
| Middle | 1.2 | . 0 | 28.0 | 61.6 | 65.4 | 55.2 | 1197 |
| Fourth | 4.7 | . 7 | 23.0 | 77.4 | 69.0 | 62.0 | 1438 |
| Richest | 23.9 | 5.4 | 13.8 | 86.1 | 60.5 | 60.1 | 1208 |
| Total | 6.4 | 1.2 | 23.0 | 60.8 | 65.3 | 51.5 | 6297 |

[^17]Table CD. 3 also shows that 51.5 percent of children aged $0-59$ months had two or more playthings to play with in their homes. The playthings in BMIS included homemade toys (such as dolls and cars, or other toys made at home), toys that came from a store, and household objects (such as pots and bowls) or objects and materials found outside the home (such as sticks, rocks, animal shells, or leaves). It is interesting to note that 60.8 percent of children play with toys that come from a store while playing with homemade toys is 23 per cent. Urban-rural differentials are observed in this respect with 60.5 percent in urban and 47.8 in rural areas. Children from the Eastern region ( $39.4 \%$ ) are less likely to have two or more playthings than children from the Central ( $52.7 \%$ ) and Western ( $58.6 \%$ ) regions. Some differences are observed in terms of the mother's education - 58.4 percent of children whose mothers have primary education have two or more playthings, while the proportion is 48.3 percent for children whose mothers have no education. There are large differences in the availability of playthings by wealth; only 35.9 percent of children from the poorest quintile have two or more playthings, compared to 60.1 percent of children from the richest quintile.

Leaving children alone or in the presence of other young children is known to increase the risk of accidents. In BMIS, two questions were asked to find out whether children aged 0-59 months were left alone during the week preceding the interview, and whether children were left in the care of other children under 10 years of age.

Table CD 4 shows that 10.2 percent of children aged $0-59$ months were left in the care of other children, while 6.3 percent were left alone during the week preceding the interview. Combining the two care indicators, it is calculated that 14.2 percent of children were left with inadequate care during the week preceding the survey, either by being left alone or in the care of another child. While there are only small differences in regard to the sex of the child, it is twice as common to leave children with inadequate care in rural areas ( $16.8 \%$ ) compared to urban areas ( $7.7 \%$ ). Inadequate care was less prevalent for children whose mothers had at least secondary education ( $9.6 \%$ ), as opposed to children whose mothers had no education ( $15.6 \%$ ). Children aged 24-59 months were left with inadequate care more ( $18.1 \%$ ) than those aged $0-23$ months ( $8.1 \%$ ). Significant differences are also observed in regard to socio-economic status of the household with 7.2 percent of children left with inadequate care among the richest and 16.8 percent among the poorest.

## TABLE CD.4: INADEQUATE CARE

Percentage of children under age 5 left alone or left in the care of other children under the age of 10 years for more than one hour at least once during the past week, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children under age 5 |  |  | Number of children under age 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Left alone in the past week | Left in the care of another child younger than 10 years of age in the past week | Left with inadequate care in the past week [1] |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 6.4 | 8.9 | 13.2 | 3216 |
| Female | 6.2 | 11.4 | 15.2 | 3081 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 5.5 | 12.0 | 14.9 | 171 |
| Chukha | 4.6 | 8.8 | 11.3 | 648 |
| Dagana | 7.9 | 18.6 | 21.6 | 237 |
| Gasa | 3.1 | 2.6 | 5.6 | 43 |
| Haa | 7.9 | 10.6 | 15.1 | 121 |
| Lhuntse | 11.6 | 8.1 | 14.6 | 124 |
| Mongar | 8.4 | 11.3 | 17.2 | 466 |
| Paro | 4.2 | 4.7 | 6.6 | 337 |
| Pemagatshel | 7.1 | 7.9 | 12.8 | 214 |
| Punakha | 5.8 | 6.6 | 11.8 | 218 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 3.7 | 10.0 | 12.5 | 410 |
| Samtse | 5.1 | 7.1 | 10.8 | 755 |
| Sarpang | 14.3 | 19.5 | 31.1 | 350 |
| Thimphu | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 801 |
| Trashigang | 8.8 | 22.9 | 28.5 | 479 |
| Trashiyangtse | 5.1 | 17.1 | 19.9 | 169 |
| Trongsa | 11.7 | 8.2 | 17.4 | 133 |
| Tsirang | 7.9 | 9.5 | 12.7 | 186 |
| Wangdue | 12.8 | 15.0 | 23.4 | 261 |
| Zhemgang | 2.0 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 175 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 4.0 | 5.9 | 8.3 | 2922 |
| Central | 9.6 | 13.8 | 20.1 | 1513 |
| Eastern | 7.2 | 13.9 | 18.6 | 1862 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.5 | 5.6 | 7.7 | 1841 |
| Rural | 7.5 | 12.0 | 16.8 | 4456 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 0-23 | 3.6 | 5.5 | 8.1 | 2463 |
| 24-59 | 8.0 | 13.1 | 18.1 | 3834 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |
| None | 7.0 | 11.2 | 15.6 | 4207 |
| Primary | 5.5 | 10.3 | 14.1 | 781 |
| Secondary | 4.4 | 6.8 | 9.6 | 1309 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 6.7 | 12.4 | 16.8 | 1294 |
| Second | 9.6 | 14.0 | 20.0 | 1159 |
| Middle | 6.5 | 11.8 | 15.5 | 1197 |
| Fourth | 5.9 | 8.2 | 11.9 | 1438 |
| Richest | 3.0 | 4.8 | 7.2 | 1208 |
| Total | 6.3 | 10.2 | 14.2 | 6297 |

[1] MICS indicator 6.6

## Early Childhood Development

Early child development is defined as an orderly, predictable process along a continuous path, in which a child learns to handle more complicated levels of moving, thinking, speaking, feeling and relating to others. Physical growth, literacy and numeracy skills, socio-emotional development and readiness to learn are vital domains of a child's overall development, which is a basis for overall human development.

A 10-item module that has been developed for the MICS was used to calculate the Early Child Development Index (ECDI). The indicator is based on some benchmarks that children would be expected to have if they are developing as the majority of children in that age group. The primary purpose of the ECDI is to inform public policy regarding the developmental status of children in Bhutan.

Each of the 10 items is used in one of the four domains, to determine if children are developmentally on track in that domain. The domains in question are:

- Literacy-numeracy: Children are identified as being developmentally on track based on whether they can identify/name at least ten letters of the alphabet, whether they can read at least four simple, popular words, and whether they know the name and recognize the symbols of all numbers from one to 10 . If at least two of these are true, then the child is considered developmentally on track.
- Physical: If the child can pick up a small object with two fingers, like a stick or a rock from the ground and/or the mother/caretaker does not indicate that the child is sometimes too sick to play, then the child is regarded as being developmentally on track in the physical domain.
- In the social-emotional domain, children are considered to be developmentally on track if two of the following is true: If the child gets along well with other children, if the child does not kick, bite, or hit other children and if the child does not get distracted easily.
- Learning: If the child follows simple directions on how to do something correctly and/or when given something to do, is able to do it independently, then the child is considered to be developmentally on track in the learning domain.

ECDI is then calculated as the percentage of children who are developmentally on track in at least three of these four domains.

## TABLE CD.5: EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are developmentally on track in literacy-numeracy, physical, social-emotional, and learning domains, and the early child development index score, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are developmentally on track for indicated domains |  |  |  | Early child development index score [1] | Number of children age 36-59 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Literacy-numeracy | Physical | Social-Emotional | Learning |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 23.6 | 98.3 | 67.2 | 92.2 | 68.4 | 1294 |
| Female | 25.6 | 98.1 | 72.7 | 93.9 | 74.8 | 1203 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 11.6 | 98.8 | 75.1 | 93.6 | 74.0 | 66 |
| Chukha | 30.7 | 94.6 | 62.3 | 94.0 | 65.5 | 278 |
| Dagana | 10.5 | 100.0 | 75.8 | 87.5 | 70.5 | 85 |
| Gasa | * | * | * | * | * | 14 |
| Haa | 14.1 | 100.0 | 71.4 | 98.3 | 72.4 | 50 |
| Lhuntse | 25.1 | 99.6 | 61.5 | 92.7 | 65.5 | 45 |
| Mongar | 18.9 | 97.9 | 70.6 | 93.9 | 71.3 | 192 |
| Paro | 29.1 | 98.8 | 57.3 | 95.1 | 70.8 | 117 |
| Pemagatshel | 19.4 | 96.8 | 79.3 | 90.6 | 76.6 | 76 |
| Punakha | 18.0 | 98.3 | 72.4 | 91.3 | 69.1 | 77 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 20.7 | 100.0 | 82.7 | 88.9 | 76.2 | 161 |
| Samtse | 26.3 | 98.0 | 65.6 | 93.3 | 69.0 | 355 |
| Sarpang | 25.0 | 100.0 | 67.5 | 96.4 | 73.0 | 141 |
| Thimphu | 36.5 | 99.1 | 77.3 | 100.0 | 83.4 | 285 |
| Trashigang | 24.1 | 100.0 | 76.1 | 90.0 | 76.1 | 206 |
| Trashiyangtse | 17.9 | 98.1 | 62.5 | 67.8 | 49.1 | 64 |
| Trongsa | 16.9 | 98.0 | 55.5 | 95.6 | 58.6 | 53 |
| Tsirang | 27.5 | 95.0 | 84.3 | 95.6 | 84.0 | 70 |
| Wangdue | 17.6 | 97.5 | 62.1 | 92.1 | 59.9 | 105 |
| Zhemgang | 30.8 | 97.4 | 60.7 | 91.2 | 66.0 | 57 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 28.9 | 97.7 | 67.5 | 95.4 | 72.0 | 1177 |
| Central | 20.1 | 98.4 | 68.9 | 93.3 | 69.7 | 577 |
| Eastern | 21.1 | 99.0 | 74.4 | 89.1 | 72.0 | 743 |


| Contd. TABLE CD.5: EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT INDEX |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are developmentally on track in literacy-numeracy, physical, social-emotional, and learning domains, and the early child development index score, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are developmentally on track for indicated domains |  |  |  | Early child development index score [1] | Number of children age 36-59 months |
|  | Literacy-numeracy | Physical | Social-Emotional | Learning |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 37.2 | 98.8 | 71.4 | 93.5 | 76.9 | 711 |
| Rural | 19.6 | 97.9 | 69.2 | 92.8 | 69.3 | 1786 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 36-47 months | 17.2 | 97.9 | 67.9 | 91.0 | 67.3 | 1275 |
| 48-59 months | 32.3 | 98.5 | 71.9 | 95.2 | 75.8 | 1222 |
| Preschool attendance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attending preschool | 79.0 | 98.1 | 74.3 | 96.6 | 93.2 | 238 |
| Not attending preschool | 18.8 | 98.2 | 69.4 | 92.7 | 69.2 | 2259 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 17.4 | 98.6 | 70.9 | 92.7 | 69.9 | 1731 |
| Primary | 26.0 | 96.5 | 65.7 | 90.3 | 67.1 | 325 |
| Secondary | 51.8 | 97.7 | 68.8 | 96.4 | 80.7 | 442 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 12.7 | 97.8 | 70.8 | 92.9 | 67.4 | 542 |
| Second | 14.7 | 98.5 | 71.5 | 92.4 | 69.9 | 466 |
| Middle | 17.4 | 97.8 | 72.0 | 92.8 | 71.0 | 442 |
| Fourth | 27.1 | 98.8 | 67.2 | 92.3 | 70.0 | 577 |
| Richest | 51.6 | 98.1 | 68.3 | 95.0 | 80.0 | 470 |
| Total | 24.6 | 98.2 | 69.8 | 93.0 | 71.5 | 2497 |

[1] MICS indicator 6.7

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases

The results are presented in Table CD.5. In Bhutan, 71.5 percent of children aged $36-59$ months are developmentally on track. ECDI is lower among boys (68.\%) than girls ( $74.8 \%$ ). As expected, ECDI is much higher in older age groups ( $75.8 \%$ among 48-59 months old compared to 67.3 percent among 36-47 months old), since children mature more skills with increasing age. Higher ECDI is seen in children attending pre-school ( $93.2 \%$ ) compared to 69.2 percent for those who are not attending preschool. Children living in the poorest households have lower ECDI ( $67.4 \%$ ) compared to children living in the richest households ( $80 \%$ of children developmentally on track). The analysis of four domains of child development shows that 93 percent of children are doing better in the learning domain, with highest in the physical domain ( $98.2 \%$ ). In the literacy-numeracy domain, children were lagging behind ( $24.6 \%$ ), while they are doing better in the social-emotional domain ( $69.8 \%$ ). With regard to literacy-numeracy, social-emotional, and learning, the higher score is associated with children attending pre-school, older children, and girls.


## X. Literacy and Education

## Literacy among Young Women

One of the goals of "A World Fit for Children" (WFFC) is to assure adult literacy. Adult literacy is also an MDG indicator, relating to both men and women. In BMIS, since only a women's questionnaire was administered, the results are based only on females aged 15-24. Literacy was assessed on the ability of women to read a short simple statement or on school attendance. The percent literate is presented in Table ED.1. Table ED. 1 indicates that a little more than half ( $56.5 \%$ ) of women 15-24 years old in Bhutan are literate. Literacy rates are higher in urban areas ( $77.9 \%$ ) compared to rural areas ( $44.5 \%$ ) and in Western region ( $65.1 \%$ ) compared to the Central and Eastern regions (50.9 and 42.9 \% respectively). Of women who stated that primary school was their highest level of education, just 43.6 percent were actually able to read the statement shown to them. Women of the richest quintile are four times more likely to be literate than women of the poorest quintile.

TABLE ED.1: LITERACY AMONG YOUNG WOMEN
Percentage of women age 15-24 years who are literate, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage literate $[1]$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |
| Prorcentage not known |  |  |  |

[1] MICS indicator 7.1; MDG indicator 2.4

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases


## School Readiness

Attendance to pre-school ${ }^{14}$ education in an organised learning or child education programme is important for the readiness of children before going to school. Table ED. 2 shows the proportion of children in the first grade of primary school who attended pre-school the previous year. Overall, 1.4 percent of children who are currently attending the first grade of primary school (PP) were attending pre-school the previous year.

| TABLE ED.2: SCHOOL READINESS |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Percentage of children attending first grade of primary school who attended pre-school the previous year, Bhutan, 2010 |

[^18]| Contd. TABLE ED.2: SCHOOL READINESS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children attending first grade of primary school who attended pre-school the previous year, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |
|  | Percentage of children attending first grade who attended preschool in previous year [1] | Number of children attending first grade of primary school |
| Region |  |  |
| Western | 2.2 | 797 |
| Central | 1.4 | 434 |
| Eastern | . 1 | 478 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 1.0 | 453 |
| Rural | 1.6 | 1256 |
| Mother's education |  |  |
| None | 1.1 | 1262 |
| Primary | 2.6 | 200 |
| Secondary + | 2.0 | 246 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |
| Poorest | 1.7 | 381 |
| Second | 1.7 | 336 |
| Middle | . 4 | 310 |
| Fourth | 1.1 | 389 |
| Richest | 2.3 | 294 |
| Total | 1.4 | 1709 |

[1] MICS indicator 7.3

## Primary and Secondary School Participation

Universal access to basic education and the achievement of primary education by the world's children is one of the most important goals of the Millennium Development Goals and A World Fit for Children. Education is a vital prerequisite for combating poverty, empowering women, protecting children from hazardous and exploitative labour and sexual exploitation, promoting human rights and democracy, protecting the environment, and influencing population growth.

The indicators for primary and secondary school attendance include:

- Net intake rate in primary education
- Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted)
- Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted)
- Female to male education ratio (or gender parity index - GPI) in primary and secondary school

The indicators of school progression include:

- Children reaching last grade of primary
- Primary completion rate
- Transition rate to secondary school

Of children who are of primary school entry age (aged six) in Bhutan, 68.1 percent are attending the first grade of primary school (Table ED.3). There is not much difference between boys and girls, urban and rural areas or between regions. Surprisingly, the net intake rate is highest among children whose mothers have only primary education ( $80.4 \%$ ), while the net intake rate among children whose mothers have no education is almost the same as among children whose mothers have secondary or higher education ( 66.6 and $67.4 \%$ respectively).Similarly, the net intake rate is highest among children from the middle wealth quintile ( $70.9 \%$ ) with the lowest rates found among the poorest and richest quintiles ( 63.5 and $66.9 \%$ respectively).

TABLE ED.3: PRIMARY SCHOOL ENTRY
Percentage of children of primary school entry age entering grade 1 (net intake rate), Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children of primary school entry age entering grade 1 [1] | Number of children of primary school entry age |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 67.9 | 803 |
| Female | 68.4 | 768 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |
| Bumthang | 75.5 | 33 |
| Chukha | 61.6 | 178 |
| Dagana | 71.2 | 56 |
| Gasa | (67.1) | 12 |
| Haa | 69.2 | 31 |
| Lhuntse | 50.2 | 33 |
| Mongar | 70.4 | 97 |
| Paro | 71.0 | 92 |
| Pemagatshel | 83.2 | 49 |
| Punakha | 63.8 | 53 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 79.9 | 100 |
| Samtse | 69.4 | 184 |
| Sarpang | 77.5 | 76 |
| Thimphu | 68.5 | 196 |
| Trashigang | 65.1 | 163 |
| Trashiyangtse | 52.0 | 38 |
| Trongsa | 76.2 | 33 |
| Tsirang | 73.3 | 51 |
| Wangdue | 55.9 | 65 |
| Zhemgang | 52.5 | 31 |
| Region |  |  |
| Western | 67.0 | 745 |
| Central | 69.2 | 347 |
| Eastern | 69.1 | 480 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 68.5 | 447 |
| Rural | 68.0 | 1124 |
| Mother's education |  |  |
| None | 66.6 | 1190 |
| Primary | 80.4 | 160 |
| Secondary + | 67.4 | 221 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |
| Poorest | 63.5 | 354 |
| Second | 70.6 | 296 |
| Middle | 70.9 | 286 |
| Fourth | 69.6 | 352 |
| Richest | 66.9 | 283 |
| Total | 68.1 | 1571 |

[1] MICS indicator 7.4

* Figures in parenthesis indicates that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases.

Table ED. 4 provides the percentage of children of primary school age (six to 12 years) who are attending primary or secondary school ${ }^{15}$ The majority of children of primary school age are attending school ( $91.9 \%$ ). However, the remaining 8.1 percent of the children are out of school when they are expected to be participating in school. In urban areas 96.3 percent of children attend school while in rural areas attendance is slightly lower ( $90.2 \%$ ). There are no regional differences. The lowest proportion of children attending primary school can be observed in the poorest wealth quintile (84.7\%) and the highest proportion in the richest wealth quintile ( $97 \%$ ). Attendance is also much lower among children whose mothers have no education ( $90.7 \%$ ) compared to children whose mothers have primary education ( $96.9 \%$ ) or secondary or higher education ( $95.8 \%$ ).

[^19]TABLE ED.4: PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Percentage of children of primary school age attending primary or secondary school (Net attendance ratio), Bhutan, 2010



| Contd. TABLE ED.4: PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children of primary school age attending primary or secondary school (Net attendance ratio), Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Male |  | Female |  | Total |  |
|  | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Number of children | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Number of children | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Number of children |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 89.6 | 4056 | 91.7 | 4031 | 90.7 | 8087 |
| Primary | 96.7 | 590 | 97.2 | 586 | 96.9 | 1176 |
| Secondary + | 96.6 | 555 | 95.0 | 574 | 95.8 | 1128 |
| Mother not in household | . | 0 | 100.0 | 0 | 100.0 | 0 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 85.8 | 1047 | 83.7 | 1079 | 84.7 | 2126 |
| Second | 86.4 | 1055 | 91.3 | 993 | 88.8 | 2048 |
| Middle | 90.6 | 1029 | 96.4 | 1032 | 93.5 | 2061 |
| Fourth | 96.0 | 1071 | 95.6 | 1091 | 95.8 | 2162 |
| Richest | 97.2 | 998 | 96.7 | 997 | 97.0 | 1995 |
| Total | 91.2 | 5201 | 92.7 | 5192 | 91.9 | 10392 |

[1] MICS indicator 7.4; MDG indicator 2.2

* One unweighted case for mother not in household is deleted
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

The secondary school net attendance ratio is presented in Table ED. $5^{16}$ Around half ( $55 \%$ ) of the children of secondary school age are attending secondary school or higher. More dramatic than in primary school, 24.8 percent of the children of secondary school age are not attending school at all, while one in five ( $20.2 \%$ ) are attending primary school when they should be attending secondary school. Secondary school attendance is lower in urban areas ( $46.7 \%$ ) compared to rural areas ( $75 \%$ ) and in the Eastern and Central regions (48 and $51.4 \%$ respectively) compared to the Western region ( $61 \%$ ). Among those still attending primary education there is a strong correlation with education and wealth. Thus, among secondary school aged children with mothers with no education a high 26.6 percent still attend primary school and among children from the poorest wealth quintile a high 28.2 percent still attend primary school.

[^20]TABLE ED.5: SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Percentage of children of secondary school age attending secondary school or higher (adjusted net attendance ratio), and percentage of children attending primary school, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Male |  |  | Female |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Percent attending primary school | Number of children | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Percent attending primary school | Number of children | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Percent attending primary school | Number of children |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 60.8 | 10.8 | 100 | 69.5 | 9.6 | 101 | 65.1 | 10.2 | 201 |
| Chukha | 57.6 | 23.7 | 465 | 58.2 | 18.3 | 488 | 57.9 | 20.9 | 953 |
| Dagana | 42.5 | 34.2 | 168 | 37.1 | 34.8 | 162 | 39.9 | 34.5 | 329 |
| Gasa | (29.0) | (12.9) | 22 | 40.5 | 11.4 | 32 | 35.8 | 12.0 | 54 |
| Haa | 59.7 | 16.1 | 82 | 70.1 | 17.5 | 81 | 64.9 | 16.8 | 163 |
| Lhuntse | 52.8 | 21.4 | 103 | 40.5 | 27.9 | 100 | 46.7 | 24.6 | 203 |
| Mongar | 46.5 | 17.7 | 312 | 52.0 | 15.0 | 282 | 49.1 | 16.4 | 594 |
| Paro | 55.6 | 17.0 | 266 | 65.0 | 17.5 | 281 | 60.4 | 17.3 | 547 |
| Pemagatshel | 63.4 | 16.3 | 161 | 54.2 | 24.4 | 174 | 58.6 | 20.5 | 335 |
| Punakha | 46.2 | 12.8 | 180 | 65.2 | 17.6 | 176 | 55.6 | 15.2 | 356 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 54.3 | 23.9 | 260 | 54.5 | 20.1 | 271 | 54.4 | 22.0 | 531 |
| Samtse | 50.4 | 24.6 | 438 | 46.7 | 29.7 | 428 | 48.6 | 27.1 | 866 |
| Sarpang | 59.3 | 16.0 | 249 | 58.5 | 16.4 | 257 | 58.9 | 16.2 | 506 |
| Thimphu | 79.5 | 9.8 | 489 | 73.5 | 7.4 | 605 | 76.1 | 8.5 | 1093 |
| Trashigang | 38.6 | 32.3 | 293 | 39.3 | 28.5 | 299 | 39.0 | 30.4 | 592 |
| Trashiyangtse | 32.0 | 39.8 | 67 | 33.9 | 32.4 | 77 | 33.1 | 35.8 | 144 |
| Trongsa | 42.0 | 13.9 | 96 | 58.8 | 16.4 | 92 | 50.2 | 15.1 | 188 |
| Tsirang | 48.8 | 29.1 | 130 | 49.1 | 26.8 | 148 | 48.9 | 27.9 | 278 |
| Wangdue | 35.6 | 19.8 | 165 | 47.5 | 24.2 | 166 | 41.6 | 22.0 | 331 |
| Zhemgang | 62.5 | 19.5 | 84 | 55.2 | 22.1 | 115 | 58.3 | 21.0 | 199 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 59.9 | 18.0 | 1942 | 62.0 | 17.2 | 2090 | 61.0 | 17.6 | 4031 |
| Central | 49.9 | 21.0 | 991 | 52.8 | 22.0 | 1040 | 51.4 | 21.5 | 2031 |
| Eastern | 48.3 | 24.0 | 1196 | 47.6 | 23.1 | 1203 | 48.0 | 23.5 | 2399 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 76.7 | 12.9 | 1155 | 73.5 | 10.1 | 1325 | 75.0 | 11.4 | 2480 |
| Rural | 45.4 | 23.4 | 2974 | 48.0 | 24.3 | 3007 | 46.7 | 23.9 | 5982 |


| Age at beginning of school year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | 32.2 | 54.9 | 698 | 37.1 | 50.5 | 850 | 34.9 | 52.5 | 1548 |
| 14 | 49.0 | 32.9 | 691 | 51.8 | 29.8 | 932 | 50.6 | 31.1 | 1623 |
| 15 | 60.6 | 17.7 | 683 | 65.4 | 15.4 | 575 | 62.8 | 16.6 | 1258 |
| 16 | 64.0 | 8.5 | 741 | 67.7 | 7.1 | 673 | 65.8 | 7.8 | 1414 |
| 17 | 60.4 | 4.1 | 666 | 64.1 | 2.4 | 678 | 62.3 | 3.2 | 1344 |
| 18 | 58.7 | 3.6 | 650 | 56.3 | . 8 | 625 | 57.6 | 2.2 | 1275 |


| Contd. TABLE ED.5: SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children of secondary school age attending secondary school or higher (adjusted net attendance ratio), and percentage of children attending primary school, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Male |  |  | Female |  |  | Total |  |  |
|  | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Percent attending primary school | Number of children | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Percent attending primary school | Number of children | Net attendance ratio (adjusted) [1] | Percent attending primary school | Number of children |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 48.1 | 26.4 | 2776 | 52.5 | 26.9 | 2840 | 50.3 | 26.6 | 5616 |
| Primary | 67.6 | 19.2 | 314 | 75.0 | 17.3 | 319 | 71.3 | 18.3 | 632 |
| Secondary + | 82.7 | 9.4 | 268 | 59.9 | 7.6 | 422 | 68.7 | 8.3 | 690 |
| Mother not in household | * | * | 12 | 35.3 | 64.7 | 12 | 50.5 | 41.2 | 24 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 30.8 | 26.8 | 839 | 30.6 | 29.7 | 787 | 30.7 | 28.2 | 1626 |
| Second | 38.7 | 26.8 | 833 | 38.6 | 29.0 | 784 | 38.6 | 27.8 | 1617 |
| Middle | 48.3 | 23.8 | 794 | 53.2 | 25.3 | 822 | 50.8 | 24.6 | 1616 |
| Fourth | 66.3 | 18.1 | 806 | 69.8 | 16.5 | 882 | 68.1 | 17.3 | 1688 |
| Richest | 86.1 | 7.2 | 856 | 77.5 | 4.8 | 1057 | 81.3 | 5.8 | 1914 |
| Total | 54.1 | 20.5 | 4129 | 55.8 | 20.0 | 4333 | 55.0 | 20.2 | 8462 |

[1] MICS indicator 7.6

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Of all children starting grade one, the majority (93.6\%) will eventually reach the last grade (Table. ED.6). Notice that this number includes children who repeat grades and eventually move up to reach last grade. The likelihood of reaching grade six increases with the mother's education and household wealth. A slightly higher percentage of children reach grade six in the Eastern region ( $95.7 \%$ ) compared to the Central and Western regions (93.4 and $92.3 \%$ respectively). The percentage is also higher in urban areas ( $97.7 \%$ ) as opposed to rural areas ( $92.1 \%$ ). With a difference of about five percent the girls are more likely to eventually reach grade six than boys.

TABLE ED.6: CHILDREN REACHING LAST GRADE OF PRIMARY SCHOOL
Percentage of children entering first grade of primary school who eventually reach the last grade of primary school (Survival rate to last grade of primary school), Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent attending grade 0 last year who are in grade 1 this year | Percent attending grade 1 last year who are in grade 2 this year | Percent attending grade 2 last year who are attending grade 3 this year | Percent attending grade 3 last year who are attending grade 4 this year | Percent attending grade 4 last year who are attending grade 5 this year | Percent attending grade 5 last year who are attending grade 6 this year | Percent who reach grade 6 of those who enter grade 0 [1] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 99.5 | 98.4 | 99.1 | 97.8 | 97.6 | 98.4 | 91.2 |
| Female | 98.9 | 99.7 | 99.5 | 99.4 | 99.1 | 99.4 | 96 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 97.3 | 99.4 | 99.5 | 96.3 |
| Chukha | 98.5 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 97.4 | 95.9 | 100.0 | 90.9 |
| Dagana | 100.0 | 100.0 | 98.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 98.0 |
| Gasa | 98.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 95.2 | 86.0 | 95.7 | 76.7 |
| Haa | 98.8 | 98.9 | 100.0 | 99.3 | 100.0 | 98.5 | 95.6 |
| Lhuntse | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mongar | 98.9 | 99.2 | 98.7 | 97.2 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 92.9 |
| Paro | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 98.7 |
| Pemagatshel | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 99.0 |
| Punakha | 97.8 | 97.8 | 98.6 | 96.3 | 97.1 | 94.6 | 83.5 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.2 | 99.1 | 98.8 | 97.2 |
| Samtse | 100.0 | 96.2 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 95.3 | 98.8 | 89.7 |
| Sarpang | 96.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.4 | 95.2 | 88.8 |
| Thimphu | 98.5 | 98.5 | 100.0 | 97.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 94.8 |
| Trashigang | 100.0 | 99.0 | 99.2 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 98.0 | 94.3 |
| Trashiyangtse | 100.0 | 99.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.7 | 95.9 |
| Trongsa | 98.8 | 99.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 97.2 |
| Tsirang | 99.8 | 99.1 | 97.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 95.9 |
| Wangdue | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.3 | 97.0 | 96.6 | 97.7 | 88.1 |
| Zhemgang | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.2 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 98.1 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 99 | 98.3 | 99.6 | 98.1 | 97.9 | 99.2 | 92.3 |
| Central | 98.9 | 99.8 | 98.6 | 99.2 | 98.3 | 98.5 | 93.4 |
| Eastern | 99.8 | 99.4 | 99.5 | 98.9 | 99.2 | 98.8 | 95.7 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 98.6 | 100 | 100 | 99.4 | 100 | 99.7 | 97.7 |
| Rural | 99.4 | 98.7 | 99.1 | 98.3 | 97.7 | 98.6 | 92.1 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 99.1 | 98.8 | 99.2 | 98.7 | 98.1 | 98.8 | 93 |
| Primary | 98.9 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 99.1 | 99.3 | 96.3 |
| Secondary + | 100 | 99.8 | 100 | 99.5 | 100 | 100 | 99.3 |
| Mother not in household | 100 | 100 | . | . | . | 100 |  |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 99.5 | 98.8 | 98.7 | 97.8 | 95.1 | 99.4 | 89.7 |
| Second | 99.9 | 100 | 99.2 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 96.2 | 91.8 |
| Middle | 98 | 99.7 | 98.9 | 98.3 | 98.9 | 99.4 | 93.3 |
| Fourth | 98.5 | 99.2 | 100 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 99.4 | 95.7 |
| Richest | 100 | 97.5 | 100 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 100 | 97 |
| Total | 99.2 | 99.1 | 99.3 | 98.6 | 98.4 | 98.9 | 93.6 |

[1] MICS indicator 7.6; MDG indicator 2.2

The primary school completion rate and transition rate to secondary education are presented in Table ED.7. The primary school completion rate is 90.1 percent meaning nine out of 10 students of primary school completion age had completed last grade of primary education. This value should be distinguished from the gross primary completion ratio, which includes children of any age attending the last grade of primary.

Unfortunately, only 88.7 percent of the children that attended the last grade of primary school in the previous year were found at the time of the survey to be attending the first grade of secondary school. There is virtually no difference between urban and rural children and only a slightly higher transition rate among girls compared with boys. The transition rate is much lower in the Eastern region ( $82.5 \%$ ) compared to the Central and Western regions ( 92.6 and $90.2 \%$ respectively). Interestingly enough, the transition rate is slightly higher for children whose mothers have no education ( $90.1 \%$ ) compared with children whose mothers have secondary and higher education (86.9 \%). Similarly, the transition rate is slightly higher for children from the poorest wealth quintile ( $90.6 \%$ ) compared to children from the richest wealth quintile ( $87.4 \%$ ).

| TABLE ED.7: PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPLETION AND TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Primary school completion and transition to secondary school Primary school completion rates and transition rate to secondary school, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Primary school completion rate [1] | Number of children of primary school completion age | Transition rate to secondary school [2] | Number of children who were in the last grade of primary school the previous year |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 86.5 | 812 | 87.7 | 625 |
| Female | 93.6 | 822 | 89.6 | 744 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 90.8 | 727 | 90.2 | 690 |
| Central | 85.8 | 402 | 92.6 | 312 |
| Eastern | 92.5 | 505 | 82.5 | 367 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 92.6 | 460 | 88.5 | 507 |
| Rural | 89.1 | 1175 | 88.8 | $862$ |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |
| None | 86.6 | 1322 | 90.1 | 980 |
| Primary | 85.0 | 181 | 90.2 | 160 |
| Secondary + | 110.9 | 130 | 86.9 | 159 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 64.8 | 322 | 90.6 | 202 |
| Second | 84.2 | 336 | 85.6 | $226$ |
| Middle | 103.7 | 323 | 87.4 | 238 |
| Fourth | 104.2 | 331 | 92.2 | 323 |
| Richest | 93.5 | 323 | 87.4 | 381 |
| Total | 90.1 | 1634 | 88.7 | 1369 |

[1] MICS indicator 7.7
[2] MICS indicator 7.9

* By Dzongkhag is not shown because the number of unweighted observation are lower than 50
* two unweighted cases for mother not in household not shown

The ratio of girls to boys attending primary and secondary education is provided in Table ED.8. These ratios are better known as the Gender Parity Index (GPI). Notice that the ratios included here are obtained from net attendance ratios rather than gross attendance ratios. The table shows that gender parity for primary school is 1.02 , indicating not much of variations in primary school attendance. The indicator increases slightly to 1.03 for secondary education, indicating that there are slightly more
girls than boys in secondary school according to the GPI. Surprisingly, the GPI for secondary school is lowest among children whose mothers have secondary or higher education (0.72) and is also lower in urban areas ( 0.96 ) and among the richest wealth quintile ( 0.90 ).

## TABLE ED.8: EDUCATION GENDER PARITY

Education gender parity Ratio of adjusted net attendance ratios of girls to boys, in primary and secondary school, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Primary school adjusted net attendance ratio (NAR), girls | Primary school adjusted net attendance ratio (NAR), boys | Gender parity index (GPI) for primary school adjusted NAR [1] | Secondary school adjusted net attendance ratio (NAR), girls | Secondary school adjusted net attendance ratio (NAR), boys | Gender parity index (GPI) for secondary school adjusted NAR [2] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 98.4 | 96.7 | 1.02 | 69.5 | 60.8 | 1.14 |
| Chukha | 90.1 | 88.5 | 1.02 | 58.2 | 57.6 | 1.01 |
| Dagana | 93.4 | 93.6 | 1.00 | 37.1 | 42.5 | . 87 |
| Gasa | 75.2 | 75.3 | 1.00 | 40.5 | 29.0 | 1.40 |
| Наa | 96.6 | 91.3 | 1.06 | 70.1 | 59.7 | 1.17 |
| Lhuntse | 86.8 | 88.0 | . 99 | 40.5 | 52.8 | . 77 |
| Mongar | 90.3 | 84.6 | 1.07 | 52.0 | 46.5 | 1.12 |
| Paro | 93.2 | 90.2 | 1.03 | 65.0 | 55.6 | 1.17 |
| Pemagatshel | 97.5 | 94.1 | 1.04 | 54.2 | 63.4 | . 86 |
| Punakha | 93.8 | 85.9 | 1.09 | 65.2 | 46.2 | 1.41 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 95.0 | 94.0 | 1.01 | 54.5 | 54.3 | 1.00 |
| Samtse | 91.2 | 91.6 | 1.00 | 46.7 | 50.4 | . 93 |
| Sarpang | 96.1 | 95.3 | 1.01 | 58.5 | 59.3 | . 99 |
| Thimphu | 94.9 | 94.7 | 1.00 | 73.5 | 79.5 | . 92 |
| Trashigang | 91.8 | 92.4 | . 99 | 39.3 | 38.6 | 1.02 |
| Trashiyangtse | 92.2 | 93.5 | . 99 | 33.9 | 32.0 | 1.06 |
| Trongsa | 96.8 | 92.5 | 1.05 | 58.8 | 42.0 | 1.40 |
| Tsirang | 92.1 | 92.9 | . 99 | 49.1 | 48.8 | 1.01 |
| Wangdue | 87.0 | 84.9 | 1.02 | 47.5 | 35.6 | 1.33 |
| Zhemgang | 91.5 | 88.7 | 1.03 | 55.2 | 62.5 | . 88 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 92.4 | 90.8 | 1.02 | 62.0 | 59.9 | 1.03 |
| Central | 93.5 | 92.0 | 1.02 | 52.8 | 49.9 | 1.06 |
| Eastern | 92.5 | 91.0 | 1.02 | 47.6 | 48.3 | . 99 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 95.6 | 97.0 | . 99 | 73.5 | 76.7 | . 96 |
| Rural | 91.5 | 88.9 | 1.03 | 48.0 | 45.4 | 1.06 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 91.7 | 89.6 | 1.02 | 52.5 | 48.1 | 1.09 |
| Primary | 97.2 | 96.7 | 1.01 | 75.0 | 67.6 | 1.11 |
| Secondary + | 95.0 | 96.6 | . 98 | 59.9 | 82.7 | . 72 |
| Mother not in household | 100.0 | . | . | 35.3 | 66.2 | . 53 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 83.7 | 85.8 | . 98 | 30.6 | 30.8 | . 99 |
| Second | 91.3 | 86.4 | 1.06 | 38.6 | 38.7 | 1.00 |
| Middle | 96.4 | 90.6 | 1.06 | 53.2 | 48.3 | 1.10 |
| Fourth | 95.6 | 96.0 | 1.00 | 69.8 | 66.3 | 1.05 |
| Richest | 96.7 | 97.2 | . 99 | 77.5 | 86.1 | . 90 |
| Total | 92.7 | 91.2 | 1.02 | 55.8 | 54.1 | 1.03 |

[1] MICS indicator 7.9; MDG indicator 3.1
[2] MICS indicator 7.10; MDG indicator 3.2


## XI. Child Protection

## Birth Registration

The International Convention on the Rights of the Child states that every child has the right to a name and a nationality and the right to protection from being deprived of his or her identity. Birth registration is a fundamental means of securing these rights for children. The World Fit for Children states the goal to develop systems to ensure the registration of every child at or shortly after birth, and fulfil his or her right to acquire a name and a nationality, in accordance with national laws and relevant international instruments. The indicator is the percentage of children under-five years of age whose birth is registered.

The registration of births in Bhutan requires the production of the child's health card. However, there could be cases where the births have been registered without the health card. Therefore, BMIS considered both registered births and the ones with the health card as registered. The health card is also necessary for admission of the child in school as a proof of the child attaining the right school age.

TABLE CP.1: BIRTH REGISTRATION
Percentage of children under age 5 by whether birth is registered and percentage of children not registered whose mothers/caretakers know how to register birth, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Children under age 5 whose birth is registered with civil authorities |  |  |  | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Has birth certificate |  | No birth certificate | Total registered [1] |  |
|  | Seen | Not seen |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 78.9 | 20.8 | . 3 | 100.0 | 3216 |
| Female | 79.8 | 19.9 | . 1 | 99.8 | 3081 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 53.8 | 45.9 | . 3 | 100.0 | 171 |
| Chukha | 80.4 | 19.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 648 |
| Dagana | 88.5 | 11.3 | . 0 | 99.8 | 237 |
| Gasa | (83.2) | (9.4) | (6.2) | (98.8) | 43 |
| Haa | 86.8 | 13.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 121 |
| Lhuntse | 66.9 | 32.6 | . 4 | 100.0 | 124 |
| Mongar | 78.4 | 21.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 466 |
| Paro | 75.3 | 24.5 | . 2 | 100.0 | 337 |
| Pemagatshel | 72.8 | 27.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 214 |
| Punakha | 73.8 | 25.8 | . 0 | 99.6 | 218 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 86.8 | 13.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 410 |
| Samtse | 88.4 | 11.0 | . 0 | 99.4 | 755 |
| Sarpang | 77.1 | 22.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 350 |
| Thimphu | 86.9 | 13.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 801 |
| Trashigang | 65.6 | 34.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 479 |
| Trashiyangtse | 75.6 | 23.8 | . 5 | 100.0 | 169 |
| Trongsa | 73.2 | 26.5 | . 3 | 100.0 | 133 |
| Tsirang | 83.1 | 16.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 186 |
| Wangdue | 79.4 | 19.8 | . 8 | 100.0 | 261 |
| Zhemgang | 71.1 | 27.3 | 1.4 | 99.8 | 175 |


| Contd. TABLE CP.1: BIRTH REGISTRATION |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children under age 5 by whether birth is registered and percentage of children not registered whose mothers/caretakers know how to register birth, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Children under age 5 whose birth is registered with civil authorities |  |  |  | Number of children |
|  | Has birth certificate |  | No birth certificate | Total registered [1] |  |
|  | Seen | Not seen |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 83.5 | 16.2 | . 1 | 99.8 | 2922 |
| Central | 76.3 | 23.2 | . 4 | 99.9 | 1513 |
| Eastern | 75.3 | 24.6 | . 1 | 100.0 | 1862 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 81.8 | 18.1 | . 1 | 100.0 | 1841 |
| Rural | 78.3 | 21.3 | . 2 | 99.8 | 4456 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-11 | 83.1 | 16.0 | . 3 | 99.5 | 1229 |
| 12-23 | 82.9 | 17.0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 1234 |
| 24-35 | 81.6 | 18.1 | . 3 | 100.0 | 1337 |
| 36-47 | 74.6 | 25.2 | . 2 | 100.0 | 1275 |
| 48-59 | 74.4 | 25.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1222 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 81.1 | 18.5 | . 2 | 99.8 | 4207 |
| Primary | 78.1 | 21.7 | . 2 | 100.0 | 781 |
| Secondary | 74.2 | 25.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1309 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 79.3 | 19.9 | . 5 | 99.7 | 1294 |
| Second | 78.5 | 21.1 | . 2 | 99.8 | 1159 |
| Middle | 77.4 | 22.4 | . 2 | 100.0 | 1197 |
| Fourth | 86.6 | 13.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1438 |
| Richest | 73.5 | 26.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1208 |
| Total | 79.3 | 20.4 | . 2 | 99.9 | 6297 |

[1] MICS indicator 8.1

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Almost all ( 99.9 \%) children under-five years old in Bhutan have been registered (Table CP.1). Looking at age, unregistered children are only found among children $0-11$ months old - with 0.5 percent unregistered children - indicating late registration and consequently that registration will eventually occur. There are no significant variations in birth registration across sex, regions, or education categories.

## Child Labour

Article 32 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child states: "States Parties recognize the right of the child to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development..." The World Fit for Children mentions nine strategies to combat child labour and the MDGs call for the protection of children against exploitation. In the BMIS questionnaire, a number of questions addressed the issue of child labour, that is, children from five-14 years of age involved in labour activities. A child is considered to be involved in child labour activities at the moment of the survey if during the week preceding the survey:

- Ages five-11: at least one hour of economic work or 28 hours of domestic work per week.
- Ages 12-14: at least 14 hours of economic work or 28 hours of domestic work per week.

This definition allows differentiation between child labour and child work to identify the type of work that should be eliminated. As such, the estimate provided here is a minimum of the prevalence of child labour, since some children may be involved in hazardous labour activities for a number of hours that could be less than the numbers specified in the criteria explained above. Table CP. 2 presents the results of child labour by the type of work. Percentages do not add up to the total child labour as children may be involved in more than one type of work.

Nationally, child labour prevalence was found to be 18.4 percent. There was little gender variation, with 17.6 percent of boys and 19.1 percent of girls involved in child labour. Girls are much more involved in household chores than boys. While a high 25.1 percent of children 5-11 years old are engaged in child labour, only 4.2 percent are engaged in child labour among children 12-14 years old. Child labour is more common in rural areas at 22.2 percent compared to 8.7 percent of children in urban areas. The highest percentages of child labour are found in the Dzongkaghs of Pemagatshel, Trongsa and Samtse. Child labour decreases significantly with the mother's education and household wealth.
TABLE CP.2: CHILD LABOUR
Percentage of children by involvement in economic activity and household chores during the past week,
according to age groups, and percentage of children age 5-14 involved in child labour, Bhutan, 2010

Contd. TABLE CP.2: CHILD LABOUR
Percentage of children by involvement in economic activity and household chores during the past week,
according to age groups, and percentage of children age 5-14 involved in child labour, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children age 5-11 involved in |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children age 5-11 | Percentage of children age 12-14 involved in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children age 12-14 | Total child labour [1] | Number of children age 5-14 years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Economic activity |  |  | Economic activity for at least one hour | Household chores less than 28 hours | Household chores for 28 hours or more | Child labour |  | Economic activity |  |  | Economic actvity less than 14 hours | Economic activity for 14 hours or more | Household chores less than 28 hours | Household chores for 28 hours or more | Child labour |  |  |  |
|  | Working house | outside old | Working for |  |  |  |  |  | Working outside household |  | Working for family business |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Paid work | Unpaid work | family business |  |  |  |  |  | Paid work | Unpaid work |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | . 5 | . 5 | 19.2 | 19.7 | 34.1 | . 3 | 19.8 | 4585 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 28.3 | 25.2 | 3.9 | 69.0 | 1.2 | 4.7 | 2273 | 14.8 | 6858 |
| Central | . 2 | . 6 | 33.2 | 33.6 | 41.0 | . 1 | 33.6 | 2515 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 49.8 | 46.8 | 3.6 | 68.7 | . 1 | 3.7 | 1165 | 24.1 | 3681 |
| Eastern | . 1 | 1.1 | 25.1 | 26.0 | 29.2 | . 4 | 26.0 | 3247 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 41.4 | 39.3 | 3.3 | 58.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 1488 | 19.1 | 4735 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | . 1 | . 7 | 11.4 | 12.1 | 30.7 | . 2 | 12.1 | 2894 | . 9 | . 7 | 20.3 | 20.0 | 1.3 | 72.8 | . 7 | 2.0 | 1477 | 8.7 | 4371 |
| Rural | . 4 | . 7 | 29.5 | 30.0 | 35.6 | . 3 | 30.1 | 7454 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 44.6 | 40.8 | 4.6 | 62.6 | . 9 | 5.2 | 3449 | 22.2 | 10902 |
| School participation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | . 2 | . 6 | 26.3 | 26.8 | 38.0 | . 1 | 26.9 | 8656 | . 7 | 1.0 | 36.5 | 34.9 | 2.1 | 67.6 | . 3 | 2.4 | 4280 | 18.8 | 12937 |
| No | . 9 | 1.1 | 14.6 | 15.8 | 14.7 | 1.0 | 16.1 | 1691 | 9.6 | 5.3 | 42.8 | 32.3 | 13.8 | 52.5 | 4.5 | 16.6 | 645 | 16.2 | 2336 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | . 4 | . 8 | 27.3 | 28.0 | 35.6 | . 2 | 28.0 | 7904 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 41.1 | 37.9 | 4.2 | 64.9 | . 8 | 4.7 | 3976 | 20.2 | 11880 |
| Primary | . 1 | . 5 | 20.9 | 21.2 | 34.6 | . 1 | 21.4 | 1184 | . 3 | . 5 | 27.0 | 25.5 | 1.8 | 70.1 | . 2 | 1.8 | 509 | 15.5 | 1693 |
| Secondary + | . 1 | . 3 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 25.1 | . 6 | 10.4 | 1259 | . 0 | . 9 | 14.9 | 14.9 | . 5 | 67.1 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 438 | 8.4 | 1697 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | . 6 | 1.3 | 37.0 | 37.8 | 37.4 | . 5 | 37.8 | 2155 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 51.2 | 45.2 | 7.0 | 58.8 | 1.1 | 7.5 | 924 | 28.7 | 3078 |
| Second | . 2 | . 4 | 31.4 | 31.7 | 36.8 | . 3 | 31.7 | 1981 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 52.7 | 47.8 | 6.1 | 62.1 | . 6 | 6.4 | 959 | 23.4 | 2940 |
| Middle | . 2 | . 6 | 29.8 | 30.2 | 35.4 | . 2 | 30.2 | 2061 | 1.4 | . 8 | 44.5 | 42.8 | 2.3 | 64.8 | . 4 | 2.5 | 978 | 21.3 | 3039 |
| Fourth | 0.0 | . 9 | 17.1 | 17.9 | 33.4 | . 0 | 17.9 | 2202 | 1.0 | . 9 | 30.4 | 29.2 | 2.3 | 73.9 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 1051 | 13.2 | 3252 |
| Richest | . 5 | . 3 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 27.8 | . 4 | 7.1 | 1949 | . 0 | . 6 | 10.4 | 10.0 | . 9 | 67.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1014 | 5.3 | 2963 |
| Total | . 3 | . 7 | 24.4 | 25.0 | 34.2 | . 3 | 25.1 | 10347 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 37.3 | 34.6 | 3.6 | 65.6 | . 9 | 4.2 | 4926 | 18.4 | 15273 |
| [1] MICS indicator 8.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table CP. 3 presents the percentage of children aged 5-14 years involved in child labour who are attending school (labourer students) and percentage of children aged 5-14 years attending school who are involved in child labour (student labourers). Of the 84.7 percent of the children 5-14 years of age attending school, 18.8 percent are also involved in child labour activities, with a higher 26.9 percent among children 5-11 years old. More than two out of ten children in rural areas who are attending school are engaged in child labour. The largest percentages of children attending school who are involved in child labour are from the poorest ( $30.8 \%$ ) and second poorest ( $25 \%$ ) wealth quintiles. Of the children attending school, Pemagatshel and Trongsa Dzongkhags has the highest degree of child labour at around 33 percent. On the other hand, out of the 18.4 percent children involved in child labour, the majority are also attending school (86.5\%).

## TABLE CP.3: CHILD LABOUR AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Percentage of children age 5-14 years involved in child labour who are attending school, and percentage of children age 5-14 years attending school who are involved in child labour,Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of children involved in child labour | Percentage of children attending school | Number of children age 5-14 years | Percentage of child labourers who are attending school [1] | Number of children age 5-14 years involved in child labour | Percentage of children attending school who are involved in child labour [2] | Number of children age 5-14 years attending school |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 17.6 | 84.6 | 7442 | 86.9 | 1307 | 18.0 | 6296 |
| Female | 19.1 | 84.8 | 7831 | 86.2 | 1499 | 19.4 | 6641 |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 26.6 | 92.9 | 343 | 98.2 | 91 | 28.1 | 319 |
| Chukha | 11.3 | 83.7 | 1511 | 78.8 | 171 | 10.6 | 1265 |
| Dagana | 23.8 | 85.3 | 593 | 91.1 | 141 | 25.4 | 506 |
| Gasa | 20.1 | 67.3 | 100 | 40.6 | 20 | 12.1 | 67 |
| Наа | 16.2 | 89.2 | 298 | 87.4 | 48 | 15.8 | 266 |
| Lhuntse | 10.3 | 77.1 | 367 | 78.9 | 38 | 10.5 | 283 |
| Mongar | 17.1 | 79.3 | 1065 | 74.9 | 182 | 16.1 | 844 |
| Paro | 14.1 | 85.7 | 823 | 90.6 | 116 | 15.0 | 705 |
| Pemagatshel | 30.4 | 88.8 | 547 | 96.9 | 166 | 33.2 | 486 |
| Punakha | 16.3 | 82.8 | 602 | 89.7 | 98 | 17.6 | 498 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 19.8 | 86.6 | 980 | 85.1 | 194 | 19.4 | 849 |
| Samtse | 28.4 | 83.2 | 1654 | 82.0 | 470 | 28.0 | 1376 |
| Sarpang | 25.6 | 86.9 | 917 | 89.5 | 235 | 26.4 | 797 |
| Thimphu | 4.9 | 88.9 | 1870 | 78.6 | 91 | 4.3 | 1663 |
| Trashigang | 19.6 | 85.4 | 1353 | 90.7 | 265 | 20.8 | 1156 |
| Trashiyangtse | 14.2 | 83.9 | 423 | 96.2 | 60 | 16.2 | 355 |
| Trongsa | 30.4 | 85.3 | 359 | 94.3 | 109 | 33.6 | 306 |
| Tsirang | 25.2 | 83.3 | 464 | 87.9 | 117 | 26.7 | 386 |
| Wangdue | 15.7 | 79.6 | 599 | 85.0 | 94 | 16.7 | 476 |
| Zhemgang | 24.8 | 82.0 | 406 | 88.2 | 101 | 26.7 | 333 |


| Condt. TABLE CP.3: CHILD LABOUR AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children age 5-14 years involved in child labour who are attending school, and percentage of children age 5-14 years attending school who are involved in child labour,Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of children involved in child labour | Percentage of children attending school | Number of children age 5-14 years | Percentage of child labourers who are attending school [1] | Number of children age 5-14 years involved in child labour | Percentage of children attending school who are involved in child labour [2] | Number of children age 5-14 years attending school |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 14.8 | 85.2 | 6858 | 82.3 | 1014 | 14.3 | 5840 |
| Central | 24.1 | 84.9 | 3681 | 90.4 | 888 | 25.7 | 3124 |
| Eastern | 19.1 | 83.9 | 4735 | 87.3 | 904 | 19.9 | 3973 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.7 | 90.7 | 4371 | 88.1 | 381 | 8.5 | 3962 |
| Rural | 22.2 | 82.3 | 10902 | 86.2 | 2425 | 23.3 | 8975 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5-11 years | 25.1 | 83.7 | 10347 | 89.5 | 2597 | 26.9 | 8656 |
| 12-14 years | 4.2 | 86.9 | 4926 | 48.7 | 209 | 2.4 | 4280 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 20.2 | 83.0 | 11880 | 85.5 | 2402 | 20.8 | 9858 |
| Primary | 15.5 | 91.0 | 1693 | 94.6 | 262 | 16.1 | 1541 |
| Secondary + | 8.4 | 90.4 | 1697 | 87.7 | 142 | 8.1 | 1534 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 28.7 | 74.8 | 3078 | 80.2 | 885 | 30.8 | 2304 |
| Second | 23.4 | 80.7 | 2940 | 86.1 | 688 | 25.0 | 2372 |
| Middle | 21.3 | 84.8 | 3039 | 92.0 | 646 | 23.1 | 2576 |
| Fourth | 13.2 | 89.3 | 3252 | 93.6 | 430 | 13.9 | 2904 |
| Richest | 5.3 | 93.8 | 2963 | 81.4 | 157 | 4.6 | 2781 |
| Total | 18.4 | 84.7 | 15273 | 86.5 | 2806 | 18.8 | 12937 |
| [1] MICS ind [2] MICS ind |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* Row for mother not in household deleted due to insufficent number of cases


## Early Marriage and Polygamy

Marriage before the age of 18 is a reality for many young girls. According to UNICEF's worldwide estimates, over 64 million women age 20-24 were married/in union before the age of 18 . Factors that influence child marriage rates include: the state of the country's civil registration system, which provides proof of age for children; the existence of an adequate legislative framework with an accompanying enforcement mechanism to address cases of child marriage, and the existence of customary or religious laws that condone the practice.

In many parts of the world parents encourage the marriage of their daughters while they are still children in the hope that the marriage will benefit them both financially and socially, while also relieving financial burdens on the family. In actual fact, child marriage is a violation of human rights, compromising the development of girls and often resulting in early pregnancy and social isolation, with little education and poor vocational training reinforcing the gendered nature of poverty. The right to 'free and full' consent to a marriage is recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - with the recognition that consent cannot be 'free and full' when one of the parties involved is not sufficiently mature to make an informed decision about a life partner.

The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women mentions the right to protection from child marriage in Article 16, which states: "The betrothal and the marriage of a child shall have no legal effect, and all necessary action, including legislation, shall be taken to specify a minimum age for marriage..." While marriage is not considered directly in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, child marriage is linked to other rights - such as the right to express their views freely, the right to protection from all forms of abuse, and the right to be protected from harmful traditional practices - and is frequently addressed by the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Young married girls are a unique, though often invisible, group. Required to perform heavy amounts of domestic work, under pressure to demonstrate fertility, and responsible for raising children while still children themselves, married girls and child mothers face constrained decision-making and reduced life choices. Boys are also affected by child marriage but the issue impacts girls in far larger numbers and with more intensity. Cohabitation - when a couple lives together as if married - raises the same human rights concerns as marriage. Where a girl lives with a man and takes on the role of caregiver for him, the assumption is often that she has become an adult woman, even if she has not yet reached the age of 18 . Additional concerns due to the informality of the relationship - for example, inheritance, citizenship and social recognition - might make girls in informal unions vulnerable in different ways than those who are in formally recognized marriages.

Research suggests that many factors interact to place a child at risk of marriage. Poverty, protection of girls, family honour and the provision of stability during unstable social periods are considered as significant factors in determining a girl's risk of becoming married while still a child. Women who married at younger ages were more likely to believe that it is sometimes acceptable for a husband to beat his wife and were more likely to experience domestic violence themselves. The age gap between partners is thought to contribute to these abusive power dynamics and to increase the risk of untimely widowhood.

Closely related to the issue of child marriage is the age at which girls become sexually active. Women who are married before the age of 18 tend to have more children than those who marry later in life. Pregnancy related deaths are known to be a leading cause of mortality for both married and unmarried girls between the ages of 15 and 19, particularly among the youngest of this cohort. There is evidence to suggest that girls who marry at young ages are more likely to marry older men which puts them at increased risk of HIV infection. Parents seek to marry off their girls to protect their honour, and men often seek younger women as wives as a means to avoid choosing a wife who might already be infected.

Two of the indicators are to estimate the percentage of women married before 15 years of age and percentage married before 18 years of age. The percentage of women married at various ages is provided in Table CP.4. Less than one in five young women age $15-19$ years is currently married ( $15.2 \%$ ). This proportion varies between urban (5.5\%) and rural areas (20.8\%), and is strongly related to the level of education and to household wealth. The percentage of women in a polygynous union is also provided in Table CP.4. While five percent of women 15-49 years of age live in a polygynous union, the proportion is significantly higher in the Dzongkaghs of Tsirang (16.7\%), Punakha (14.7\%), Haa (12.7\%) and Gasa ( $10.7 \%$ ). 6.7 percent were found to be married before 15 years of age and this increases to 10 percent in the poorest households.

|  | TABLE CP.4: EARLY MARRIAGE AND POLYGYNY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of women age 15-49 years who first married or entered a marital union before their 15th birthday, percentages of women age 20-49 years who first married or entered a marital union before their 15th and 18th birthdays, percentage of women age 15-19 years currently married or in union, and the percentage of women currently married or in union who are in a polygynous marriage or union, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Percentage married before age 15 [1] | Number of women age 15-49 years | Percentage married before age 15 | Percentage married before age 18 [2] | Number of women age 20-49 years | Percentage of women 15-19 years currently married/in union [3] | Number of women age $15-19$ years | Percentage of women age 15-49 years in polygynous marriage/ union [4] | Number of women age 15-49 years currently married/ in union |
|  | Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Bumthang | 2.8 | 337 | 2.8 | 23.7 | 287 | 17.6 | 51 | 5.3 | 222 |
|  | Chukha | 7.0 | 1550 | 8.5 | 29.1 | 1281 | 13.0 | 269 | 8.7 | 1039 |
|  | Dagana | 10.4 | 509 | 11.5 | 42.6 | 433 | 25.6 | 76 | 3.5 | 396 |
|  | Gasa | 1.2 | 107 | 1.3 | 16.8 | 98 | * | 9 | 10.7 | 86 |
|  | Haa | 4.3 | 282 | 5.0 | 21.1 | 246 | (8.0) | 36 | 12.7 | 201 |
|  | Lhuntse | 4.2 | 307 | 4.5 | 31.1 | 274 | (24.8) | 33 | 2.8 | 219 |
|  | Mongar | 6.7 | 926 | 7.4 | 37.1 | 809 | 28.5 | 117 | 3.6 | 697 |
|  | Paro | 2.7 | 799 | 3.1 | 18.5 | 664 | 5.9 | 135 | 6.9 | 504 |
|  | Pemagatshel | 7.0 | 489 | 7.1 | 29.1 | 436 | 25.3 | 53 | 1.2 | 373 |
|  | Punakha | 5.0 | 506 | 5.7 | 29.1 | 436 | 13.3 | 70 | 14.7 | 342 |
| $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\infty}$ | Samdrup jongkhar | 10.6 | 775 | 11.4 | 43.5 | 676 | 21.8 | 99 | 5.2 | 638 |
|  | Samtse | 11.3 | 1562 | 12.4 | 35.4 | 1312 | 14.0 | 251 | 5.4 | 1143 |
|  | Sarpang | 7.7 | 924 | 8.8 | 39.9 | 783 | 12.3 | 141 | 2.5 | 651 |
|  | Thimphu | 3.8 | 2054 | 4.4 | 20.2 | 1698 | 4.7 | 357 | 1.2 | 1327 |
|  | Trashigang | 8.3 | 940 | 9.2 | 35.9 | 848 | (27.1) | 91 | 2.6 | 772 |
|  | Trashiyangtse | 4.4 | 301 | 4.8 | 28.8 | 266 | 16.0 | 35 | 1.5 | 219 |
|  | Trongsa | 5.0 | 294 | 5.3 | 31.0 | 259 | (20.4) | 35 | 1.0 | 209 |
|  | Tsirang | 9.8 | 463 | 11.4 | 34.4 | 374 | 18.5 | 89 | 16.7 | 333 |
|  | Wangdue | 3.2 | 562 | 3.4 | 26.1 | 498 | 16.8 | 64 | 3.5 | 394 |
|  | Zhemgang | 8.5 | 331 | 8.3 | 33.9 | 288 | (35.1) | 42 | 2.1 | 262 |
|  | Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Western | 6.2 | 6861 | 7.0 | 26.1 | 5735 | 9.8 | 1126 | 6.2 | 4642 |
|  | Central | 7.0 | 3420 | 7.7 | 34.3 | 2922 | 19.1 | 498 | 4.8 | 2468 |
|  | Eastern | 7.5 | 3736 | 8.2 | 35.9 | 3308 | 24.9 | 428 | 3.2 | 2919 |

## Condt. TABLE CP.4: EARLY MARRIAGE AND POLYGYNY

Percentage of women age 15-49 years who first married or entered a marital union before their 15th birthday, percentages of women age 20-49 years who first married or entered a marital union before their 15th and 18th birthdays, percentage of women age 15-19 years currently married or in union, and the percentage of women currently married or in union who are in a polygynous marriage or union, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage married before age 15 [1] | Number of women age 15-49 years | Percentage married before age 15 | Percentage married before age 18 [2] | Number of women age 20-49 years | Percentage of women 15-19 years currently married/in union [3] | Number of women age 15-19 years | Percentage of women age 15-49 years in polygynous marriage/ union [4] | Number of women age 15-49 years currently married/ in union |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.1 | 4448 | 6.0 | 25.9 | 3695 | 5.5 | 753 | 2.8 | 2986 |
| Rural | 7.5 | 9570 | 8.2 | 33.0 | 8271 | 20.8 | 1299 | 5.9 | 7043 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.3 | 2052 | na | na | na | 15.2 | 2052 | 4.0 | 312 |
| 20-24 | 6.2 | 2502 | 6.2 | 25.8 | 2502 | na | na | 3.1 | 1568 |
| 25-29 | 7.3 | 2721 | 7.3 | 28.3 | 2721 | na | na | 3.1 | 2257 |
| 30-34 | 8.5 | 2219 | 8.5 | 33.3 | 2219 | na | na | 5.6 | 1923 |
| 35-39 | 7.1 | 1856 | 7.1 | 36.4 | 1856 | na | na | 6.4 | 1650 |
| 40-44 | 9.7 | 1561 | 9.7 | 34.6 | 1561 | na | na | 6.7 | 1363 |
| 45-49 | 6.6 | 1106 | 6.6 | 28.7 | 1106 | na | na | 6.5 | 957 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 8.9 | 8585 | 9.1 | 37.0 | 8037 | 35.3 | 548 | 5.6 | 7087 |
| Primary | 8.0 | 1687 | 9.1 | 36.8 | 1383 | 18.3 | 304 | 6.3 | 1165 |
| Secondary + | 1.2 | 3746 | 1.6 | 8.1 | 2545 | 5.2 | 1201 | 1.7 | 1778 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 10.4 | 2419 | 11.2 | 37.9 | 2103 | 25.6 | 316 | 5.1 | 1855 |
| Second | 8.5 | 2533 | 9.2 | 35.2 | 2210 | 29.7 | 323 | 6.2 | 1888 |
| Middle | 6.7 | 2659 | 7.2 | 32.0 | 2319 | 24.7 | 339 | 5.5 | 1937 |
| Fourth | 5.9 | 3040 | 6.8 | 30.7 | 2599 | 7.7 | 441 | 5.8 | 2189 |
| Richest | 3.5 | 3367 | 4.2 | 20.8 | 2734 | 2.7 | 633 | 2.5 | 2160 |
| Total | 6.7 | 14018 | 7.5 | 30.8 | 11966 | 15.2 | 2052 | 5.0 | 10029 |

[1] MICS indicator 8.6
[2] MICS indicator 8.7
[3] MICS indicator 8.8
[4] MICS indicator 8.9

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Table CP. 5 presents the proportion of women who were first married or entered into a marital union before age 15 and 18 by residence and age groups. Examining the percentages married before the age of 15 and 18 by different age groups, allows us to see the trends in early marriage over time. Overall 6.7 percent of women married before the age of 15 and 30.8 percent married before the age of 18, although the legal age for marriage in Bhutan is 18 years for women. Marriage before the 15th and 18th birthdays is higher among rural women ( $7.5 \%$ and $33 \%$ respectively) when compared to urban women ( $5.1 \%$ and $25.9 \%$ respectively). Over the last 15 years there is a decreasing trend of early marriages, particularly in urban areas.

## TABLE CP.5: TRENDS IN EARLY MARRIAGE

Percentage of women who were first married or entered into a marital union before age 15 and $\mathbf{1 8}$, by residence and age groups, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Urban |  |  |  | Rural |  |  |  | Both |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of women married before age 15 | Number of women | Percentage of women married before age 18 | Number of women | Percentage of women married before age 15 | Number of women | Percentage of women married before age 18 | Number of women | Percentage of women married before age 15 | Number of women | Percentage of women married before age 18 | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.0 | 753 | . | 0 | 3.0 | 1299 | . | 0 | 2.3 | 2052 | . | 0 |
| 20-24 | 3.3 | 882 | 17.1 | 882 | 7.8 | 1620 | 30.6 | 1620 | 6.2 | 2502 | 25.8 | 2502 |
| 25-29 | 5.5 | 983 | 21.1 | 983 | 8.4 | 1738 | 32.3 | 1738 | 7.3 | 2721 | 28.3 | 2721 |
| 30-34 | 8.2 | 722 | 30.9 | 722 | 8.6 | 1497 | 34.5 | 1497 | 8.5 | 2219 | 33.3 | 2219 |
| 35-39 | 6.3 | 536 | 34.1 | 536 | 7.4 | 1320 | 37.3 | 1320 | 7.1 | 1856 | 36.4 | 1856 |
| 40-44 | 9.3 | 380 | 37.8 | 380 | 9.8 | 1181 | 33.5 | 1181 | 9.7 | 1561 | 34.6 | 1561 |
| 45-49 | 4.7 | 192 | 26.2 | 192 | 7.0 | 914 | 29.3 | 914 | 6.6 | 1106 | 28.7 | 1106 |
| Total | 5.1 | 4448 | 25.9 | 3695 | 7.5 | 9570 | 33.0 | 8271 | 6.7 | 14018 | 30.8 | 11966 |

## TABLE CP.6: SPOUSAL AGE DIFFERENCE

Percentage distribution of women currently married/in union age 15-19 and 20-24 years according to the age difference with their husband or partner, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of currently married/in union women age 15-19 years whose husband or partner is: |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women age 15-19 years currently married/in union | Percentage of currently married/in union women age 20-24 years whose husband or partner is: |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women age 20-24 years currently married/in union |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Younger | $0-4$ years older | 5-9 years older | 10+ years older [1] | Husband/ partner's age unknown | Total |  | Younger | $0-4$ years older | 5-9 years older | $10+\text { years older }$ <br> [2] | Husband/ partner's age unknown | Total |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 1.4 | 44.6 | 43.2 | 10.2 | . 5 | 100.0 | 110 | 4.6 | 44.9 | 32.3 | 15.3 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 724 |
| Central | 3.1 | 44.4 | 42.0 | 8.0 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 95 | 12.4 | 45.9 | 29.1 | 11.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 389 |
| Eastern | 2.5 | 50.4 | 28.5 | 17.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 107 | 11.2 | 46.6 | 29.1 | 11.5 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 454 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | . 0 | 34.9 | 44.9 | 18.8 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 41 | 2.5 | 47.7 | 32.9 | 15.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 479 |
| Rural | 2.7 | 48.3 | 36.7 | 10.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 270 | 11.1 | 44.7 | 29.6 | 12.3 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 1088 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.3 | 46.6 | 37.8 | 11.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 312 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| 20-24 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | 8.5 | 45.6 | 30.6 | 13.3 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 1568 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 1.0 | 49.2 | 34.2 | 13.4 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 193 | 10.0 | 42.2 | 31.3 | 14.1 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 887 |
| Primary | 8.5 | 39.2 | 41.7 | 10.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 56 | 8.0 | 44.0 | 27.6 | 18.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 234 |
| Secondary + | . 9 | 45.0 | 45.4 | 8.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 63 | 5.7 | 53.4 | 30.9 | 8.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 446 |


| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Poorest | . 7 | 49.9 | 36.8 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 81 | 15.7 | 51.4 | 19.7 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 287 |
| Second | 2.0 | 53.9 | 33.0 | 11.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 96 | 13.9 | 47.2 | 28.1 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 283 |
| Middle | 5.6 | 47.8 | 39.5 | 7.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 84 | 7.4 | 40.9 | 36.1 | 13.9 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 334 |
| Fourth | . 0 | 28.2 | 43.3 | 26.7 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 34 | 4.4 | 44.8 | 32.3 | 16.9 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 417 |
| Richest | . 0 | 20.2 | 49.5 | 26.8 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 17 | 2.0 | 44.9 | 35.9 | 16.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 246 |
| Total | 2.3 | 46.6 | 37.8 | 11.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 312 | 8.5 | 45.6 | 30.6 | 13.3 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 1568 |

[1] MICS indicator 8.10a
[2] MICS indicator 8.10 b

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicates that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Another component is the spousal age difference with an indicator being the percentage of married/ in union women with a difference of 10 or more years younger than their current spouse. Table CP. 6 presents the results of the age difference between husbands and wives. The results show that there are some spousal age differences in Bhutan. About one in seven women aged 20-24 is currently married to a man who is older by ten years or more (13.3\%), and about one in eight women aged 15-19 are currently married to men who are older by ten years or more (11.9\%). A higher percentage of women aged $15-19$ years whose husband is 10 or more years older are found in the Eastern region (17.3\%) and a lower percentage are found in the Central region ( $8 \%$ ). A spousal age difference of 10 or more years among married/in union women aged 22-24 is more prevalent in urban areas than in rural areas, and among richer households than among poorer households.

## Domestic Violence

A number of questions were asked of women aged 15-49 years to assess their attitudes towards whether husbands are justified to hit or beat their wives/partners for a variety of reasons. These questions were asked to have an indication of cultural beliefs that tend to be associated with the prevalence of violence against women by their husbands/partners.

The main assumption here is that women who agree with the statements indicating that husbands/ partners are justified to beat their wives/partners under the situations described, in reality tend to be abused by their own husbands/partners. The responses to these questions can be found in Table CP.7. Overall, as many as 68.4 percent of women in Bhutan feel that their husband/partner has a right to hit or beat them for at least one of a variety of reasons.

Women who approve their partner's violence, in most cases agree and justify violence in instances when they neglect the children (54.5\%), or if they demonstrate their autonomy, e.g. go out without telling their husbands ( $39.7 \%$ ) or argue with them ( $39.5 \%$ ). Around one-fourth of women believe that their partner has a right to hit or beat them if they refuse to have sex with him or if they burn the food. Acceptance is more present among those living in rural areas, with less education, and also among formerly married women. Acceptance in the richest wealth quintile is much lower than in the other wealth quintiles.

BMIS also included questions on women's actual experience of domestic violence and the results will be presented in a separate thematic analysis report on gender.

Questions on experience of domestic violence were included and the results of it will be brought out in a separate thematic report on gender.

## TABLE CP.7: ATTITUDES TOWARD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Percentage of women age 15-49 years who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife/partner in various circumstances, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of women age 15-49 years who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife/partner: |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women age 15-49 years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | If goes out without telling him | If she neglects the children | If she argues with him | If she refuses sex with him | If she burns the food | For any of these reasons [1] |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 60.1 | 76.6 | 58.5 | 25.7 | 42.3 | 86.8 | 337 |
| Chukha | 15.9 | 47.5 | 21.1 | 12.6 | 25.2 | 60.4 | 1550 |
| Dagana | 36.6 | 54.9 | 43.8 | 33.2 | 35.6 | 66.9 | 509 |
| Gasa | 40.5 | 66.7 | 48.5 | 40.0 | 25.1 | 82.7 | 107 |
| Haa | 19.3 | 51.0 | 19.2 | 21.5 | 6.2 | 60.9 | 282 |
| Lhuntse | 23.2 | 20.2 | 28.1 | 19.8 | 20.9 | 47.4 | 307 |
| Mongar | 40.9 | 57.9 | 59.5 | 35.1 | 38.1 | 74.2 | 926 |
| Paro | 67.4 | 81.1 | 45.8 | 36.9 | 15.4 | 90.4 | 799 |
| Pemagatshel | 30.2 | 34.0 | 30.6 | 9.1 | 24.8 | 56.4 | 489 |
| Punakha | 46.5 | 57.3 | 48.3 | 37.8 | 25.9 | 62.2 | 506 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 60.3 | 74.4 | 69.1 | 58.8 | 59.6 | 84.3 | 775 |
| Samtse | 37.7 | 52.4 | 52.5 | 28.0 | 19.1 | 78.2 | 1562 |
| Sarpang | 46.4 | 65.1 | 29.0 | 16.0 | 13.3 | 70.6 | 924 |
| Thimphu | 34.4 | 35.6 | 24.9 | 11.8 | 8.8 | 46.2 | 2054 |
| Trashigang | 37.2 | 59.1 | 39.4 | 28.0 | 28.9 | 70.8 | 940 |
| Trashiyangtse | 51.3 | 65.8 | 67.5 | 44.3 | 15.7 | 85.6 | 301 |
| Trongsa | 54.0 | 63.9 | 45.3 | 38.1 | 47.3 | 83.3 | 294 |
| Tsirang | 66.8 | 73.5 | 17.7 | 11.4 | 6.0 | 77.3 | 463 |
| Wangdue | 31.1 | 47.3 | 43.1 | 20.2 | 15.8 | 70.9 | 562 |
| Zhemgang | 35.3 | 53.9 | 36.5 | 13.5 | 11.8 | 65.5 | 331 |


| Contd. TABLE CP.7: ATTITUDES TOWARD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 years who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife/partner in various circumstances, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of women age 15-49 years who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife/partner: |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women age 15-49 years |
|  | If goes out without telling him | If she neglects the children | If she argues with him | If she refuses sex with him | If she burns the food | For any of these reasons [1] |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 35.2 | 50.1 | 34.6 | 21.4 | 17.0 | 64.2 | 6861 |
| Central | 46.1 | 61.7 | 37.0 | 21.2 | 21.7 | 73.2 | 3420 |
| Eastern | 42.0 | 56.0 | 50.7 | 34.3 | 35.3 | 71.8 | 3736 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 33.9 | 48.5 | 32.0 | 17.2 | 16.0 | 60.8 | 4448 |
| Rural | 42.3 | 57.4 | 43.0 | 28.3 | 26.3 | 71.9 | 9570 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 41.6 | 57.9 | 39.4 | 19.2 | 22.1 | 70.1 | 2052 |
| 20-24 | 40.0 | 56.8 | 41.4 | 24.1 | 23.3 | 70.3 | 2502 |
| 25-29 | 36.4 | 52.1 | 37.4 | 24.9 | 20.9 | 65.4 | 2721 |
| 30-34 | 38.0 | 54.2 | 37.6 | 25.4 | 22.9 | 68.8 | 2219 |
| 35-39 | 38.8 | 52.9 | 40.6 | 26.3 | 23.3 | 68.3 | 1856 |
| 40-44 | 42.1 | 54.1 | 41.3 | 28.6 | 25.2 | 68.6 | 1561 |
| 45-49 | 44.6 | 53.3 | 40.1 | 27.2 | 26.1 | 67.7 | 1106 |
| Marital/Union status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Currently married/ in union | 39.0 | 54.3 | 39.5 | 26.1 | 23.4 | 68.5 | 10029 |
| Formerly married/ in union | 45.4 | 56.1 | 42.4 | 28.3 | 25.2 | 71.5 | 909 |
| Never married/in union | 40.1 | 54.8 | 38.5 | 19.5 | 21.0 | 67.2 | 3079 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 41.2 | 55.7 | 42.5 | 28.2 | 26.5 | 70.7 | 8585 |
| Primary | 41.7 | 56.8 | 38.0 | 25.7 | 22.1 | 70.6 | 1687 |
| Secondary + | 35.1 | 50.9 | 33.4 | 16.5 | 15.6 | 62.3 | 3746 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 40.2 | 54.8 | 44.9 | 29.4 | 29.9 | 70.7 | 2419 |
| Second | 42.9 | 59.7 | 44.9 | 29.7 | 29.4 | 73.2 | 2533 |
| Middle | 44.7 | 56.6 | 43.3 | 28.2 | 24.3 | 72.7 | 2659 |
| Fourth | 39.8 | 56.7 | 38.1 | 24.5 | 21.2 | 70.3 | 3040 |
| Richest | 32.6 | 46.9 | 29.9 | 15.2 | 13.8 | 58.1 | 3367 |
| Total | 39.7 | 54.5 | 39.5 | 24.8 | 23.0 | 68.4 | 14018 |

[1] MICS indicator 8.14

## Child Disability

One of the goals of "A World Fit for Children" is to protect children against abuse, exploitation and violence, including the elimination of discrimination against children with disabilities. For children between two-nine years of age, a series of questions were asked to assess a number of disabilities/ impairments, such as sight impairment, deafness and difficulties with speech. This approach rests in the concept of functional disability developed by WHO and aims to identify the implications of any impairment or disability for the development of the child (such as health, nutrition and education).

Table CP. 8 presents the percentage of children aged two to nine years with a disability reported by their mother/caretaker. Of these children 30.4 percent are reported to have at least one disability, with the highest proportion ( $31.5 \%$ ) living in the Eastern region. Differences by mother's education and socioeconomic status are present. About 31.4 percent of children aged two to nine years that reported having at least one disability have mothers with no education and about 33.8 percent live in poor households. In addition, 22.6 percent of two-year-old children cannot name at least one object, with the highest percentage ( $26.5 \%$ ) found in the Central region and the lowest in the Eastern region $(19.5 \%)$. Figures for children living in urban areas (20.9\%) are lower than those for rural areas (23.3). In addition, the percentage of children whose speech is not normal is very high in all three to nine age groups ranging from 12.2 to 13.3 percent. The highest proportion of these children is found in the Central region (14.4\%), middle income households (13.7\%) and among those having mothers with primary education (13.6\%).

The second stage disability survey will be carried out and all children that "screened positive" in the disability first stage module of the BMIS, and 10 percent children that "screened negative" will also be subjected to functional assessment by technical (medical) personnel to assess disability. The results of the second stage disability will be more reliable as the assessment will be carried out by technical persons and will be more in-depth unlike in the first stage.
TABLE CP. 8 : CHILD DISABILITY
Percentage of children 2-9 years of age with disability reported by their mother or caretaker according to the type of disability, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Delay in sitting standing or walking | Difficulty seeing, either in the daytime or at night | Appears to have difficulty hearing | No understanding of instructions | Difficulty in walking moving, moving arms, weakness or stiffness | Have fits, become rigid, lose conciousness | Not learning to do things like other children his/ her age | No speaking cannot be understood in words | Appears mentally backward, dull, or slow | Speech is not normal | Number of children aged 3-9 years | Cannot name at least one object | Number of children aged 2 years | Percentage of children 2-9 years of age with at least one reported disability* | Number of children aged 2-9 years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 5.4 | 1.4 | 7.1 | 242 | 22.4 | 34 | 19.3 | 275 |
| Chukha | 5.6 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 15.9 | 993 | 24.4 | 125 | 32.6 | 1118 |
| Dagana | 1.2 | . 9 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 21.2 | 367 | 23.3 | 46 | 31.7 | 413 |
| Gasa | 1.7 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 6.4 | 2.9 | 16.4 | 7.5 | 13.2 | 1.1 | 24.4 | 68 | 35.8 | 8 | 53.9 | 76 |
| Haa | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 7.2 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 196 | 23.6 | 27 | 19.2 | 223 |
| Lhuntse | 1.2 | 1.2 | . 7 | 6.5 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 10.4 | 11.3 | 6.6 | 50.6 | 219 | 19.7 | 33 | 63.6 | 252 |
| Mongar | 2.3 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 1.6 | . 7 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 714 | 17.5 | 100 | 20.3 | 814 |
| Paro | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 5.2 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 5.2 | 8.1 | 3.6 | 37.8 | 503 | 36.1 | 72 | 45.6 | 575 |
| Pemagatshel | 1.6 | 2.1 | . 6 | 7.3 | . 8 | 1.1 | 5.8 | 11.2 | 1.1 | . 5 | 336 | 16.4 | 54 | 20.1 | 390 |
| Punakha | 2.5 | . 9 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 10.4 | 361 | 18.1 | 41 | 23.0 | 401 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 9.8 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 7.2 | 22.4 | 1.8 | 8.6 | 658 | 25.9 | 92 | 42.3 | 750 |
| Samtse | 5.8 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 5.2 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 16.2 | 1219 | 27.4 | 174 | 31.1 | 1394 |
| Sarpang | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 567 | 35.4 | 69 | 16.6 | 636 |
| Thimphu | 1.1 | 1.1 | . 4 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 16.9 | 1.3 | 1.4 | . 8 | 2.0 | 1170 | 12.6 | 189 | 24.7 | 1359 |
| Trashigang | 2.9 | 1.0 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 11.3 | 2.7 | 8.6 | 879 | 13.5 | 108 | 29.8 | 987 |
| Trashiyangtse | 1.8 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 9.2 | 7.4 | 1.7 | 5.3 | 281 | 31.6 | 34 | 28.7 | 316 |
| Trongsa | 3.8 | . 5 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 2.3 | 10.5 | 230 | 19.4 | 28 | 33.8 | 259 |
| Tsirang | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 304 | 34.4 | 48 | 23.7 | 352 |
| Wangdi | 5.4 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 2.9 | 40.7 | 404 | 23.4 | 57 | 50.3 | 461 |
| Zhemgang | 1.9 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 1.4 | 6.2 | 253 | 18.9 | 45 | 25.1 | 298 |

Contd. TABLE CP. 8 : CHILD DISABILITY
Percentage of children 2-9 years of age with disability reported by their mother or caretaker according to the type of disability, Bhutan, 2010

| Percentage | hildren 2-9 | ears of age | ith disabil | reported | their mo | or care | r accordin | o the typ | f disabi | Bhutan, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Percentage | f children ag | d 2-9 years with | reported dis | bility by typ | of disability |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Delay in sitting standing or walking | Difficulty seeing, either in the daytime or at night | Appears to have difficulty hearing | No understanding of instructions | Difficulty in walking moving, moving arms, weakness or stiffness | Have fits, become rigid, lose conciousness | Not learning to do things like other children his/ her age | No speaking cannot be understood in words | Appears mentally backward, dull, or slow | Speech is not normal | Number of children aged 3-9 years | Cannot name at least one object | Number aged 2 years | Percentage of children 2-9 years of age with at least one reported disability* | Number of children aged 2-9 years |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 3.5 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 14.0 | 4510 | 22.7 | 636 | 30.5 | 5146 |
| Central | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 2.3 | 14.4 | 2366 | 26.5 | 327 | 28.5 | 2693 |
| Eastern | 2.0 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 5.7 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 6.3 | 12.3 | 2.3 | 9.4 | 3087 | 19.5 | 420 | 31.5 | 3508 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.0 | 2.2 | . 8 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 8.5 | 3.0 | 4.6 | 2.5 | 10.1 | 2796 | 20.9 | 387 | 29.5 | 3184 |
| Rural | 3.1 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 7.6 | 2.7 | 13.7 | 7166 | 23.3 | 996 | 30.7 | 8162 |
| Age of child |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-4 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 5.9 | 2.6 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 11.4 | 2.8 | 12.8 | 2577 | 22.6 | 1383 | 34.8 | 3960 |
| 5-6 | 3.1 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 2.2 | 13.3 | 3130 | . | 0 | 28.9 | 3130 |
| 7-9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 12.2 | 4255 | , | 0 | 27.3 | 4255 |
| Mother's educ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 2.9 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 7.2 | 2.8 | 12.7 | 7374 | 24.3 | 975 | 31.4 | 8349 |
| Primary | 2.9 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 5.7 | 2.7 | 13.6 | 1171 | 20.2 | 152 | 29.6 | 1322 |
| Secondary + | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 5.1 | 2.0 | 11.5 | 1418 | 17.6 | 257 | 25.8 | 1675 |
| Mother not in household | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0 | . | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Wealth index | intiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 2.7 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 5.7 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 6.6 | 9.4 | 3.3 | 13.2 | 2162 | 28.6 | 290 | 33.8 | 2452 |
| Second | 4.0 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 2.5 | 10.5 | 1880 | 25.8 | 240 | 28.8 | 2120 |
| Middle | 2.9 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 6.7 | 2.9 | 13.7 | 1912 | 20.8 | 272 | 30.1 | 2184 |
| Fourth | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 1.7 | 8.1 | 3.3 | 6.1 | 2.3 | 12.8 | 2182 | 19.3 | 327 | 32.0 | 2509 |
| Richest | 2.3 | 1.9 | . 7 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 13.1 | 1826 | 19.0 | 254 | 26.1 | 2080 |
| Total | 2.8 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 6.7 | 2.7 | 12.7 | 9963 | 22.6 | 1383 | 30.4 | 11346 |



## XII. HIV/AIDS, Sexual Behaviour

## Knowledge about HIV Transmission and Misconceptions about HIV/AIDS

One of the most important pre-requisites for reducing the rate of HIV infection is accurate knowledge of how HIV is transmitted and strategies for preventing transmission. Correct information is the first step toward raising awareness and giving young people the tools to protect themselves from infection. Misconceptions about HIV are common and can confuse young people and hinder prevention efforts. Different regions are likely to have variations in misconceptions although some appear to be universal (for example that sharing food can transmit HIV or mosquito bites can transmit HIV).

The UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS (UNGASS) called on governments to improve the knowledge and skills of young people to protect themselves from HIV. The indicators to measure this goal, as well as the MDG of reducing HIV infections by half, include improving the level of knowledge of HIV and its prevention, and changing behaviours to prevent further spread of the disease. One indicator, which is both an MDG and UNGASS indicator, is the percent of young women who have comprehensive and correct knowledge of HIV prevention and transmission. The HIV module was administered to women aged 15-49 years of age.

Comprehensive knowledge is the number of women aged 15-49 years who correctly identify two ways of preventing HIV infection, know that a healthy looking person can have HIV, and reject the two most common misconceptions about HIV transmission. In BMIS, all women aged 15-49 years old who have heard of AIDS were asked whether they knew of two main ways of HIV transmission - having only one faithful uninfected partner and using a condom every time while having sex. The results are presented in Table HA.1. In Bhutan, more than four out of five of the interviewed women aged 15-49 years old have heard of AIDS (83.7\%). However, the percentage of women who know of both the main ways of preventing HIV transmission is only 51 percent. 60.6 percent of women know of having one faithful uninfected sex partner and 66.1 percent know of using a condom every time as main ways of preventing HIV transmission.

Table HA. 1 and figure HA. 1 also present the percentage of women with comprehensive knowledge, which is still fairly low in Bhutan. Overall, 17.5 percent of women aged 15-49 years old were found to have a comprehensive knowledge of HIV. Both the education level and household wealth are positively correlated with the level of comprehensive knowledge. Comprehensive knowledge is also much more prevalent among younger women, never married women and women in urban areas. In the Western region 24.1 percent have comprehensive knowledge as compared to the Central and Eastern regions (14.0 and $8.7 \%$ respectively).

TABLE HA.1: KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIV TRANSMISSION, MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HIV/AIDS AND COMPREHANSIVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIV TRANSMISSION
Percentage of women age 15-49 years who know the main ways of preventing HIV transmission, percentage who know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus, percentage who reject common misconceptions, and percentage who have comprehensive knowledge about HIV transmission, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage who have heard of AIDS | Percentage who know transmission can be prevented by: |  | Percentage of women who know both ways | Percentage who know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus | Percentage who know that HIV cannot be transmitted by: |  |  | Percentage who reject the two most common misconceptions and know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge [1] | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Having only one faithful uninfected sex partner | Using a condom every time |  |  | Mosquito bites | Supernatural means | Sharing food with someone with AIDS |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 99.2 | 51.8 | 85.4 | 47.1 | 63.3 | 47.2 | 83.1 | 86.1 | 30.9 | 8.7 | 337 |
| Chukha | 76.7 | 52.7 | 56.3 | 47.7 | 42.5 | 30.5 | 62.8 | 54.1 | 18.5 | 15.1 | 1550 |
| Dagana | 73.7 | 50.7 | 49.4 | 38.4 | 53.8 | 26.0 | 46.5 | 41.8 | 14.3 | 9.2 | 509 |
| Gasa | 82.6 | 75.3 | 72.2 | 67.4 | 40.5 | 51.3 | 77.4 | 66.2 | 31.7 | 30.0 | 107 |
| Haa | 99.2 | 89.1 | 89.4 | 82.6 | 86.5 | 62.0 | 89.2 | 79.1 | 50.2 | 45.9 | 282 |
| Lhuntse | 73.1 | 33.8 | 55.3 | 31.0 | 61.5 | 53.0 | 54.0 | 63.9 | 44.0 | 19.7 | 307 |
| Mongar | 91.0 | 71.9 | 74.4 | 63.2 | 33.9 | 26.5 | 71.5 | 58.7 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 926 |
| Paro | 95.3 | 84.4 | 77.4 | 70.3 | 65.6 | 51.6 | 70.8 | 77.6 | 35.3 | 25.3 | 799 |
| Pemagatshel | 88.6 | 53.3 | 74.7 | 48.1 | 38.8 | 50.2 | 72.6 | 65.0 | 15.0 | 7.7 | 489 |
| Punakha | 85.4 | 67.2 | 75.8 | 60.7 | 43.6 | 41.8 | 62.6 | 66.3 | 18.1 | 14.1 | 506 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 69.1 | 51.6 | 43.8 | 35.5 | 30.2 | 34.4 | 52.5 | 48.5 | 14.2 | 10.6 | 775 |
| Samtse | 81.2 | 50.8 | 59.2 | 42.2 | 47.5 | 47.5 | 61.2 | 59.1 | 24.6 | 15.7 | 1562 |
| Sarpang | 83.8 | 74.8 | 66.6 | 60.1 | 50.6 | 48.9 | 61.8 | 57.1 | 26.0 | 20.5 | 924 |
| Thimphu | 92.7 | 77.6 | 70.1 | 59.4 | 69.9 | 65.9 | 82.0 | 84.4 | 50.9 | 36.1 | 2054 |
| Trashigang | 81.2 | 38.2 | 67.1 | 33.6 | 56.1 | 28.0 | 58.0 | 49.6 | 17.3 | 5.7 | 940 |
| Trashiyangtse | 71.1 | 55.0 | 57.1 | 44.6 | 35.6 | 39.9 | 59.0 | 50.1 | 17.7 | 12.6 | 301 |
| Trongsa | 90.0 | 76.7 | 78.1 | 68.7 | 50.3 | 35.1 | 69.0 | 73.8 | 18.6 | 14.6 | 294 |
| Tsirang | 58.1 | 45.7 | 52.5 | 43.8 | 36.0 | 35.8 | 43.4 | 41.7 | 19.6 | 14.7 | 463 |
| Wangdue | 82.9 | 28.7 | 73.4 | 26.0 | 32.9 | 29.1 | 45.9 | 49.6 | 9.8 | 4.5 | 562 |
| Zhemgang | 95.6 | 80.5 | 86.3 | 75.3 | 64.9 | 48.3 | 80.4 | 67.8 | 28.2 | 22.8 | 331 |

Contd. TABLE HA.1: KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIV TRANSMISSION, MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HIV/AIDS AND COMPREHANSIVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIV TRANSMISSION
Percentage of women age 15-49 years who know the main ways of preventing HIV transmission, percentage who know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus, percentage who reject common misconceptions, and percentage who have comprehensive knowledge about HIV transmission Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage who have heard of AIDS | Percentage who know transmission can be prevented by: |  | Percentage of women who know both ways | Percentage who know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus | Percentage who know that HIV cannot be transmitted by: |  |  | Percentage who reject the two most common misconceptions and know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge [1] | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Having only one faithful uninfected sex partner | Using a condom every time |  |  | Mosquito bites | Supernatural means | Sharing food with someone with AIDS |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 86.3 | 66.3 | 66.6 | 55.3 | 56.4 | 49.9 | 70.4 | 69.2 | 33.0 | 24.1 | 6861 |
| Central | 81.8 | 58.1 | 68.0 | 50.0 | 48.8 | 39.1 | 58.9 | 56.8 | 20.8 | 14.0 | 3420 |
| Eastern | 80.6 | 52.3 | 63.3 | 43.9 | 41.8 | 34.9 | 61.8 | 54.9 | 16.4 | 8.7 | 3736 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 93.1 | 71.4 | 72.5 | 58.1 | 60.6 | 59.6 | 78.7 | 80.1 | 39.8 | 28.2 | 4448 |
| Rural | 79.3 | 55.6 | 63.1 | 47.6 | 46.0 | 35.6 | 59.1 | 54.1 | 19.0 | 12.6 | 9570 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 87.4 | 64.2 | 69.2 | 53.9 | 54.2 | 50.3 | 70.1 | 68.9 | 30.8 | 21.0 | 4555 |
| 25-29 | 87.8 | 63.9 | 70.5 | 55.2 | 53.0 | 47.7 | 70.6 | 68.4 | 29.6 | 20.7 | 2721 |
| 30-39 | 83.1 | 59.5 | 65.1 | 49.2 | 48.2 | 41.3 | 64.9 | 60.5 | 23.2 | 15.8 | 4075 |
| 40-49 | 74.1 | 52.9 | 57.7 | 44.3 | 45.8 | 29.6 | 52.5 | 47.8 | 16.5 | 11.1 | 2668 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/ in union | 82.1 | 58.9 | 65.1 | 49.7 | 48.7 | 39.9 | 63.3 | 59.5 | 22.9 | 15.7 | 10939 |
| Never married/in union | 89.3 | 66.5 | 69.4 | 55.4 | 57.4 | 55.1 | 72.7 | 72.4 | 35.3 | 24.0 | 3079 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 76.2 | 52.9 | 59.2 | 44.2 | 42.8 | 31.2 | 55.5 | 50.1 | 15.5 | 10.2 | 8585 |
| Primary | 88.1 | 61.7 | 68.0 | 51.7 | 49.0 | 43.7 | 69.6 | 64.6 | 24.3 | 15.4 | 1687 |
| Secondary + | 99.0 | 77.7 | 80.9 | 66.1 | 69.4 | 70.6 | 86.0 | 89.4 | 49.5 | 35.4 | 3746 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 66.5 | 45.3 | 49.3 | 37.2 | 36.0 | 24.3 | 44.1 | 37.0 | 9.9 | 5.8 | 2419 |
| Second | 74.6 | 49.9 | 59.4 | 43.2 | 41.0 | 26.8 | 54.2 | 45.6 | 11.9 | 7.5 | 2533 |
| Middle | 84.4 | 58.1 | 67.2 | 49.2 | 49.3 | 37.4 | 63.7 | 58.5 | 20.5 | 12.6 | 2659 |
| Fourth | 91.4 | 68.4 | 73.6 | 58.7 | 55.8 | 53.3 | 75.0 | 75.1 | 33.0 | 24.6 | 3040 |
| Richest | 95.4 | 74.6 | 75.4 | 61.1 | 64.7 | 64.7 | 81.5 | 84.7 | 44.6 | 31.1 | 3367 |
| Total | 83.7 | 60.6 | 66.1 | 51.0 | 50.6 | 43.2 | 65.3 | 62.4 | 25.6 | 17.5 | 14018 |

[1]MICS indicator 9.1

A key indicator used to measure countries' responses to the HIV epidemic is the proportion of young people aged 15-24 who know two methods of preventing HIV. The results for women aged 15-24 are separately presented in Table HA.2. 21 percent of women aged 15-24 years have comprehensive and correct knowledge about HIV, which is relatively higher than 17.5 percent for the women aged 15-49 presented in Table HA.1. Similar to 15-49 year old women, the richer and the more educated the 1524 year old women are, the more likely they have comprehensive and correct knowledge about HIV. Furthermore, 15-19 year old women are slightly more knowledgeable than 20-24 year old women. Comprehensive knowledge of HIV prevention is much lower among young women in the Eastern region (11.5\%) compared to the Central region (17.3\%) and the Western region in particular (26.8 \%).

TABLE HA.2: KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIV TRANSMISSION, MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HIV/AIDS AND CONPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT TRANSMISSION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE
Percentage of young women age 15-24 years who know the main ways of preventing HIV transmission, percentage who know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus, percentage who reject common misconceptions, and percentage who have comprehensive knowledge about HIV transmission, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage who have heard of AIDS | Percentage who know transmission can be prevented by: |  | Percentage of women who know both ways | Percentage who know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus | Percentage who know that HIV cannot be transmitted by: |  |  | Percentage who reject the two most common misconceptions and know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge [1] | Number of women age 15-24 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Having only one faithful uninfected sex partner | Using a condom every time |  |  | Mosquito bites | Supernatural means | Sharing food with someone with AIDS |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 99.2 | 47.0 | 84.5 | 43.1 | 62.7 | 53.1 | 85.0 | 88.4 | 33.4 | 8.3 | 109 |
| Chukha | 83.6 | 58.9 | 62.7 | 53.0 | 50.4 | 35.4 | 71.2 | 64.8 | 20.3 | 15.7 | 565 |
| Dagana | 74.0 | 50.4 | 49.7 | 37.7 | 55.0 | 30.1 | 47.6 | 44.2 | 17.0 | 9.9 | 164 |
| Gasa | (79.6) | (73.6) | (74.9) | (68.9) | (42.9) | (54.6) | (66.6) | (70.4) | (34.7) | (30.5) | 32 |
| Haa | 99.6 | 86.6 | 90.8 | 80.9 | 84.0 | 70.0 | 87.2 | 82.2 | 56.8 | 53.3 | 85 |
| Lhuntse | 84.9 | 35.1 | 60.0 | 30.0 | 71.3 | 62.4 | 57.6 | 75.3 | 52.0 | 21.4 | 92 |
| Mongar | 91.4 | 69.1 | 75.4 | 61.8 | 33.2 | 34.5 | 76.7 | 66.0 | 14.8 | 8.7 | 278 |
| Paro | 97.7 | 84.1 | 77.2 | 67.3 | 66.6 | 59.0 | 76.5 | 80.3 | 40.7 | 26.9 | 286 |
| Pemagatshel | 91.1 | 58.3 | 75.3 | 51.6 | 35.0 | 51.0 | 75.5 | 66.5 | 13.4 | 8.6 | 129 |
| Punakha | 84.2 | 65.0 | 73.3 | 57.9 | 40.5 | 47.0 | 65.8 | 66.7 | 20.7 | 16.1 | 144 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 76.1 | 60.3 | 46.0 | 39.8 | 35.8 | 44.9 | 61.9 | 57.2 | 20.9 | 15.8 | 235 |
| Samtse | 85.5 | 55.7 | 64.5 | 47.3 | 52.4 | 53.2 | 64.8 | 67.7 | 29.2 | 18.5 | 524 |
| Sarpang | 86.3 | 75.9 | 72.5 | 64.6 | 57.1 | 55.3 | 61.2 | 65.8 | 33.0 | 26.0 | 314 |
| Thimphu | 96.0 | 81.5 | 73.3 | 62.4 | 71.7 | 72.9 | 86.8 | 87.6 | 54.5 | 39.7 | 763 |
| Trashigang | 89.2 | 45.9 | 76.2 | 42.0 | 60.4 | 35.8 | 63.2 | 59.1 | 23.3 | 6.2 | 230 |
| Trashiyangtse | 76.4 | 60.9 | 63.3 | 50.4 | 41.3 | 45.5 | 64.0 | 56.7 | 23.9 | 17.3 | 85 |
| Trongsa | 86.9 | 70.4 | 77.0 | 64.2 | 51.8 | 41.4 | 71.3 | 74.7 | 24.3 | 21.8 | 81 |
| Tsirang | 66.3 | 54.1 | 59.9 | 51.9 | 41.4 | 43.7 | 50.5 | 50.0 | 26.0 | 20.0 | 169 |
| Wangdue | 81.2 | 22.8 | 71.2 | 20.3 | 29.3 | 33.1 | 46.9 | 49.8 | 12.1 | 4.3 | 164 |
| Zhemgang | 95.3 | 84.7 | 86.7 | 77.8 | 67.1 | 50.0 | 83.3 | 68.0 | 29.1 | 24.9 | 105 |

Contd. TABLE HA.2: KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HIV TRANSMISSION, MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HIV/AIDS AND CONPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT TRANSMISSION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE
Percentage of young women age 15-24 years who know the main ways of preventing HIV transmission, percentage who know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus, percentage who reject common misconceptions, and percentage who have comprehensive knowledge about HIV transmission, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage who have heard of AIDS | Percentage who know transmission can be prevented by: |  | Percentage of women who know both ways | Percentage who know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus | Percentage who know that HIV cannot be transmitted by: |  |  | Percentage who reject the two most common misconceptions and know that a healthy looking person can have the AIDS virus | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge [1] | Number of women age 15-24 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Having only one faithful uninfected sex partner | Using a condom every time |  |  | Mosquito bites | Supernatural means | Sharing food with someone with AIDS |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 90.2 | 69.9 | 70.0 | 57.9 | 60.0 | 56.2 | 75.6 | 75.3 | 37.1 | 26.8 | 2399 |
| Central | 82.8 | 58.5 | 69.9 | 51.2 | 51.4 | 44.8 | 60.6 | 60.9 | 25.5 | 17.3 | 1106 |
| Eastern | 85.7 | 57.1 | 66.7 | 47.5 | 44.0 | 42.5 | 67.6 | 62.6 | 21.9 | 11.5 | 1050 |
| Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 95.2 | 73.5 | 74.5 | 60.1 | 64.3 | 66.3 | 81.9 | 84.1 | 44.6 | 31.6 | 1635 |
| Rural | 83.0 | 59.0 | 66.2 | 50.4 | 48.6 | 41.3 | 63.5 | 60.4 | 23.0 | 15.1 | 2920 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 88.2 | 65.9 | 69.6 | 55.1 | 56.2 | 52.2 | 70.2 | 68.8 | 32.0 | 21.9 | 2052 |
| 20-24 | 86.7 | 62.8 | 68.8 | 52.9 | 52.6 | 48.7 | 70.0 | 69.0 | 29.7 | 20.3 | 2502 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | 83.4 | 59.5 | 67.2 | 50.5 | 49.0 | 42.5 | 65.3 | 62.6 | 24.1 | 16.6 | 1991 |
| Never married/in union | 90.4 | 67.9 | 70.7 | 56.6 | 58.3 | 56.3 | 73.8 | 73.8 | 35.9 | 24.4 | 2563 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 73.6 | 51.2 | 56.3 | 42.5 | 39.4 | 30.9 | 52.3 | 48.1 | 14.3 | 9.5 | 1706 |
| Primary | 84.2 | 58.4 | 65.6 | 48.6 | 47.1 | 37.5 | 66.3 | 59.2 | 20.3 | 12.2 | 643 |
| Secondary + | 99.0 | 75.9 | 80.2 | 64.3 | 67.8 | 69.0 | 85.0 | 87.8 | 46.5 | 32.4 | 2205 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 72.0 | 51.1 | 54.7 | 42.4 | 37.5 | 29.8 | 49.0 | 43.3 | 12.7 | 7.2 | 718 |
| Second | 78.4 | 53.8 | 63.9 | 48.0 | 43.5 | 33.0 | 59.3 | 52.1 | 16.9 | 11.0 | 737 |
| Middle | 87.6 | 62.3 | 70.2 | 52.7 | 53.0 | 43.5 | 68.3 | 65.4 | 25.5 | 17.0 | 839 |
| Fourth | 93.5 | 71.1 | 75.9 | 61.0 | 58.5 | 60.4 | 78.9 | 80.4 | 38.5 | 28.4 | 1055 |
| Richest | 96.5 | 73.6 | 74.5 | 59.1 | 67.9 | 68.9 | 82.8 | 86.8 | 46.9 | 31.6 | 1207 |
| Total | 87.4 | 64.2 | 69.2 | 53.9 | 54.2 | 50.3 | 70.1 | 68.9 | 30.8 | 21.0 | 4555 |

[1]MICS indicator 9.2; MDG indicator 6.3

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Table HA. 1 and HA. 2 also present the percent of women who can correctly identify misconceptions concerning HIV. The indicator is based on the two most common and relevant misconceptions in Bhutan, that HIV can be transmitted by sharing food and mosquito bites. The table also provides information on whether women know that HIV cannot be transmitted by supernatural means. Of the interviewed women aged 15-49, 25.6 percent reject the two most common misconceptions and know that a healthy-looking person can be infected. While as many as 62.4 percent of women reject the misconception that HIV can be transmitted by sharing food, a significantly lower 43.2 percent reject the misconception that HIV can be transmitted by mosquito bites.

Figure HA.1: Percentage of women aged 15-49 years with comprehensive knowledge about HIV/AIDS by different background characteristics, Bhutan 2010.


Knowledge of mother-to-child transmission of HIV is also an important first step for women to seek HIV testing when they are pregnant to avoid infection in the baby. Women should know that HIV can be transmitted during pregnancy, delivery, and through breastfeeding. The level of knowledge among women aged 15-49 years concerning mother-to-child transmission is presented in Table HA.3. Overall, 80.5 percent of women know that HIV can be transmitted from mother to child. The percentage of women who know all three ways of mother-to-child transmission is 56.2 percent, while 3.2 percent of women did not know of any specific way. There is a strong positive relationship between women's knowledge of mother-to child-transmission of HIV and their education and household wealth. Knowledge of all three ways of mother-to-child transmission varies by age with highest levels of knowledge among 25-29 years old (60.3\%) and lowest among 40-49 years old (50\%). It also varies considerably between urban and rural areas ( $61.3 \%$ versus $53.8 \%$ ), by wealth ( $60 \%$ for the richest quintile compared with 45.7 percent for the poorest quintile) and by education ( $64.4 \%$ for women with secondary or higher education compared with 52.2 percent for women with no education).

TABLE HA.3: KNOWLEDGE OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION
Percentage of women age 15-49 years who correctly identify means of HIV transmission from mother to child, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage who know HIV can be transmitted from mother to child | Percent who know HIV can be transmitted: |  |  |  | Does not know any of the specific means | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | During pregnancy | During delivery | By breastfeeding | All three means [1] |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 98.1 | 97.1 | 92.5 | 91.7 | 87.0 | 1.1 | 337 |
| Chukha | 70.6 | 66.1 | 56.2 | 55.0 | 42.4 | 6.0 | 1550 |
| Dagana | 70.0 | 69.3 | 59.2 | 59.4 | 51.8 | 3.7 | 509 |
| Gasa | 81.2 | 79.7 | 66.9 | 75.8 | 63.4 | 1.4 | 107 |
| Haa | 98.2 | 95.7 | 81.5 | 86.3 | 74.9 | . 9 | 282 |
| Lhuntse | 70.8 | 68.5 | 54.8 | 60.3 | 49.9 | 2.3 | 307 |
| Mongar | 86.8 | 81.3 | 72.8 | 74.0 | 62.2 | 4.2 | 926 |
| Paro | 92.9 | 90.0 | 66.5 | 75.7 | 54.6 | 2.4 | 799 |
| Pemagatshel | 87.1 | 86.0 | 55.5 | 77.3 | 49.8 | 1.5 | 489 |
| Punakha | 83.7 | 81.9 | 77.5 | 71.5 | 67.1 | 1.7 | 506 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 67.4 | 64.6 | 58.9 | 60.0 | 53.7 | 1.6 | 775 |
| Samtse | 75.2 | 68.4 | 53.8 | 56.0 | 39.2 | 6.0 | 1562 |
| Sarpang | 78.4 | 74.5 | 57.0 | 62.0 | 48.0 | 5.4 | 924 |
| Thimphu | 92.1 | 90.6 | 66.7 | 85.0 | 65.6 | . 6 | 2054 |
| Trashigang | 77.4 | 75.5 | 72.9 | 72.7 | 69.1 | 3.8 | 940 |
| Trashiyangtse | 69.1 | 65.8 | 61.8 | 65.5 | 58.0 | 2.0 | 301 |
| Trongsa | 87.8 | 84.2 | 68.2 | 70.5 | 56.5 | 2.2 | 294 |
| Tsirang | 55.6 | 53.3 | 47.2 | 47.3 | 43.0 | 2.6 | 463 |
| Wangdue | 80.0 | 77.6 | 69.7 | 70.1 | 62.3 | 2.9 | 562 |
| Zhemgang | 93.3 | 92.3 | 91.7 | 83.2 | 81.7 | 2.3 | 331 |

## Contd. TABLE HA.3: KNOWLEDGE OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION

Percentage of women age 15-49 years who correctly identify means of HIV transmission from mother to child, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage who know HIV can be transmitted from mother to child | Percent who know HIV can be transmitted: |  |  |  | Does not know any of the specific means | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | During pregnancy | During delivery | By breastfeeding | All three means [1] |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 82.9 | 79.3 | 62.8 | 69.4 | 53.6 | 3.4 | 6861 |
| Central | 78.5 | 76.2 | 65.9 | 66.7 | 58.1 | 3.3 | 3420 |
| Eastern | 77.7 | 74.7 | 65.3 | 69.4 | 59.2 | 2.9 | 3736 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.6 | 88.0 | 69.5 | 77.1 | 61.3 | 2.5 | 4448 |
| Rural | 75.8 | 72.3 | 61.8 | 64.9 | 53.8 | 3.6 | 9570 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 83.9 | 81.0 | 65.7 | 71.7 | 58.1 | 3.5 | 4555 |
| 25+ | 78.8 | 75.5 | 63.5 | 67.3 | 55.2 | 3.1 | 9463 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 84.5 | 81.3 | 64.3 | 70.9 | 56.3 | 3.7 | 2052 |
| 20-24 | 83.4 | 80.8 | 66.8 | 72.4 | 59.6 | 3.2 | 2502 |
| 25-29 | 85.1 | 81.2 | 69.4 | 72.8 | 60.3 | 2.7 | 2721 |
| 30-39 | 79.9 | 76.5 | 64.2 | 67.8 | 55.3 | 3.2 | 4075 |
| 40-49 | 70.7 | 68.2 | 56.5 | 61.0 | 50.0 | 3.4 | 2668 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | 79.1 | 75.9 | 64.0 | 68.1 | 56.1 | 3.1 | 10939 |
| Never married/in union | 85.4 | 82.2 | 65.0 | 71.2 | 56.4 | 3.8 | 3079 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 72.7 | 69.5 | 59.0 | 63.5 | 52.2 | 3.5 | 8585 |
| Primary | 84.3 | 80.5 | 66.8 | 71.6 | 57.9 | 3.7 | 1687 |
| Secondary + | 96.6 | 93.9 | 75.0 | 79.5 | 64.4 | 2.4 | 3746 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 62.8 | 58.6 | 51.4 | 54.6 | 45.7 | 3.7 | 2419 |
| Second | 71.2 | 68.6 | 59.6 | 62.4 | 53.1 | 3.4 | 2533 |
| Middle | 81.2 | 78.1 | 66.8 | 71.0 | 59.0 | 3.3 | 2659 |
| Fourth | 88.3 | 84.9 | 69.1 | 75.5 | 60.4 | 3.1 | 3040 |
| Richest | 92.5 | 89.8 | 70.4 | 75.8 | 60.0 | 2.9 | 3367 |
| Total | 80.5 | 77.3 | 64.2 | 68.8 | 56.2 | 3.2 | 14018 |

[1] MICS indicator 9.3

## Accepting Attitudes toward People Living with HIV/AIDS

The indicators on attitudes toward people living with HIV measure stigma and discrimination in the community. Stigma and discrimination are low if respondents report an accepting attitude on the following four questions: 1) would care for family member sick with AIDS; 2) would buy fresh vegetables from a vendor who was HIV positive; 3) thinks that a female teacher who is HIV positive should be allowed to teach in school; and 4) would not want to keep HIV status of a family member a secret. Table HA. 4 presents the attitudes of women towards people living with HIV/AIDS. In Bhutan, 97.7 percent of women who have heard of AIDS agree with at least one accepting attitude. The most common accepting attitude is willingness to care for a family member with the AIDS virus in their own home ( $86.9 \%$ ). Women with higher education and those from richest households have more accepting attitudes than the ones with lower education and a poorer wealth status. Women in the Western region have more accepting attitudes than women from the other two regions and women from urban areas have more accepting attitudes than women from rural areas.

TABLE HA.4: ACCEPTING ATTITUDES TOWARD PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS
Percentage of women age 15-49 years who have heard of AIDS who express an accepting attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS, Bhutan, 2010

| Percent of women who: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Are willing to care for a family member with the AIDS virus in own home | Would buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor who has the AIDS virus | Believe that a female teacher with the AIDS virus and is not sick should be allowed to continue teaching | Would not want to keep secret that a family member got infected with the AIDS virus | Agree with at least one accepting attitude | Express accepting attitudes on all four indicators [1] | Number of women who have heard of AIDS |


| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bumthang | 54.7 | 78.0 | 76.6 | 58.7 | 97.5 | 23.6 | 335 |
| Chukha | 86.2 | 64.1 | 59.9 | 53.9 | 95.7 | 26.5 | 1188 |
| Dagana | 87.2 | 48.4 | 57.3 | 58.5 | 98.5 | 22.2 | 375 |
| Gasa | 94.1 | 76.6 | 57.0 | 56.0 | 98.3 | 34.1 | 89 |
| Haa | 91.4 | 75.6 | 77.9 | 61.3 | 97.6 | 44.9 | 280 |
| Lhuntse | 97.7 | 74.9 | 74.4 | 52.8 | 100.0 | 42.5 | 224 |
| Mongar | 92.3 | 58.2 | 51.0 | 58.9 | 97.9 | 21.3 | 843 |
| Paro | 94.8 | 67.1 | 66.1 | 44.7 | 98.5 | 23.8 | 761 |
| Pemagatshel | 72.6 | 71.3 | 77.2 | 46.1 | 94.9 | 22.7 | 433 |
| Punakha | 90.1 | 67.9 | 67.9 | 58.2 | 99.3 | 28.6 | 432 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 66.5 | 69.6 | 65.6 | 76.5 | 97.9 | 29.9 | 535 |
| Samtse | 91.0 | 64.3 | 60.6 | 68.2 | 98.8 | 31.0 | 1268 |
| Sarpang | 75.4 | 63.1 | 75.1 | 64.7 | 98.1 | 31.2 | 774 |
| Thimphu | 95.7 | 78.5 | 68.8 | 54.3 | 98.7 | 36.1 | 1904 |
| Trashigang | 76.2 | 38.2 | 46.7 | 44.1 | 92.3 | 10.0 | 763 |
| Trashiyangtse | 76.7 | 55.6 | 40.4 | 68.2 | 99.3 | 22.8 | 214 |
| Trongsa | 89.1 | 73.5 | 73.0 | 53.0 | 98.4 | 30.2 | 264 |
| Tsirang | 97.3 | 64.1 | 54.0 | 61.8 | 99.3 | 29.6 | 269 |
| Wangdi | 98.7 | 64.2 | 59.5 | 62.6 | 100.0 | 29.6 | 466 |
| Zhemgang | 90.5 | 52.5 | 41.2 | 59.8 | 97.8 | 19.2 | 316 |

## Contd. TABLE HA.4: ACCEPTING ATTITUDES TOWARD PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

Percentage of women age 15-49 years who have heard of AIDS who express an accepting attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent of women who: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Are willing to care for a family member with the AIDS virus in own home | Would buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor who has the AIDS virus | Believe that a female teacher with the AIDS virus and is not sick should be allowed to continue teaching | Would not want to keep secret that a family member got infected with the AIDS virus | Agree with at least one accepting attitude | Express accepting attitudes on all four indicators [1] | Number of women who have heard of AIDS |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 92.0 | 70.2 | 65.1 | 56.6 | 98.1 | 31.3 | 5922 |
| Central | 83.5 | 63.0 | 64.2 | 60.9 | 98.5 | 27.2 | 2800 |
| Eastern | 80.1 | 58.1 | 57.3 | 56.6 | 96.3 | 21.9 | 3012 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 91.1 | 78.4 | 72.7 | 54.9 | 98.1 | 35.7 | 4142 |
| Rural | 84.7 | 58.2 | 57.5 | 59.1 | 97.5 | 23.7 | 7592 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 89.5 | 69.0 | 67.3 | 54.7 | 98.5 | 29.7 | 3979 |
| 25+ | 85.6 | 63.5 | 60.6 | 59.1 | 97.3 | 27.0 | 7755 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 90.4 | 65.9 | 68.5 | 52.9 | 98.5 | 28.7 | 1810 |
| 20-24 | 88.7 | 71.5 | 66.3 | 56.2 | 98.5 | 30.5 | 2169 |
| 25-29 | 86.7 | 69.8 | 66.0 | 55.3 | 97.7 | 29.3 | 2390 |
| 30-39 | 85.8 | 63.5 | 60.6 | 60.1 | 97.4 | 28.0 | 3388 |
| 40-49 | 84.2 | 55.9 | 54.1 | 62.1 | 96.7 | 22.6 | 1977 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | 85.7 | 63.9 | 60.7 | 59.0 | 97.5 | 27.1 | 8985 |
| Never married/in union | 91.0 | 70.2 | 70.0 | 53.3 | 98.6 | 30.7 | 2749 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 83.2 | 56.6 | 53.3 | 60.1 | 96.8 | 22.7 | 6540 |
| Primary | 87.7 | 65.2 | 65.8 | 57.0 | 98.3 | 28.3 | 1486 |
| Secondary + | 93.2 | 80.9 | 78.6 | 53.6 | 99.0 | 36.9 | 3708 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 78.9 | 43.5 | 42.7 | 60.3 | 95.8 | 16.1 | 1609 |
| Second | 81.9 | 54.7 | 53.7 | 61.4 | 96.9 | 20.9 | 1890 |
| Middle | 84.8 | 59.3 | 58.3 | 58.7 | 98.0 | 24.6 | 2245 |
| Fourth | 90.6 | 75.2 | 71.7 | 59.0 | 98.4 | 35.5 | 2778 |
| Richest | 92.3 | 78.3 | 73.9 | 52.1 | 98.4 | 33.8 | 3212 |
| Total | 86.9 | 65.4 | 62.9 | 57.6 | 97.7 | 27.9 | 11734 |

[1]MICS indicator 9.4

## Knowledge of a Place for HIV Testing, Counselling and Testing during Antenatal Care

Another important indicator is the knowledge of where to be tested for HIV and the use of such services. In order to protect themselves and to prevent infecting others, it is important for individuals to know their HIV status. Knowledge of one's status is also a critical factor in the decision to seek treatment. Questions related to knowledge among women of a facility for HIV testing and whether they have ever been tested is presented in Table HA.5. 54.5 percent of women knew where to be tested, while 25.6 percent reported to have actually been tested. Women aged 15-19 years are less likely to get tested 7.1 comparing to their older peers. Women who live in better economic conditions and in urban areas have greater knowledge of places where they can get an HIV test. Of the smaller number of women who have been tested, only 9.8 percent of them have been told the result. Only 11.8 percent of women have been tested in the last 12 months.

TABLE HA.5: KNOWLEDGE OF A PLACE FOR HIV TESTING
Percentage of women age 15-49 years who know where to get an HIV test, percentage of women who have ever been tested, percentage of women who have been tested in the last 12 months, and percentage of women who have been tested and have been told the result, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of women who: |  |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Know a place to get tested [1] | Have ever been tested | Have been tested in the last 12 months | Have been tested and have been told result [2] |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 69.0 | 35.6 | 12.9 | 9.2 | 337 |
| Chukha | 39.4 | 18.7 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 1550 |
| Dagana | 34.9 | 23.8 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 509 |
| Gasa | 67.8 | 39.6 | 20.9 | 16.6 | 107 |
| Haa | 60.6 | 20.3 | 12.1 | 8.3 | 282 |
| Lhuntse | 56.2 | 37.3 | 17.6 | 17.2 | 307 |
| Mongar | 68.9 | 45.0 | 14.5 | 11.8 | 926 |
| Paro | 52.8 | 31.8 | 12.1 | 9.8 | 799 |
| Pemagatshel | 64.1 | 36.8 | 20.5 | 19.1 | 489 |
| Punakha | 46.7 | 19.2 | 13.6 | 10.5 | 506 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 39.3 | 18.5 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 775 |
| Samtse | 58.7 | 21.9 | 10.8 | 9.7 | 1562 |
| Sarpang | 66.8 | 22.8 | 11.6 | 7.4 | 924 |
| Thimphu | 72.0 | 30.8 | 15.0 | 12.7 | 2054 |
| Trashigang | 37.8 | 15.2 | 10.1 | 9.9 | 940 |
| Trashiyangtse | 42.9 | 18.6 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 301 |
| Trongsa | 56.8 | 34.9 | 11.6 | 8.1 | 294 |
| Tsirang | 48.6 | 15.0 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 463 |
| Wangdue | 41.3 | 17.3 | 9.3 | 7.1 | 562 |
| Zhemgang | 51.4 | 28.3 | 12.4 | 6.7 | 331 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 57.0 | 25.0 | 12.2 | 10.2 | 6861 |
| Central | 53.2 | 23.8 | 10.6 | 7.6 | 3420 |
| Eastern | 51.2 | 28.2 | 12.3 | 11.1 | 3736 |


| Contd. TABLE HA.5: KNOWLEDGE OF A PLACE FOR HIV TESTING |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 years who know where to get an HIV test, percentage of women who have ever been tested, percentage of women who have been tested in the last 12 months, and percentage of women who have been tested and have been told the result, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of women who: |  |  |  | Number of women |
|  | Know a place to get tested [1] | Have ever been tested | Have been tested in the last 12 months | Have been tested and have been told result [2] |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 69.0 | 30.9 | 13.7 | 11.6 | 4448 |
| Rural | 47.8 | 23.1 | 10.9 | 9.0 | 9570 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 46.3 | 7.1 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 2052 |
| 20-24 | 58.5 | 27.7 | 14.5 | 11.1 | 2502 |
| 25-29 | 64.7 | 37.6 | 19.1 | 15.3 | 2721 |
| 30-34 | 59.8 | 31.6 | 12.8 | 10.4 | 2219 |
| 35-39 | 52.6 | 27.1 | 11.8 | 10.8 | 1856 |
| 40-44 | 46.3 | 20.8 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 1561 |
| 45-49 | 39.7 | 17.6 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 1106 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | 55.8 | 30.9 | 14.1 | 11.6 | 10939 |
| Never married/in union | 50.1 | 6.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3079 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 35.7 | 18.4 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 2419 |
| Second | 44.3 | 22.2 | 10.5 | 8.9 | 2533 |
| Middle | 50.5 | 24.7 | 11.6 | 9.4 | 2659 |
| Fourth | 62.4 | 28.6 | 13.8 | 11.3 | 3040 |
| Richest | 71.9 | 31.1 | 14.4 | 12.3 | 3367 |
| Total | 54.5 | 25.6 | 11.8 | 9.8 | 14018 |

[1] MICS indicator 9.5
[2] MICS indicator 9.6

Table HA. 6 presents the same results for sexually active young women from 15-24 years old. The proportion of young women who have been tested and have been told the result provides a measure of the effectiveness of interventions that promote HIV counselling and testing among young people. This is important to know, because young people may feel that there are barriers to accessing services related to sensitive issues, such as sexual health. Just over four out of ten women aged 15-24 have had sex in the last 12 months and among them, more than half ( $57.5 \%$ ) knew a place to get tested, while 34.5 percent had never been tested. A lower 18.2 percent had been tested in the last 12 months, and 13.3 percent had been both tested and told the result. Thus the majority having been tested were also told the result. The highest percent of women tested during the last 12 months is observed in Gasa, Pemagatshel, Haa and Thimphu dzongkhags

## TABLE HA.6: KNOWLEDGE OF PLACE FOR HIV TESTING AMONG SEXUALLY ACTIVE YOUNG WOMEN

Percentage of women age 15-24 years who have had sex in the last 12 months, and among women who have had sex in the last 12 months, the percentage who know where to get an HIV test,percentage of women who have ever been tested, percentage of women who have been tested in the last 12 months, and percentage of women who have been tested and have been told the result, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage who have had sex in the last 12 months | Number of women age 15 . 24 years | Percentage of women who: |  |  |  | Number of women age 1524 years who have had sex in the last 12 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Know a place to get tested | Have ever been tested | Have been tested in the last 12 months | Have been tested and have been told result |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | (38.5) | 109 | 82.6 | 59.7 | 25.5 | 14.4 | 42 |
| Chukha | 32.8 | 565 | 45.7 | 21.1 | 10.0 | 5.3 | 185 |
| Dagana | 52.2 | 164 | 33.5 | 20.2 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 86 |
| Gasa | * | 32 | 73.0 | 61.6 | 38.7 | 22.5 | 23 |
| Haa | (41.1) | 85 | 68.2 | 39.3 | 29.5 | 16.9 | 35 |
| Lhuntse | (43.1) | 92 | 61.7 | 39.0 | 21.1 | 20.0 | 40 |
| Mongar | 59.8 | 278 | 69.1 | 43.0 | 23.6 | 18.1 | 166 |
| Paro | 37.6 | 286 | 67.7 | 53.4 | 23.1 | 14.6 | 108 |
| Pemagatshel | 51.2 | 129 | 64.8 | 45.9 | 32.1 | 30.3 | 66 |
| Punakha | 36.4 | 144 | 46.8 | 29.0 | 22.2 | 15.6 | 52 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 55.5 | 235 | 44.9 | 27.4 | 12.8 | 10.6 | 130 |
| Samtse | 42.8 | 524 | 52.9 | 25.5 | 13.1 | 11.5 | 224 |
| Sarpang | 38.1 | 314 | 68.7 | 29.9 | 18.2 | 8.9 | 119 |
| Thimphu | 29.4 | 763 | 80.5 | 57.4 | 27.0 | 20.5 | 225 |
| Trashigang | 63.0 | 230 | 38.5 | 18.3 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 145 |
| Trashiyangtse | (49.5) | 85 | 42.7 | 13.4 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 42 |
| Trongsa | (49.3) | 81 | 60.5 | 39.2 | 12.2 | 4.9 | 40 |
| Tsirang | 37.0 | 169 | 51.3 | 25.8 | 19.0 | 17.0 | 63 |
| Wangdue | 51.9 | 164 | 52.6 | 32.0 | 15.3 | 10.1 | 85 |
| Zhemgang | 58.3 | 105 | 50.6 | 31.8 | 18.8 | 8.4 | 61 |

## Contd. TABLE HA.6: KNOWLEDGE OF PLACE FOR HIV TESTING AMONG SEXUALLY ACTIVE YOUNG WOMEN

Percentage of women age 15-24 years who have had sex in the last 12 months, and among women who have had sex in the last 12 months, the percentage who know where to get an HIV test,percentage of women who have ever been tested,percentage of women who have been tested in the last 12 months, and percentage of women who have been tested and have been told the result, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage who have had sex in the last 12 months | Number of women age 1524 years | Percentage of women who: |  |  |  | Number of women age $15-24$ years who have had sex in the last 12 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Know a place to get tested | Have ever been tested | Have been tested in the last 12 months | Have been tested and have been told result [1] |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 35.5 | 2399 | 61.3 | 38.3 | 19.3 | 13.7 | 852 |
| Central | 44.8 | 1106 | 55.9 | 31.5 | 16.6 | 10.0 | 496 |
| Eastern | 56.2 | 1050 | 53.4 | 31.4 | 17.8 | 15.5 | 589 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 32.3 | 1635 | 75.9 | 47.7 | 22.8 | 16.8 | 528 |
| Rural | 48.3 | 2920 | 50.6 | 29.5 | 16.4 | 12.0 | 1410 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 16.4 | 2052 | 40.4 | 20.7 | 14.5 | 10.4 | 338 |
| 20-24 | 63.9 | 2502 | 61.1 | 37.4 | 18.9 | 13.9 | 1600 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | 94.7 | 1991 | 57.6 | 35.1 | 18.4 | 13.5 | 1886 |
| Never married/in union | 2.0 | 2563 | 53.1 | 10.3 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 51 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 64.6 | 1706 | 44.1 | 26.8 | 14.5 | 10.6 | 1103 |
| Primary | 47.4 | 643 | 62.0 | 35.1 | 18.0 | 13.6 | 305 |
| Secondary + | 24.0 | 2205 | 82.7 | 50.1 | 25.8 | 18.7 | 530 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 53.8 | 718 | 37.4 | 22.4 | 11.4 | 8.4 | 387 |
| Second | 53.6 | 737 | 46.7 | 25.5 | 17.0 | 13.1 | 395 |
| Middle | 51.3 | 839 | 57.0 | 35.9 | 17.4 | 12.1 | 430 |
| Fourth | 43.7 | 1055 | 69.6 | 41.8 | 23.5 | 16.8 | 461 |
| Richest | 21.9 | 1207 | 82.6 | 50.3 | 21.8 | 16.6 | 264 |
| Total | 42.5 | 4555 | 57.5 | 34.5 | 18.2 | 13.3 | 1938 |

[^21]Among women aged 15-49 years who had given birth within the two years preceding the survey, the percentage who received counselling and HIV testing during antenatal care is presented in Table HA.7. 97.3 percent of women received antenatal care from a health care professional for the last pregnancy, but only 53.9 percent received counselling about HIV prevention during antenatal care. Among young women aged 15-24 years even fewer received counselling at 51.8 percent. Women with higher education and from wealthier households were more likely to receive counselling about HIV than poorer and less educated women. Rural women were significantly less likely to receive counselling ( $48.4 \%$ ) than urban women ( $67.4 \%$ ). Women, who received HIV counselling, were offered an HIV test, accepted the test and received the result account to 33.8 percent. This is a more refined measure of the quality of health services.

TABLE HA.7: HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING DURING ANTENATAL CARE
Among women age 15-49 who gave birth in the last 2 years, percentage of women who received antenatal care from a health professional during the last pregnancy, percentage who received HIV counselling, percentage who were offered and accepted an HIV test and received the results, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent of women who: |  |  |  |  | Number of women who gave birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Received antenatal care from a health care professional for last pregnancy | Received HIV counselling during antenatal care [1] | Were offered an HIV test and were tested for HIV during antenatal care | Were offered an HIV test and were tested for HIV during antenatal care, and received the results [2] | Received HIV counselling, were offered an HIV test, accepted and received the results |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 97.5 | 77.5 | 72.7 | 57.6 | 50.6 | 69 |
| Chukha | 98.0 | 35.5 | 44.5 | 38.3 | 27.7 | 223 |
| Dagana | 97.7 | 34.1 | 27.9 | 18.6 | 10.2 | 100 |
| Gasa | (89.2) | (55.8) | (63.1) | (42.5) | (35.9) | 28 |
| Haa | (97.6) | (64.6) | (47.8) | (43.1) | (39.8) | 43 |
| Lhuntse | (95.7) | (49.7) | (34.3) | (25.5) | (23.1) | 47 |
| Mongar | 99.3 | 55.2 | 60.2 | 53.2 | 38.4 | 186 |
| Paro | 98.9 | 74.8 | 71.3 | 62.1 | 56.4 | 146 |
| Pemagatshel | 84.8 | 42.1 | 22.4 | 14.4 | 10.4 | 94 |
| Punakha | 98.0 | 53.8 | 40.4 | 37.7 | 27.1 | 100 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 98.4 | 51.2 | 33.9 | 27.8 | 23.6 | 163 |
| Samtse | 99.2 | 27.6 | 28.8 | 20.9 | 13.5 | 221 |
| Sarpang | 100.0 | 63.9 | 46.9 | 34.2 | 30.2 | 132 |
| Thimphu | 98.4 | 82.3 | 77.4 | 75.1 | 73.7 | 298 |
| Trashigang | 94.7 | 43.9 | 27.1 | 26.6 | 22.2 | 161 |
| Trashiyangtse | 94.8 | 39.9 | 32.8 | 28.8 | 24.5 | 60 |
| Trongsa | 97.6 | 62.0 | 57.6 | 45.0 | 35.8 | 50 |
| Tsirang | 99.3 | 43.1 | 35.7 | 32.6 | 27.0 | 62 |
| Wangdue | 99.3 | 52.2 | 40.7 | 38.1 | 27.9 | 103 |
| Zhemgang | 91.9 | 70.6 | 42.5 | 30.1 | 28.3 | 82 |

## Contd. TABLE HA.7: HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING DURING ANTENATAL CARE

Among women age 15-49 who gave birth in the last 2 years, percentage of women who received antenatal care from a health professional during the last pregnancy, percentage who received HIV counselling, percentage who were offered and accepted an HIV test and received the results, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent of women who: |  |  |  |  | Number of women who gave birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Received antenatal care from a health care professional for last pregnancy | Received HIV counselling during antenatal care [1] | Were offered an HIV test and were tested for HIV during antenatal care | Were offered an HIV test and were tested for HIV during antenatal care, and received the results [2] | Received HIV counselling, were offered an HIV test, accepted and received the results |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 98.2 | 55.9 | 54.4 | 48.5 | 42.3 | 1059 |
| Central | 97.8 | 57.1 | 44.8 | 35.1 | 28.7 | 598 |
| Eastern | 95.5 | 48.3 | 37.6 | 32.3 | 25.5 | 711 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.1 | 67.4 | 66.2 | 60.7 | 54.2 | 690 |
| Rural | 96.6 | 48.4 | 39.0 | 31.9 | 25.4 | 1678 |
| Young women |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 97.6 | 51.8 | 44.9 | 38.7 | 32.9 | 858 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 97.1 | 42.5 | 27.8 | 20.7 | 16.5 | 140 |
| 20-24 | 97.7 | 53.6 | 48.2 | 42.3 | 36.1 | 718 |
| 25-29 | 97.4 | 59.5 | 53.5 | 46.1 | 38.7 | 781 |
| 30-34 | 98.2 | 53.8 | 47.6 | 40.1 | 33.7 | 427 |
| 35-49 | 94.8 | 45.7 | 34.8 | 29.8 | 23.8 | 302 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 96.5 | 46.0 | 35.6 | 28.2 | 22.8 | 1484 |
| Primary | 98.8 | 55.7 | 50.2 | 40.8 | 34.5 | 302 |
| Secondary + | 98.5 | 73.2 | 74.2 | 70.9 | 61.6 | 582 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 95.7 | 36.2 | 24.1 | 18.1 | 12.6 | 471 |
| Second | 95.0 | 47.2 | 33.8 | 27.2 | 21.3 | 448 |
| Middle | 97.5 | 56.0 | 46.4 | 37.2 | 33.2 | 475 |
| Fourth | 99.2 | 59.3 | 57.4 | 49.9 | 42.3 | 518 |
| Richest | 98.8 | 70.7 | 72.2 | 68.4 | 58.9 | 455 |
| Total | 97.3 | 53.9 | 46.9 | 40.3 | 33.8 | 2368 |

[1] MICS indicator 9.8
[2] MICS indicator 9.9

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases
* The background characteristics marital status has been deleted as Never/in union had only 16 unweighted cases


## Sexual Behaviour Related to HIV Transmission

Promoting safer sexual behaviour is critical for reducing HIV prevalence. The use of condoms during sex, especially with non-regular partners, is especially important for reducing the spread of HIV. In most countries over half of new HIV infections are among young people aged 15-24 years, thus a change in behaviour among this age group will be especially important to reduce new infections. A module of questions was administered to women aged 15-24 years to assess their risk of HIV infection. Risk factors for HIV include sex at an early age, sex with older men, sex with a non-marital non-cohabitating partner, and failure to use a condom.

## TABLE HA.8: SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR THAT INCREASES THE RISK OF HIV INFECTION

Percentage of never-married young women age 15-24 years who have never had sex, percentage of young women age 15-24 years who have had sex before age 15 , and percentage of young women age 15-24 years who had sex with a man 10 or more years older during the last 12 months, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of nevermarried women age 15-24 years who have never had sex [1] | Number of never-married women age 15-24 years | Percentage of women age 15-24 years who had sex before age 15 [2] | Number of women age 1524 years | Percentage of women age 15-24 years who had sex in the last 12 months with a man 10 or more years older [3] | Number of women age 15-24 years who had sex in the 12 months preceding the survey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 92.7 | 62 | . 8 | 109 | (14.3) | 42 |
| Chukha | 98.1 | 378 | 2.6 | 565 | 13.5 | 185 |
| Dagana | 99.0 | 75 | 5.1 | 164 | 8.3 | 86 |
| Gasa | * | 11 | (2.6) | 32 | * | 23 |
| Наa | (100.0) | 47 | 3.3 | 85 | (16.9) | 35 |
| Lhuntse | (93.2) | 49 | 3.2 | 92 | (11.2) | 40 |
| Mongar | 78.7 | 124 | 7.8 | 278 | 6.6 | 166 |
| Paro | 96.9 | 178 | . 9 | 286 | 12.6 | 108 |
| Pemagatshel | 95.6 | 58 | 4.9 | 129 | 20.9 | 66 |
| Punakha | 92.3 | 89 | 1.4 | 144 | 15.5 | 52 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 96.2 | 97 | 6.4 | 235 | 17.4 | 130 |
| Samtse | 100.0 | 298 | 7.3 | 524 | 21.3 | 224 |
| Sarpang | 98.4 | 188 | 2.3 | 314 | 9.9 | 119 |
| Thimphu | 99.5 | 528 | 1.1 | 763 | 10.9 | 225 |
| Trashigang | 87.6 | 84 | 6.8 | 230 | 13.9 | 145 |
| Trashiyangtse | (92.6) | 42 | 2.3 | 85 | (7.6) | 42 |
| Trongsa | (90.6) | 41 | 6.1 | 81 | (7.8) | 40 |
| Tsirang | 100.0 | 97 | 1.7 | 169 | 20.0 | 63 |
| Wangdue | 96.4 | 75 | 1.1 | 164 | 12.6 | 85 |
| Zhemgang | (94.7) | 41 | 6.6 | 105 | 10.6 | 61 |

TABLE HA.8: SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR THAT INCREASES THE RISK OF HIV INFECTION
Percentage of never-married young women age 15-24 years who have never had sex, percentage of young women age 15-24 years who have had sex before age 15, and percentage of young women age 15-24 years who had sex with a man 10 or more years older during the last 12 months, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of nevermarried women age 15-24 years who have never had sex [1] | Number of never-married women age 15-24 years | Percentage of women age 15-24 years who had sex before age 15 [2] | Number of women age 1524 years | Percentage of women age 15-24 years who had sex in the last 12 months with a man 10 or more years older [3] | Number of women age 15-24 years who had sex in the 12 months preceding the survey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 98.3 | 1529 | 2.9 | 2399 | 14.8 | 852 |
| Central | 97.1 | 580 | 3.0 | 1106 | 11.7 | 496 |
| Eastern | 89.1 | 454 | 6.1 | 1050 | 12.8 | 589 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 98.5 | 1096 | 1.3 | 1635 | 15.9 | 528 |
| Rural | 94.8 | 1467 | 5.0 | 2920 | 12.4 | 1410 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 97.8 | 1719 | 2.2 | 2052 | 12.5 | 338 |
| 20-24 | 93.5 | 845 | 4.9 | 2502 | 13.5 | 1600 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | na | 0 | 7.9 | 1991 | 13.7 | 1886 |
| Never married/in union | 96.4 | 2563 | . 4 | 2563 | 1.3 | 51 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 91.9 | 571 | 7.9 | 1706 | 14.4 | 1103 |
| Primary | 95.1 | 328 | 4.1 | 643 | 16.4 | 305 |
| Secondary + | 98.2 | 1664 | . 3 | 2205 | 9.4 | 530 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 90.7 | 329 | 8.4 | 718 | 7.7 | 387 |
| Second | 92.4 | 326 | 5.1 | 737 | 11.3 | 395 |
| Middle | 95.5 | 387 | 5.1 | 839 | 13.3 | 430 |
| Fourth | 97.5 | 588 | 2.1 | 1055 | 17.5 | 461 |
| Richest | 99.5 | 933 | . 3 | 1207 | 17.7 | 264 |
| Total | 96.4 | 2563 | 3.7 | 4555 | 13.4 | 1938 |

[1] MICS indicator 9.10
[2] MICS indicator 9.11
[3]MICS indicator 9.12

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

The frequency of sexual behaviours that increase the risk of HIV infection among women is presented in Table HA. 8 and Figure HA.2. While 96.4 percent of never-married young women aged 15-24 never had sex, 3.7 percent of all young women aged 15-24 had sex before the age of fifteen. Of the women aged 15-24 who had sex in the 12 months preceding the survey, 13.4 percent had sex in the last 12 months with a man 10 or more years older. The percentage of never-married young women having had sex and the percentage of all young women having had sex before the age of 15 , is significantly higher in rural areas compared to urban areas and in the Eastern region compared to the Western and Central regions. High levels are found in the Dzongkhags of Mongar and Trashigang among others. Furthermore, the percentage decreases with education and household wealth. In contrast, the percentage of young women having had sex with a man 10 or more years older increases with household wealth and is higher among women with primary education (16.4\%) compared to women with no education or secondary or higher education.

Figure HA.2: Percentage of women aged 15-24 years who had sex before age 15 and who had sex in the last 12 months with a man 10 or more years older, Bhutan 2010.


Sexual behaviour and sex with more than one partner was assessed in all women and separately for women of 15-24 years of age who had sex with such a partner in the previous year (Tables HA. 9 and HA.10). Of the 71.3 percent of women aged $15-49$ who had sex in the previous 12 months only 0.3 percent of women aged 15-49 had sex with more than one partner in the last 12 months.
Women who have had sex with more than one partner in the last 12 months were also asked if they used a condom the last time they had sex. About one in five ( $20.5 \%$ ) of them reported of having used a condom the last time they had sex ${ }^{17}$

[^22]
## TABLE HA.9: SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS

Percentage of women age 15-49 years who ever had sex, percentage who had sex in the last 12 months, percentage who have had sex with more than one partner in the last 12 months and among those who had sex with multiple partners, the percentage who used a condom at last sex, Bhutan, 2010

| Percentage of women who: |  |  | Number of women age 15-49 years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ever had sex | Had sex in the last 12 months | Had sex with more than one partner in last 12 months [1] |  |


| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bumthang | 80.2 | 65.7 | . 8 | 337 |
| Chukha | 72.0 | 65.6 | . 0 | 1550 |
| Dagana | 83.1 | 76.8 | . 1 | 509 |
| Gasa | 92.0 | 84.5 | 1.3 | 107 |
| Наa | 79.4 | 70.4 | . 3 | 282 |
| Lhuntse | 83.1 | 72.1 | . 7 | 307 |
| Mongar | 88.0 | 76.2 | 1.0 | 926 |
| Paro | 75.4 | 62.5 | . 1 | 799 |
| Pemagatshel | 85.3 | 76.4 | . 3 | 489 |
| Punakha | 80.0 | 69.0 | . 6 | 506 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 86.5 | 80.5 | . 9 | 775 |
| Samtse | 76.7 | 71.8 | . 0 | 1562 |
| Sarpang | 77.8 | 72.0 | . 0 | 924 |
| Thimphu | 69.7 | 64.5 | . 6 | 2054 |
| Trashigang | 90.2 | 82.0 | . 0 | 940 |
| Trashiyangtse | 83.2 | 73.3 | . 6 | 301 |
| Trongsa | 84.0 | 73.2 | . 3 | 294 |
| Tsirang | 75.6 | 69.1 | . 2 | 463 |
| Wangdue | 83.4 | 72.8 | . 2 | 562 |
| Zhemgang | 87.2 | 77.5 | . 5 | 331 |


| Contd. TABLE HA.9: SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 years who ever had sex, percentage who had sex in the last 12 months, percentage who have had sex with more than one partner in the last 12 months and among those who had sex with multiple partners, the percentage who used a condom at last sex, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of women who: |  |  | Number of women age 15-49 years |
|  | Ever had sex | Had sex in the last 12 months | Had sex with more than one partner in last 12 months [1] |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 74.0 | 67.1 | . 3 | 6861 |
| Central | 80.9 | 72.5 | . 2 | 3420 |
| Eastern | 87.1 | 78.0 | . 6 | 3736 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 72.1 | 67.2 | . 3 | 4448 |
| Rural | 82.5 | 73.2 | . 3 | 9570 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 45.7 | 42.5 | . 3 | 4555 |
| 25-29 | 89.9 | 83.3 | . 4 | 2721 |
| 30-39 | 97.0 | 87.5 | . 3 | 4075 |
| 40-49 | 98.1 | 83.5 | . 4 | 2668 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | 100.0 | 90.7 | . 3 | 10939 |
| Never married/in union | 5.3 | 2.3 | . 3 | 3079 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| None | 91.2 | 81.7 | . 4 | 8585 |
| Primary | 79.0 | 70.1 | . 2 | 1687 |
| Secondary + | 51.7 | 48.0 | . 2 | 3746 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 85.5 | 76.1 | . 5 | 2419 |
| Second | 85.0 | 74.6 | . 4 | 2533 |
| Middle | 82.9 | 72.4 | . 3 | 2659 |
| Fourth | 77.9 | 71.9 | . 3 | 3040 |
| Richest | 68.5 | 64.0 | . 2 | 3367 |
| Total | 79.2 | 71.3 | . 3 | 14018 |

[1]MICS indicator 9.13

Compared to women aged 15-49 (71.3\%) a lesser percent of women aged 15-24 (42.5) had sex during the last 12 months. An equal percent of women (0.3) however, had sex with more than one partner. Overall, the proportion is very small to be able to draw any meaningful findings by background characteristics.

## TABLE HA.10: SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS (YOUNG WOMEN)

Percentage of women age 15-24 years who ever had sex, percentage who had sex in the last 12 months, percentage who have had sex with more than one partner in the last 12 months and among those who had sex with multiple partners, the percentage who used a condom at last sex, Bhutan, 2010

| Percentage of women who: |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ever had sex | Had sex in the last 12 months | Had sex with more than one <br> partner in last 12 months [1] | Number of women age <br> $15-24$ years |


| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bumthang | 46.8 | 38.5 | . 2 | 109 |
| Chukha | 34.3 | 32.8 | . 0 | 565 |
| Dagana | 54.6 | 52.2 | . 0 | 164 |
| Gasa | (75.3) | (72.6) | (.0) | 32 |
| Наa | 44.2 | 41.1 | . 0 | 85 |
| Lhuntse | 50.4 | 43.1 | . 0 | 92 |
| Mongar | 64.9 | 59.8 | 2.4 | 278 |
| Paro | 39.7 | 37.6 | . 0 | 286 |
| Pemagatshel | 57.2 | 51.2 | . 0 | 129 |
| Punakha | 42.8 | 36.4 | . 0 | 144 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 60.0 | 55.5 | . 4 | 235 |
| Samtse | 43.2 | 42.8 | . 0 | 524 |
| Sarpang | 40.9 | 38.1 | . 0 | 314 |
| Thimphu | 31.2 | 29.4 | . 7 | 763 |
| Trashigang | 68.2 | 63.0 | . 0 | 230 |
| Trashiyangtse | 54.0 | 49.5 | . 0 | 85 |
| Trongsa | 53.8 | 49.3 | 1.2 | 81 |
| Tsirang | 42.0 | 37.0 | . 3 | 169 |
| Wangdue | 55.8 | 51.9 | . 0 | 164 |
| Zhemgang | 63.3 | 58.3 | . 0 | 105 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 37.3 | 35.5 | . 2 | 2399 |
| Central | 49.0 | 44.8 | . 2 | 1106 |
| Eastern | 61.4 | 56.2 | . 7 | 1050 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 33.9 | 32.3 | . 3 | 1635 |
| Rural | 52.3 | 48.3 | . 3 | 2920 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 18.0 | 16.4 | . 2 | 2052 |
| 20-24 | 68.4 | 63.9 | . 4 | 2502 |


| Contd. TABLE HA.10: SEX WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS (YOUNG WOMEN) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-24 years who ever had sex, percentage who had sex in the last 12 months, percentage who have had sex with more than one partner in the last 12 months and among those who had sex with multiple partners, the percentage who used a condom at last sex, Bhutan, 2010 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Percentage of women who: |  |  | Number of women age $15-24$ years |
|  | Ever had sex | Had sex in the last 12 months | Had sex with more than one partner in last 12 months [1] |  |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | 99.9 | 94.7 | . 3 | 1991 |
| Never married/in union | 3.6 | 2.0 | . 3 | 2563 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| None | 69.2 | 64.6 | . 5 | 1706 |
| Primary | 51.4 | 47.4 | . 1 | 643 |
| Secondary + | 25.8 | 24.0 | . 2 | 2205 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 58.3 | 53.8 | . 9 | 718 |
| Second | 59.1 | 53.6 | . 0 | 737 |
| Middle | 55.9 | 51.3 | . 3 | 839 |
| Fourth | 45.6 | 43.7 | . 0 | 1055 |
| Richest | 23.1 | 21.9 | . 4 | 1207 |
| Total | 45.7 | 42.5 | . 3 | 4555 |

* Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

Table HA. 11 presents the percentage of women aged 15-24 years who ever had sex, the percentage who had sex in the last 12 months, and percentage that have had sex with a non-marital, noncohabiting partner in the last 12 months. Overall 1.4 percent of women aged 15-24 had sex with a non-marital and non-cohabiting partner in the last 12 months. The rate is higher in rural areas (1.6\%) compared to urban areas ( $1 \%$ ). Among the regions, the Eastern region reported the highest rate at 2.5 percent, whereas the Western region reported the lowest rate at 0.9 percent. The rate decreases with education and household wealth. Of the women aged 15-24 years who had sex with a non-marital, non-cohabiting partner in the last 12 months, 61.6 percent reported that a condom was used the last time they had sex with such a partner ${ }^{18}$

[^23]
## TABLE HA.11: SEX WITH NON-REGULAR PARTNERS

Percentage of women age 15-24 years who ever had sex, percentage who had sex in the last 12 months, percentage who have had sex with a non-marital, non-cohabiting partner in the last 12 months and among those who had sex with a non-marital, non-cohabiting partner, the percentage who used a condom the last time they had sex with such a partner, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of women 15-24 who: |  | Number of women age 15-24 years | Percentage who had sex with a non-marital, noncohabiting partner in the last 12 months [1] | Number of women age 15-24 years who had sex in the last 12 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ever had sex | Had sex in the last 12 months |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 46.8 | 38.5 | 109 | 2.1 | 42 |
| Chukha | 34.3 | 32.8 | 565 | 1.0 | 185 |
| Dagana | 54.6 | 52.2 | 164 | . 0 | 86 |
| Gasa | 75.3 | 72.6 | 32 | 10.3 | 23 |
| Наa | 44.2 | 41.1 | 85 | . 3 | 35 |
| Lhuntse | 50.4 | 43.1 | 92 | 1.9 | 40 |
| Mongar | 64.9 | 59.8 | 278 | 5.4 | 166 |
| Paro | 39.7 | 37.6 | 286 | 1.0 | 108 |
| Pemagatshel | 57.2 | 51.2 | 129 | . 0 | 66 |
| Punakha | 42.8 | 36.4 | 144 | 1.7 | 52 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 60.0 | 55.5 | 235 | 2.2 | 130 |
| Samtse | 43.2 | 42.8 | 524 | . 2 | 224 |
| Sarpang | 40.9 | 38.1 | 314 | 1.0 | 119 |
| Thimphu | 31.2 | 29.4 | 763 | . 7 | 225 |
| Trashigang | 68.2 | 63.0 | 230 | . 9 | 145 |
| Trashiyangtse | 54.0 | 49.5 | 85 | 2.0 | 42 |
| Trongsa | 53.8 | 49.3 | 81 | 4.0 | 40 |
| Tsirang | 42.0 | 37.0 | 169 | . 3 | 63 |
| Wangdue | 55.8 | 51.9 | 164 | 3.2 | 85 |
| Zhemgang | 63.3 | 58.3 | 105 | 1.2 | 61 |

## Contd. TABLE HA.11: SEX WITH NON-REGULAR PARTNERS

Percentage of women age 15-24 years who ever had sex, percentage who had sex in the last 12 months, percentage who have had sex with a non-marital, non-cohabiting partner in the last 12 months and among those who had sex with a non-marital, non-cohabiting partner, the percentage who used a condom the last time they had sex with such a partner, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percentage of women 15-24 who: |  | Number of women age 15-24 years | Percentage who had sex with a non-marital, noncohabiting partner in the last 12 months [1] | Number of women age 15-24 years who had sex in the last 12 months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ever had sex | Had sex in the last 12 months |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 37.3 | 35.5 | 2399 | . 9 | 852 |
| Central | 49.0 | 44.8 | 1106 | 1.4 | 496 |
| Eastern | 61.4 | 56.2 | 1050 | 2.5 | 589 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 33.9 | 32.3 | 1635 | 1.0 | 528 |
| Rural | 52.3 | 48.3 | 2920 | 1.6 | 1410 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 18.0 | 16.4 | 2052 | 1.3 | 338 |
| 20-24 | 68.4 | 63.9 | 2502 | 1.4 | 1600 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever married/in union | 99.9 | 94.7 | 1991 | . 9 | 1886 |
| Never married/in union | 3.6 | 2.0 | 2563 | 1.7 | 51 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 69.2 | 64.6 | 1706 | 1.8 | 1103 |
| Primary | 51.4 | 47.4 | 643 | 1.3 | 305 |
| Secondary + | 25.8 | 24.0 | 2205 | 1.0 | 530 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 58.3 | 53.8 | 718 | 3.0 | 387 |
| Second | 59.1 | 53.6 | 737 | 1.7 | 395 |
| Middle | 55.9 | 51.3 | 839 | 1.2 | 430 |
| Fourth | 45.6 | 43.7 | 1055 | 1.1 | 461 |
| Richest | 23.1 | 21.9 | 1207 | . 5 | 264 |
| Total | 45.7 | 42.5 | 4555 | 1.4 | 1938 |

[1]MICS indicator 9.15

* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
* Figures in parenthesis indicates that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases


## Appendix A. Sample Design

The major features of the sample design are described in this appendix. Sample design features include target sample size, sample allocation, sampling frame and listing, choice of domains, sampling stages, stratification, and the calculation of sample weights.
The primary objective of the sample design for the Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey was to produce statistically reliable estimates of most indicators at the national level, for urban and rural areas, and for the 20 Dzongkhags of the country. Urban and rural areas in each of the 20 Dzongkhags were defined as the sampling strata.

A multi-stage, stratified cluster sampling approach was used for the selection of the survey sample.

## Sample Size and Sample Allocation

The target sample size for the BMIS was calculated as 15,400 households. For the calculation of the sample size, the key indicator used was the stunting among children aged 0-4 years. The following formula was used to estimate the required sample size for this indicator:

$$
n=\frac{[4(r)(1-r)(f)(1.05)]}{\left[(0.12 r)^{2}(p)(\bar{n})\right]}
$$

where

- n is the required sample size, expressed as number of households
- 4 is a factor to achieve the 95 percent level of confidence
- $r$ is the predicted or anticipated value of the indicator, expressed in the form of a proportion
- 1.05 is the factor necessary to raise the sample size by 5 per cent for the expected nonresponse [the actual factor will be based on the non-response level experienced in previous surveys in the country]
- f is the shortened symbol for deff (design effect)
- 0.12 r is the margin of error to be tolerated at the 95 percent level of confidence, defined as 12 per cent of $r$ (relative margin of error of $r$ )
- $\quad \mathrm{p}$ is the proportion of the total population upon which the indicator, r , is based
- $n$ is the average household size (number of persons per household).

An estimate of the probable overall sample size was obtained by calculating the required sample sizes in each Dzongkhag, using the values of the stunting indicator for each Dzongkhag taken from the 2009 National Nutrition Survey. The latest estimates of $p$ (the percentage of children aged 0-4 years in the population) and ñ (average household size) were used for each Dzongkhag. An overall response rate of 95 percent was assumed, and - in the absence of specific information - the value of deff (design effect) was taken to be 2.0. The sample sizes required for each Dzongkhag were then added to give an overall sample size. In making these calculations it was necessary to apply a finite population correction, since in many of the Dzongkhags the required sample size represented a significant part of the total population.

The resulting number of households from this exercise was 800 households, which is the sample size needed in each Dzongkhag except Gasa (200 households) after taking account of the finite population correction factor - thus yielding about 15,400 in total. Gasa was a special case, in that it has a very small population, and widely dispersed. It was felt that 200 households was the maximum sample size that could realistically be achieved in that Dzongkhag. The average number of households selected per cluster for the BMIS was determined as 20 households, based on a number of considerations, including the design effect, the budget available, and the time that would be needed per team to complete one cluster. Dividing the total number of households by the number of sample households per cluster, it was calculated that 40 sample clusters would need to be selected in each Dzongkhag except Gasa (10).

Equal allocation of the total sample size to the 20 Dzongkhags was used except Gasa. Therefore, 40 clusters were allocated to each Dzongkhag except Gasa (10), with the final sample size calculated at 15,400 households: 40 clusters * 19 Dzongkhags * 20 sample households per cluster and 10 clusters*1 Dzongkhag *20 sample households per cluster in Gasa. In each Dzongkhag, the clusters (primary sampling units) were distributed to urban and rural domains, proportional to the size of urban and rural populations in that Dzongkhag. The table below shows the allocation of clusters to the sampling strata.

Table SD.1: Allocation of Sample Clusters (Primary Sampling Units) to Sampling Strata

| Dzongkhag | Urban PSUs | Urban households selected | Rural PSUs | Rural households selected | Total PSUs | Total households selected |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bumthang | 10 | 200 | 30 | 600 | 40 | 800 |
| Chhukha | 19 | 380 | 21 | 420 | 40 | 800 |
| Dagana | 4 | 80 | 36 | 720 | 40 | 800 |
| Gasa | 1 | 20 | 9 | 180 | 10 | 200 |
| Haa | 7 | 140 | 33 | 660 | 40 | 800 |
| Lhuentse | 3 | 60 | 37 | 740 | 40 | 800 |
| Monggar | 7 | 140 | 33 | 660 | 40 | 800 |
| Paro | 3 | 60 | 37 | 740 | 40 | 800 |
| Pemagatshel | 4 | 80 | 36 | 720 | 40 | 800 |
| Punakha | 3 | 60 | 37 | 740 | 40 | 800 |
| Samdrupjongkhar | 12 | 240 | 28 | 560 | 40 | 800 |
| Samtse | 8 | 160 | 32 | 640 | 40 | 800 |
| Sarpang | 13 | 260 | 27 | 540 | 40 | 800 |
| Thimphu | 34 | 680 | 6 | 120 | 40 | 800 |
| Trashigang | 4 | 80 | 36 | 720 | 40 | 800 |
| Trashiyangtse | 6 | 120 | 34 | 680 | 40 | 800 |
| Trongsa | 8 | 160 | 32 | 640 | 40 | 800 |
| Tsirang | 4 | 80 | 36 | 720 | 40 | 800 |
| Wangdue | 9 | 180 | 31 | 620 | 40 | 800 |
| Zhemgang | 7 | 140 | 33 | 660 | 40 | 800 |
| Total | 166 | 3,320 | 604 | 12,080 | 770 | 15,400 |

## Sampling Frame and Selection of Clusters

The 2005 census frame was used for the selection of clusters. Chiwogs in rural areas and blocks in urban areas were defined as primary sampling units (PSUs), and were selected from each of the sampling strata by using systematic PPS (Probability Proportional to Size) sampling procedures, based on the estimated sizes of the enumeration areas from the 2005 Population Census. The first stage of sampling was thus completed by selecting the required number of enumeration areas from each of the 20 Dzongkhags, separately by urban and rural strata.

## Listing Activities

The sampling frame (the 2005 Population Census) was used for the selection of the PSUs. For the selected PSUs a new listing of households was conducted prior to the selection of households. For this purpose, in each of the Dzongkhag two teams composed of four enumerators were deployed for listing the selected PSUs from March 15 till April 15, 2010.

## Selection of Households

Lists of households were prepared by the listing teams in the field for selected PSUs. The households were then sequentially numbered from 1 to $n$ (the total number of households in each enumeration area) at the National Statistics Bureau, where the selection of 20 households in each enumeration area was carried out using random systematic selection procedures.

## Calculation of Sample Weights

The Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey sample is not self-weighting. Essentially, by allocating equal numbers of households to each of the Dzongkhags, different sampling fractions were used in each Dzongkhag since the size of the Dzongkhags varied. For this reason, sample weights were calculated and these were used in the subsequent analyses of the survey data.

The major component of the weight is the reciprocal of the sampling fraction employed in selecting the number of sample households in that particular sampling stratum (h) and PSU (i):

$$
W_{h i}=\frac{1}{f_{h i}}
$$

The term fhi, the sampling fraction for the i-th sample PSU in the $h$-th stratum, is the product of probabilities of selection at every stage in each sampling stratum:

$$
f_{h i}=p_{1 h i} \times p_{2 h i} \times p_{3 h i}
$$

where pshi is the probability of selection of the sampling unit at stage $s$ for the i-th sample PSU in the h-th sampling stratum.

Since the estimated number of households in each enumeration area (PSU) in the sampling frame used for the first stage selection and the updated number of households in the enumeration area from the listing were different, individual sampling fractions for households in each sample enumeration area (cluster) were calculated. The sampling fractions for households in each enumeration area (cluster) therefore included the first stage probability of selection of the enumeration area in that particular sampling stratum and the second stage probability of selection of a household in the sample enumeration area (cluster).

A second component in the calculation of sample weights takes into account the level of non-response for the household and individual interviews. The adjustment for household non-response is equal to the inverse value of:
$R R h=$ Number of interviewed households in stratum $h /$ Number of occupied households listed in stratum $h$

After the completion of fieldwork, response rates were calculated for each sampling stratum. These were used to adjust the sample weights calculated for each cluster. Response rates in the Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey are shown in Table HH. 1 in this report.

Similarly, the adjustment for non-response at the individual level (women and under-five children) for each stratum is equal to the inverse value of:
$R R h=$ Completed women's (or under-five's) questionnaires in stratum $h$ / Eligible women (or underfives) in stratum $h$

The non-response adjustment factors for women's and under-five's questionnaires are applied to the adjusted household weights. Numbers of eligible women and under-five children were obtained from the roster of household members in the Household Questionnaire for households where interviews were completed.

The design weights for the households were calculated by multiplying the above factors for each enumeration area. These weights were then standardized (or normalized), one purpose of which is to make the weighted sum of the interviewed sample units equal the total sample size at the national level. Normalization is performed by dividing the aforementioned design weights by the average design weight at the national level. The average design weight is calculated as the sum of the design weights divided by the unweighted total). A similar standardization procedure was followed in obtaining standardized weights for the women's and under-five's questionnaires. Adjusted (normalized) weights varied between 0.84 and 23.4 in the 770 sample enumeration areas (clusters).

Sample weights were appended to all data sets and analyses were performed by weighting each household, woman or under-five with these sample weights.

## Appendix B. List of Personnel Involved in the Survey

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## Appendix C. Estimates of Sampling Errors

The sample of respondents selected in the Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey is only one of the samples that could have been selected from the same population, using the same design and size. Each of these samples would yield results that differ somewhat from the results of the actual sample selected. Sampling errors are a measure of the variability between the estimates from all possible samples. The extent of variability is not known exactly, but can be estimated statistically from the survey data.

The following sampling error measures are presented in this appendix for each of the selected indicators:

- Standard error (se): Sampling errors are usually measured in terms of standard errors for particular indicators (means, proportions etc). Standard error is the square root of the variance of the estimate. The Taylor linearization method is used for the estimation of standard errors.
- Coefficient of variation (se/r) is the ratio of the standard error to the value of the indicator, and is a measure of the relative sampling error.
- Design effect (deff) is the ratio of the actual variance of an indicator, under the sampling method used in the survey, to the variance calculated under the assumption of simple random sampling. The square root of the design effect (deft) is used to show the efficiency of the sample design in relation to the precision. A deft value of 1.0 indicates that the sample design is as efficient as a simple random sample, while a deft value above 1.0 indicates the increase in the standard error due to the use of a more complex sample design.
- Confidence limits are calculated to show the interval within which the true value for the population can be reasonably assumed to fall, with a specified level of confidence. For any given statistic calculated from the survey, the value of that statistic will fall within a range of plus or minus two times the standard error ( $\mathrm{r}+2$.se or $\mathrm{r}-2$.se) of the statistic in 95 percent of all possible samples of identical size and design.

For the calculation of sampling errors from MICS data, SPSS Version 18 Complex Samples module has been used. The results are shown in the tables that follow. In addition to the sampling error measures described above, the tables also include weighted and unweighted counts of denominators for each indicator.

Sampling errors are calculated for indicators of primary interest, for the national level, for the regions, and for urban and rural areas. Eight of the selected indicators are based household members, eighteen are based on women, and twelve are based on children under-five. All indicators presented here are in the form of proportions. Table SE. 1 shows the list of indicators for which sampling errors are calculated, including the base population (denominator) for each indicator. Tables SE. 2 to SE. 9 shows the calculated sampling errors for selected domains.

Table SE.1: Indicators selected for sampling error calculations
List of indicators selected for sampling error calculations, and base populations (denominators) for each indicator, Bhutan, 2010
MICS4 Indicator Base Population

| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4.1 | Use of improved drinking water sources | All household members |
| 4.3 | Use of improved sanitation facilities | All household members |
| 7.4 | Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | Children of primary school age |
| 7.5 | Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | Children of secondary school age |
| 8.2 | Child labour | Children age 5-14 years |
| 9.18 | Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | Children age 0-17 years |
| 9.19 | School attendance of orphans | Children age 10-14 years who have lost both parents |
| 9.20 | School attendance of non-orphans | Children age 10-14 years, whose parents are alive, and who are living with at least one parent |
| WOMEN |  |  |
| - | Pregnant women | Women age 15-49 years |
| 5.2 | Early childbearing | Women age 20-24 years |
| 5.3 | Contraceptive prevalence | Women age 15-49 years who are currently married or in union |
| 5.4 | Unmet need | Women age 15-49 years who are currently married or in union |
| 5.5a | Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | Women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |
| 5.5b | Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | Women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |
| 5.7 | Skilled attendant at delivery | Women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |
| 5.8 | Institutional deliveries | Women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |
| 5.9 | Caesarean section |  |
| 7.1 | Literacy rate among young women | Women age 15-24 years |
| 8.7 | Marriage before age 18 | Women age 20-49 years |
| 9.2 | Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | Women age 15-24 years |
| 9.3 | Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | Women age 15-49 years |
| 9.4 | Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | Women age 15-49 years |
| 9.6 | Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | Women age 15-49 years |
| 9.7 | Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | Women age 15-24 years who have had sex in the 12 months preceding the survey |
| 9.11 | Sex before age 15 among young women | Women age 15-24 years |
| 9.16 | Condom use with non-regular partners | Women age 15-24 years who had a non-marital, non-cohabiting partner in the 12 months preceding the survey |

UNDER-FIVEs

| 2.1 a | Underweight prevalence | Children under age 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2.2 a | Stunting prevalence | Children under age 5 |
| 2.3 a | Wasting prevalence | Children under age 5 |
| 2.6 | Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | Total number of infants under 6 months of age |
| 2.14 | Age-appropriate breastfeeding | Children age 0-23 months |
| - | Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | Children under age 5 |
| - | Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | Children under age 5 |
| 3.8 | Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | Children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks |
| 3.10 | Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | Children under age 5 with suspected pneumonia in the previous 2 weeks |
| 6.1 | Support for learning | Children age 36-59 months |
| 6.7 | Attendance to early childhood education | Children age 36-59 months |
| 8.1 | Birth registration | Children under age 5 |

TABLE SE.2: SAMPLING ERRORS: TOTAL SAMPLE


| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.961 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 10.222 | 3.197 | 67320 | 14676 | 0.951 | 0.972 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.584 | 0.010 | 0.017 | 6.108 | 2.472 | 67320 | 14676 | 0.564 | 0.604 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.919 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 3.142 | 1.773 | 10392 | 10523 | 0.910 | 0.929 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.550 | 0.009 | 0.017 | 3.087 | 1.757 | 8462 | 8528 | 0.531 | 0.569 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.184 | 0.006 | 0.032 | 3.553 | 1.885 | 15273 | 15483 | 0.172 | 0.195 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.054 | 0.002 | 0.046 | 3.112 | 1.764 | 25770 | 25920 | 0.049 | 0.059 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.641 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 36 | 34 | 0.641 | 0.641 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.910 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 2.564 | 1.601 | 6672 | 6742 | 0.898 | 0.921 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.044 | 0.002 | 0.040 | 1.028 | 1.014 | 14018 | 14018 | 0.041 | 0.048 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.153 | 0.009 | 0.059 | 1.550 | 1.245 | 2502 | 2435 | 0.135 | 0.171 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.656 | 0.006 | 0.009 | 1.654 | 1.286 | 10029 | 10051 | 0.644 | 0.668 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.117 | 0.004 | 0.036 | 1.742 | 1.320 | 10029 | 10051 | 0.108 | 0.125 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.973 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 2.433 | 1.560 | 2368 | 2465 | 0.963 | 0.983 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.773 | 0.011 | 0.014 | 1.609 | 1.268 | 2368 | 2465 | 0.752 | 0.795 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.645 | 0.012 | 0.019 | 1.592 | 1.262 | 2368 | 2465 | 0.621 | 0.670 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.631 | 0.012 | 0.019 | 1.563 | 1.250 | 2368 | 2465 | 0.607 | 0.656 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.124 | 0.007 | 0.057 | 1.123 | 1.060 | 2368 | 2465 | 0.110 | 0.139 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.565 | 0.012 | 0.021 | 2.439 | 1.562 | 4555 | 4409 | 0.542 | 0.588 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.308 | 0.005 | 0.018 | 1.665 | 1.290 | 11966 | 12044 | 0.297 | 0.319 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.210 | 0.012 | 0.059 | 4.137 | 2.034 | 4555 | 4409 | 0.185 | 0.235 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.562 | 0.008 | 0.014 | 3.348 | 1.830 | 14018 | 14018 | 0.546 | 0.577 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.279 | 0.012 | 0.043 | 8.422 | 2.902 | 11734 | 11770 | 0.255 | 0.303 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.098 | 0.004 | 0.042 | 2.731 | 1.653 | 14018 | 14018 | 0.090 | 0.107 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.133 | 0.010 | 0.072 | 1.535 | 1.239 | 1938 | 1926 | 0.114 | 0.152 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.037 | 0.004 | 0.107 | 1.902 | 1.379 | 4555 | 4409 | 0.029 | 0.044 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.616 | 0.049 | 0.079 | 0.681 | 0.825 | 62 | 69 | 0.519 | 0.713 |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.127 | 0.006 | 0.049 | 2.095 | 1.447 | 6071 | 6039 | 0.114 | 0.139 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.335 | 0.010 | 0.029 | 2.416 | 1.554 | 5805 | 5769 | 0.316 | 0.354 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.059 | 0.004 | 0.064 | 1.508 | 1.228 | 5863 | 5845 | 0.051 | 0.066 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.487 | 0.020 | 0.041 | 0.958 | 0.979 | 603 | 608 | 0.447 | 0.527 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.660 | 0.012 | 0.018 | 1.635 | 1.279 | 2463 | 2536 | 0.636 | 0.684 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.251 | 0.008 | 0.032 | 2.109 | 1.452 | 6297 | 6297 | 0.235 | 0.267 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.069 | 0.004 | 0.060 | 1.677 | 1.295 | 6297 | 6297 | 0.061 | 0.077 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.616 | 0.019 | 0.031 | 2.324 | 1.525 | 1582 | 1545 | 0.578 | 0.654 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.487 | 0.023 | 0.046 | 0.895 | 0.946 | 435 | 440 | 0.442 | 0.533 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.542 | 0.015 | 0.028 | 2.275 | 1.508 | 2497 | 2422 | 0.512 | 0.573 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.095 | 0.009 | 0.099 | 2.497 | 1.580 | 2497 | 2422 | 0.076 | 0.114 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 0.999 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1.747 | 1.322 | 6297 | 6297 | 0.998 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.3: SAMPLING ERRORS: URBAN AREAS
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r +2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.996 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 4.810 | 2.193 | 18500 | 3142 | 0.992 | 1.000 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.779 | 0.023 | 0.029 | 9.343 | 3.057 | 18500 | 3142 | 0.734 | 0.825 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.963 | 0.007 | 0.008 | 3.213 | 1.792 | 2884 | 2176 | 0.949 | 0.978 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.750 | 0.014 | 0.019 | 1.994 | 1.412 | 2480 | 1840 | 0.721 | 0.778 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.087 | 0.008 | 0.096 | 2.843 | 1.686 | 4371 | 3250 | 0.071 | 0.104 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.042 | 0.005 | 0.114 | 3.119 | 1.766 | 7410 | 5487 | 0.032 | 0.052 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.671 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 16 | 12 | 0.671 | 0.671 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.976 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 2.095 | 1.447 | 1905 | 1382 | 0.964 | 0.988 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.048 | 0.004 | 0.075 | 0.968 | 0.984 | 4448 | 3487 | 0.040 | 0.055 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.103 | 0.012 | 0.118 | 1.062 | 1.031 | 882 | 661 | 0.078 | 0.127 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.640 | 0.013 | 0.021 | 1.805 | 1.344 | 2986 | 2377 | 0.613 | 0.666 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.104 | 0.009 | 0.083 | 1.884 | 1.372 | 2986 | 2377 | 0.087 | 0.121 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.991 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 1.614 | 1.271 | 690 | 557 | 0.980 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.871 | 0.019 | 0.022 | 1.847 | 1.359 | 690 | 557 | 0.833 | 0.910 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.895 | 0.016 | 0.018 | 1.514 | 1.231 | 690 | 557 | 0.863 | 0.927 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.898 | 0.015 | 0.017 | 1.379 | 1.175 | 690 | 557 | 0.867 | 0.928 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.182 | 0.016 | 0.089 | 0.974 | 0.987 | 690 | 557 | 0.149 | 0.214 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.779 | 0.014 | 0.019 | 1.540 | 1.241 | 1635 | 1264 | 0.750 | 0.808 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.259 | 0.010 | 0.038 | 1.436 | 1.198 | 3695 | 2884 | 0.240 | 0.279 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.316 | 0.028 | 0.090 | 4.733 | 2.176 | 1635 | 1264 | 0.259 | 0.373 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.613 | 0.015 | 0.024 | 3.261 | 1.806 | 4448 | 3487 | 0.583 | 0.642 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.357 | 0.030 | 0.085 | 13.112 | 3.621 | 4142 | 3244 | 0.296 | 0.417 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.116 | 0.008 | 0.071 | 2.315 | 1.521 | 4448 | 3487 | 0.099 | 0.132 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.168 | 0.023 | 0.136 | 1.592 | 1.262 | 528 | 427 | 0.122 | 0.214 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.013 | 0.003 | 0.229 | 0.853 | 0.924 | 1635 | 1264 | 0.007 | 0.018 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.945 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.005 | 17 | 13 | 0.945 | 0.946 |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.105 | 0.011 | 0.104 | 1.680 | 1.296 | 1800 | 1333 | 0.083 | 0.126 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.280 | 0.017 | 0.062 | 1.917 | 1.384 | 1713 | 1277 | 0.245 | 0.315 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.065 | 0.007 | 0.110 | 1.060 | 1.030 | 1713 | 1276 | 0.051 | 0.079 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.574 | 0.047 | 0.082 | 1.205 | 1.098 | 195 | 135 | 0.480 | 0.668 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.639 | 0.025 | 0.039 | 1.525 | 1.235 | 757 | 563 | 0.589 | 0.689 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.253 | 0.017 | 0.067 | 2.105 | 1.451 | 1841 | 1367 | 0.219 | 0.288 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.044 | 0.006 | 0.134 | 1.134 | 1.065 | 1841 | 1367 | 0.032 | 0.056 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.600 | 0.050 | 0.084 | 3.471 | 1.863 | 467 | 330 | 0.499 | 0.700 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.584 | 0.059 | 0.102 | 0.769 | 0.877 | 81 | 54 | 0.465 | 0.703 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.643 | 0.034 | 0.053 | 2.681 | 1.637 | 711 | 530 | 0.575 | 0.711 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.184 | 0.024 | 0.130 | 2.029 | 1.424 | 711 | 530 | 0.136 | 0.232 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 1841 | 1367 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.4: SAMPLING ERRORS: RURAL AREAS
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r +2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.948 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 11.271 | 3.357 | 48820 | 11534 | 0.934 | 0.962 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.510 | 0.010 | 0.020 | 4.976 | 2.231 | 48820 | 11534 | 0.489 | 0.531 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.902 | 0.006 | 0.007 | 3.281 | 1.811 | 7508 | 8347 | 0.891 | 0.914 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.467 | 0.011 | 0.024 | 3.258 | 1.805 | 5982 | 6688 | 0.445 | 0.489 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.222 | 0.007 | 0.032 | 3.616 | 1.901 | 10902 | 12233 | 0.208 | 0.237 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.059 | 0.003 | 0.048 | 2.965 | 1.722 | 18361 | 20433 | 0.053 | 0.065 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.616 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 20 | 22 | 0.616 | 0.616 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.883 | 0.007 | 0.008 | 2.858 | 1.690 | 4767 | 5360 | 0.868 | 0.898 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.043 | 0.002 | 0.047 | 1.021 | 1.010 | 9570 | 10531 | 0.039 | 0.047 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.180 | 0.012 | 0.068 | 1.780 | 1.334 | 1620 | 1774 | 0.156 | 0.205 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.663 | 0.007 | 0.010 | 1.543 | 1.242 | 7043 | 7674 | 0.650 | 0.676 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.122 | 0.005 | 0.039 | 1.593 | 1.262 | 7043 | 7674 | 0.113 | 0.132 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.966 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 2.689 | 1.640 | 1678 | 1908 | 0.952 | 0.979 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.733 | 0.013 | 0.017 | 1.560 | 1.249 | 1678 | 1908 | 0.708 | 0.758 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.543 | 0.015 | 0.027 | 1.661 | 1.289 | 1678 | 1908 | 0.513 | 0.572 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.522 | 0.015 | 0.028 | 1.652 | 1.285 | 1678 | 1908 | 0.492 | 0.551 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.101 | 0.007 | 0.074 | 1.162 | 1.078 | 1678 | 1908 | 0.086 | 0.116 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.445 | 0.016 | 0.036 | 3.219 | 1.794 | 2920 | 3145 | 0.413 | 0.477 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.330 | 0.006 | 0.020 | 1.720 | 1.311 | 8271 | 9160 | 0.317 | 0.343 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.151 | 0.010 | 0.067 | 2.474 | 1.573 | 2920 | 3145 | 0.131 | 0.171 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.538 | 0.009 | 0.016 | 3.081 | 1.755 | 9570 | 10531 | 0.521 | 0.555 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.237 | 0.007 | 0.031 | 2.535 | 1.592 | 7592 | 8526 | 0.222 | 0.252 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.090 | 0.005 | 0.054 | 3.035 | 1.742 | 9570 | 10531 | 0.080 | 0.100 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.120 | 0.010 | 0.084 | 1.443 | 1.201 | 1410 | 1499 | 0.100 | 0.140 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.050 | 0.006 | 0.116 | 2.209 | 1.486 | 2920 | 3145 | 0.038 | 0.062 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.496 | 0.067 | 0.134 | 0.975 | 0.987 | 46 | 56 | 0.363 | 0.629 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.136 | 0.008 | 0.056 | 2.310 | 1.520 | 4271 | 4706 | 0.121 | 0.151 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.358 | 0.012 | 0.033 | 2.787 | 1.669 | 4093 | 4492 | 0.334 | 0.382 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.056 | 0.004 | 0.079 | 1.697 | 1.303 | 4150 | 4569 | 0.047 | 0.065 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.445 | 0.019 | 0.042 | 0.684 | 0.827 | 408 | 473 | 0.407 | 0.483 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.669 | 0.013 | 0.020 | 1.580 | 1.257 | 1706 | 1973 | 0.642 | 0.696 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.250 | 0.009 | 0.035 | 1.983 | 1.408 | 4456 | 4930 | 0.233 | 0.268 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.079 | 0.005 | 0.064 | 1.763 | 1.328 | 4456 | 4930 | 0.069 | 0.090 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.623 | 0.016 | 0.026 | 1.330 | 1.153 | 1115 | 1215 | 0.591 | 0.655 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.465 | 0.024 | 0.052 | 0.905 | 0.951 | 354 | 386 | 0.417 | 0.514 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.502 | 0.016 | 0.032 | 1.928 | 1.389 | 1786 | 1892 | 0.470 | 0.534 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.060 | 0.009 | 0.151 | 2.746 | 1.657 | 1786 | 1892 | 0.042 | 0.078 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 0.998 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1.916 | 1.384 | 4456 | 4930 | 0.997 | 1.000 |

## TABLE SE.5: SAMPLING ERRORS: BUMTHANG

Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS <br> Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | $\begin{aligned} & \text { r+ } \\ & \text { 2se } \end{aligned}$ |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.996 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 1.161 | 1.077 | 1605 | 769 | 0.991 | 1.000 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.803 | 0.026 | 0.033 | 3.361 | 1.833 | 1605 | 769 | 0.750 | 0.856 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.976 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.884 | 0.940 | 237 | 568 | 0.964 | 0.988 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.651 | 0.037 | 0.056 | 2.823 | 1.680 | 201 | 477 | 0.578 | 0.725 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.266 | 0.023 | 0.088 | 2.324 | 1.524 | 343 | 825 | 0.219 | 0.313 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.073 | 0.010 | 0.139 | 2.266 | 1.505 | 619 | 1489 | 0.053 | 0.094 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 1 | 2 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.971 | 0.010 | 0.011 | 1.226 | 1.107 | 137 | 331 | 0.950 | 0.991 |
| women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.049 | 0.009 | 0.180 | 1.331 | 1.154 | 337 | 808 | 0.031 | 0.066 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.119 | 0.018 | 0.151 | 0.419 | 0.648 | 58 | 138 | 0.083 | 0.154 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.605 | 0.018 | 0.030 | 0.706 | 0.840 | 222 | 529 | 0.569 | 0.641 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.150 | 0.010 | 0.064 | 0.383 | 0.619 | 222 | 529 | 0.131 | 0.170 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.975 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 2.140 | 1.463 | 69 | 163 | 0.939 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.724 | 0.036 | 0.049 | 1.041 | 1.020 | 69 | 163 | 0.653 | 0.796 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.591 | 0.060 | 0.101 | 2.392 | 1.547 | 69 | 163 | 0.472 | 0.711 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.557 | 0.059 | 0.106 | 2.273 | 1.508 | 69 | 163 | 0.440 | 0.675 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.126 | 0.046 | 0.366 | 3.139 | 1.772 | 69 | 163 | 0.034 | 0.219 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.760 | 0.045 | 0.059 | 2.804 | 1.675 | 109 | 254 | 0.670 | 0.850 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.237 | 0.017 | 0.071 | 1.067 | 1.033 | 287 | 692 | 0.204 | 0.270 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.083 | 0.024 | 0.293 | 1.952 | 1.397 | 109 | 254 | 0.034 | 0.131 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.870 | 0.016 | 0.018 | 1.736 | 1.318 | 337 | 808 | 0.839 | 0.901 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.236 | 0.065 | 0.277 | 18.994 | 4.358 | 335 | 801 | 0.105 | 0.367 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.092 | 0.008 | 0.092 | 0.696 | 0.834 | 337 | 808 | 0.075 | 0.109 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.144 | 0.037 | 0.253 | 1.017 | 1.008 | 42 | 95 | 0.071 | 0.218 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.008 | 0.006 | 0.715 | 1.072 | 1.035 | 109 | 254 | 0.000 | 0.020 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.735 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 2 | 6 | 0.735 | 0.735 |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.091 | 0.014 | 0.151 | 0.896 | 0.947 | 165 | 395 | 0.064 | 0.119 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.215 | 0.028 | 0.130 | 1.729 | 1.315 | 156 | 373 | 0.159 | 0.271 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.033 | 0.010 | 0.302 | 1.171 | 1.082 | 157 | 376 | 0.013 | 0.053 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.433 | 0.083 | 0.192 | 0.820 | 0.905 | 12 | 30 | 0.266 | 0.599 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.630 | 0.033 | 0.052 | 0.792 | 0.890 | 72 | 171 | 0.564 | 0.696 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.172 | 0.015 | 0.086 | 0.641 | 0.801 | 171 | 415 | 0.143 | 0.202 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.031 | 0.010 | 0.313 | 1.295 | 1.138 | 171 | 415 | 0.012 | 0.050 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.715 | 0.043 | 0.060 | 0.594 | 0.771 | 30 | 68 | 0.629 | 0.800 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.566 | 0.009 | 0.016 | 0.005 | 0.070 | 5 | 15 | 0.547 | 0.584 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.420 | 0.041 | 0.098 | 1.110 | 1.054 | 66 | 161 | 0.338 | 0.502 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.092 | 0.034 | 0.373 | 2.256 | 1.502 | 66 | 161 | 0.023 | 0.161 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 171 | 415 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.6: SAMPLING ERRORS: CHUKHA
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | $r+2 s e$ |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.937 | 0.041 | 0.043 | 20.913 | 4.573 | 6863 | 749 | 0.856 | 1.000 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.762 | 0.033 | 0.043 | 4.532 | 2.129 | 6863 | 749 | 0.696 | 0.829 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.893 | 0.021 | 0.023 | 2.275 | 1.508 | 987 | 510 | 0.852 | 0.935 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.579 | 0.036 | 0.062 | 2.478 | 1.574 | 953 | 476 | 0.508 | 0.651 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.113 | 0.017 | 0.151 | 2.252 | 1.501 | 1511 | 772 | 0.079 | 0.147 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.059 | 0.009 | 0.155 | 1.979 | 1.407 | 2631 | 1332 | 0.040 | 0.077 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |  |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.922 | 0.026 | 0.028 | 3.116 | 1.765 | 684 | 345 | 0.870 | 0.973 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.046 | 0.005 | 0.112 | 0.518 | 0.720 | 1550 | 869 | 0.035 | 0.056 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.131 | 0.035 | 0.264 | 1.740 | 1.319 | 296 | 166 | 0.062 | 0.201 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.658 | 0.016 | 0.024 | 0.655 | 0.809 | 1039 | 580 | 0.626 | 0.690 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.096 | 0.010 | 0.103 | 0.655 | 0.810 | 1039 | 580 | 0.076 | 0.116 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.980 | 0.020 | 0.020 | 2.345 | 1.531 | 223 | 123 | 0.940 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.842 | 0.049 | 0.058 | 2.172 | 1.474 | 223 | 123 | 0.745 | 0.939 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.695 | 0.045 | 0.064 | 1.145 | 1.070 | 223 | 123 | 0.605 | 0.784 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.722 | 0.046 | 0.063 | 1.265 | 1.125 | 223 | 123 | 0.631 | 0.813 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.187 | 0.023 | 0.125 | 0.435 | 0.660 | 223 | 123 | 0.140 | 0.233 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.610 | 0.038 | 0.062 | 1.910 | 1.382 | 565 | 321 | 0.534 | 0.685 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.291 | 0.023 | 0.079 | 1.837 | 1.355 | 1281 | 714 | 0.244 | 0.337 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.157 | 0.035 | 0.225 | 2.998 | 1.731 | 565 | 321 | 0.086 | 0.227 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.424 | 0.022 | 0.053 | 1.769 | 1.330 | 1550 | 869 | 0.380 | 0.469 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.265 | 0.024 | 0.090 | 1.965 | 1.402 | 1188 | 676 | 0.217 | 0.312 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.076 | 0.012 | 0.155 | 1.696 | 1.302 | 1550 | 869 | 0.052 | 0.099 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.053 | 0.025 | 0.466 | 1.249 | 1.118 | 185 | 104 | 0.004 | 0.102 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.026 | 0.012 | 0.451 | 1.770 | 1.330 | 565 | 321 | 0.003 | 0.050 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.751 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 6 | 3 | 0.751 | 0.751 |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.141 | 0.020 | 0.143 | 1.066 | 1.033 | 625 | 319 | 0.101 | 0.182 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.274 | 0.035 | 0.127 | 1.906 | 1.380 | 617 | 314 | 0.204 | 0.344 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.109 | 0.018 | 0.167 | 1.058 | 1.028 | 615 | 313 | 0.073 | 0.145 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.561 | 0.034 | 0.060 | 0.124 | 0.352 | 51 | 28 | 0.494 | 0.629 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.723 | 0.040 | 0.055 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 248 | 127 | 0.643 | 0.803 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.300 | 0.032 | 0.106 | 1.580 | 1.257 | 648 | 330 | 0.236 | 0.363 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.078 | 0.012 | 0.150 | 0.626 | 0.791 | 648 | 330 | 0.055 | 0.102 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.579 | 0.056 | 0.097 | 1.176 | 1.084 | 194 | 92 | 0.467 | 0.691 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.476 | 0.118 | 0.247 | 1.274 | 1.129 | 51 | 24 | 0.241 | 0.711 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.600 | 0.053 | 0.088 | 1.556 | 1.247 | 278 | 136 | 0.495 | 0.705 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.125 | 0.027 | 0.217 | 0.907 | 0.952 | 278 | 136 | 0.071 | 0.180 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 648 | 330 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.7: SAMPLING ERRORS: DAGANA
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

| MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standarderror (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design ef-fect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r + 2 se |

## HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.941 | 0.014 | 0.015 | 2.629 | 1.622 | 2541 | 748 | 0.913 | 0.969 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.373 | 0.034 | 0.090 | 3.627 | 1.904 | 2541 | 748 | 0.306 | 0.441 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.935 | 0.012 | 0.013 | 1.340 | 1.158 | 397 | 542 | 0.910 | 0.960 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.399 | 0.023 | 0.058 | 0.999 | 1.000 | 329 | 442 | 0.352 | 0.445 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.238 | 0.022 | 0.094 | 2.223 | 1.491 | 593 | 804 | 0.193 | 0.283 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.045 | 0.009 | 0.193 | 2.390 | 1.546 | 993 | 1346 | 0.028 | 0.063 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.667 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 3 | 3 | 0.667 | 0.667 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.935 | 0.013 | 0.014 | 0.948 | 0.974 | 255 | 343 | 0.909 | 0.961 |
| women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.025 | 0.004 | 0.150 | 0.402 | 0.634 | 509 | 700 | 0.017 | 0.032 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.241 | 0.045 | 0.186 | 1.337 | 1.156 | 88 | 123 | 0.152 | 0.331 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.770 | 0.013 | 0.016 | 0.480 | 0.693 | 396 | 543 | 0.745 | 0.795 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.074 | 0.010 | 0.133 | 0.766 | 0.875 | 396 | 543 | 0.054 | 0.094 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.977 | 0.013 | 0.013 | 1.008 | 1.004 | 100 | 138 | 0.951 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.707 | 0.044 | 0.062 | 1.277 | 1.130 | 100 | 138 | 0.620 | 0.795 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.598 | 0.048 | 0.080 | 1.307 | 1.143 | 100 | 138 | 0.502 | 0.693 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.561 | 0.046 | 0.083 | 1.193 | 1.092 | 100 | 138 | 0.468 | 0.654 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.109 | 0.024 | 0.216 | 0.788 | 0.888 | 100 | 138 | 0.062 | 0.157 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.366 | 0.030 | 0.081 | 0.858 | 0.926 | 164 | 228 | 0.306 | 0.425 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.426 | 0.027 | 0.064 | 1.814 | 1.347 | 433 | 595 | 0.372 | 0.481 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.099 | 0.020 | 0.198 | 0.975 | 0.987 | 164 | 228 | 0.060 | 0.138 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.518 | 0.022 | 0.043 | 1.404 | 1.185 | 509 | 700 | 0.473 | 0.563 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.222 | 0.032 | 0.145 | 3.051 | 1.747 | 375 | 510 | 0.157 | 0.286 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.075 | 0.012 | 0.153 | 1.330 | 1.153 | 509 | 700 | 0.052 | 0.098 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.076 | 0.018 | 0.242 | 0.558 | 0.747 | 86 | 118 | 0.039 | 0.112 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.051 | 0.014 | 0.265 | 0.861 | 0.928 | 164 | 228 | 0.024 | 0.078 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 |  |  |  |  | . | . | . | . |  |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.124 | 0.015 | 0.118 | 0.623 | 0.789 | 231 | 318 | 0.095 | 0.154 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.290 | 0.032 | 0.110 | 1.522 | 1.234 | 225 | 309 | 0.226 | 0.353 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.055 | 0.014 | 0.245 | 1.088 | 1.043 | 227 | 312 | 0.028 | 0.082 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.379 | 0.035 | 0.091 | 0.127 | 0.356 | 21 | 26 | 0.309 | 0.448 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.666 | 0.036 | 0.054 | 0.848 | 0.921 | 108 | 148 | 0.594 | 0.737 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.245 | 0.023 | 0.094 | 0.932 | 0.965 | 237 | 326 | 0.199 | 0.291 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.032 | 0.010 | 0.305 | 1.002 | 1.001 | 237 | 326 | 0.012 | 0.052 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.770 | 0.059 | 0.076 | 1.529 | 1.237 | 58 | 79 | 0.652 | 0.888 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.252 | 0.005 | 0.018 | 0.001 | 0.032 | 8 | 10 | 0.243 | 0.261 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.554 | 0.045 | 0.081 | 0.942 | 0.971 | 85 | 118 | 0.464 | 0.643 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.035 | 0.021 | 0.607 | 1.577 | 1.256 | 85 | 118 | 0.000 | 0.078 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 0.998 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.742 | 0.861 | 237 | 326 | 0.993 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.8: SAMPLING ERRORS: GASA
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value <br> (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r +2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.700 | 0.062 | 0.089 | 3.273 | 1.809 | 484 | 180 | 0.576 | 0.824 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.576 | 0.124 | 0.215 | 11.247 | 3.354 | 484 | 180 | 0.328 | 0.823 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.753 | 0.067 | 0.089 | 3.204 | 1.790 | 74 | 135 | 0.619 | 0.886 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.358 | 0.030 | 0.083 | 0.387 | 0.622 | 54 | 102 | 0.299 | 0.417 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.201 | 0.042 | 0.208 | 1.991 | 1.411 | 100 | 183 | 0.117 | 0.285 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.108 | 0.029 | 0.273 | 2.895 | 1.702 | 175 | 322 | 0.049 | 0.167 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |  |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.608 | 0.078 | 0.128 | 1.894 | 1.376 | 40 | 75 | 0.452 | 0.764 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.061 | 0.015 | 0.253 | 0.533 | 0.730 | 107 | 129 | 0.030 | 0.092 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.030 | 0.030 | 1.002 | 0.801 | 0.895 | 23 | 27 | 0.000 | 0.089 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.673 | 0.019 | 0.028 | 0.164 | 0.405 | 86 | 101 | 0.635 | 0.711 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.103 | 0.019 | 0.182 | 0.378 | 0.615 | 86 | 101 | 0.065 | 0.140 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.892 | 0.057 | 0.064 | 1.224 | 1.106 | 28 | 37 | 0.778 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.556 | 0.085 | 0.152 | 1.047 | 1.023 | 28 | 37 | 0.387 | 0.726 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.617 | 0.080 | 0.130 | 0.983 | 0.992 | 28 | 37 | 0.456 | 0.778 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.593 | 0.074 | 0.125 | 0.813 | 0.901 | 28 | 37 | 0.445 | 0.740 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.060 | 0.035 | 0.579 | 0.767 | 0.876 | 28 | 37 | 0.000 | 0.129 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.201 | 0.037 | 0.185 | 0.328 | 0.572 | 32 | 39 | 0.127 | 0.276 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.168 | 0.027 | 0.161 | 0.606 | 0.778 | 98 | 117 | 0.114 | 0.222 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.305 | 0.074 | 0.244 | 0.991 | 0.996 | 32 | 39 | 0.157 | 0.454 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.634 | 0.089 | 0.141 | 4.386 | 2.094 | 107 | 129 | 0.456 | 0.813 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.341 | 0.124 | 0.364 | 6.663 | 2.581 | 89 | 98 | 0.093 | 0.590 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.166 | 0.052 | 0.311 | 2.460 | 1.568 | 107 | 129 | 0.063 | 0.269 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.225 | 0.076 | 0.339 | 0.938 | 0.969 | 23 | 29 | 0.072 | 0.378 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.026 | 0.026 | 0.970 | 0.972 | 0.986 | 32 | 39 | 0.000 | 0.078 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.334 | 0.051 | 0.154 | 0.048 | 0.218 | 3 | 5 | . |  |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.036 | 0.030 | 0.830 | 1.513 | 1.230 | 37 | 59 | 0.000 | 0.097 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.318 | 0.048 | 0.151 | 0.616 | 0.785 | 37 | 59 | 0.222 | 0.414 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3 a | 0.032 | 0.016 | 0.496 | 0.480 | 0.693 | 38 | 60 | 0.000 | 0.064 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.315 | 0.027 | 0.087 | 0.031 | 0.177 | 6 | 10 | 0.260 | 0.369 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.290 | 0.058 | 0.200 | 0.540 | 0.735 | 20 | 34 | 0.174 | 0.406 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.214 | 0.066 | 0.308 | 1.748 | 1.322 | 43 | 69 | 0.082 | 0.345 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.038 | 0.007 | 0.188 | 0.095 | 0.308 | 43 | 69 | 0.024 | 0.052 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.476 | 0.058 | 0.122 | 0.202 | 0.449 | 9 | 16 | 0.360 | 0.592 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | . | 2 | 2 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.283 | 0.059 | 0.210 | 0.365 | 0.604 | 14 | 22 | 0.164 | 0.402 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.106 | 0.058 | 0.546 | 0.744 | 0.862 | 14 | 22 | 0.000 | 0.222 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 0.988 | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.917 | 0.958 | 43 | 69 | 0.963 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.9: SAMPLING ERRORS: HAA
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

| MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r +2 se |

## HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 1312 | 764 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.600 | 0.072 | 0.121 | 16.674 | 4.083 | 1312 | 764 | 0.455 | 0.745 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.937 | 0.016 | 0.017 | 2.256 | 1.502 | 208 | 532 | 0.906 | 0.969 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.649 | 0.035 | 0.055 | 2.243 | 1.498 | 163 | 409 | 0.578 | 0.720 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.162 | 0.037 | 0.226 | 7.535 | 2.745 | 298 | 767 | 0.089 | 0.235 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.038 | 0.008 | 0.210 | 2.220 | 1.490 | 500 | 1275 | 0.022 | 0.054 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | . | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.930 | 0.018 | 0.020 | 1.674 | 1.294 | 127 | 325 | 0.894 | 0.967 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.034 | 0.006 | 0.164 | 0.691 | 0.831 | 282 | 739 | 0.022 | 0.045 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.229 | 0.038 | 0.166 | 1.050 | 1.025 | 49 | 129 | 0.153 | 0.305 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.773 | 0.029 | 0.037 | 2.497 | 1.580 | 201 | 527 | 0.715 | 0.831 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.075 | 0.021 | 0.272 | 3.178 | 1.783 | 201 | 527 | 0.034 | 0.116 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.976 | 0.018 | 0.018 | 1.573 | 1.254 | 43 | 114 | 0.940 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.858 | 0.056 | 0.066 | 2.943 | 1.715 | 43 | 114 | 0.746 | 0.971 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.853 | 0.037 | 0.043 | 1.228 | 1.108 | 43 | 114 | 0.779 | 0.927 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.788 | 0.041 | 0.053 | 1.159 | 1.077 | 43 | 114 | 0.705 | 0.871 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.221 | 0.051 | 0.232 | 1.723 | 1.313 | 43 | 114 | 0.119 | 0.324 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.598 | 0.055 | 0.091 | 2.645 | 1.626 | 85 | 214 | 0.488 | 0.707 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.211 | 0.023 | 0.109 | 2.092 | 1.446 | 246 | 654 | 0.165 | 0.257 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.533 | 0.046 | 0.085 | 1.772 | 1.331 | 85 | 214 | 0.442 | 0.624 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.749 | 0.030 | 0.040 | 3.566 | 1.888 | 282 | 739 | 0.689 | 0.809 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.449 | 0.026 | 0.058 | 1.983 | 1.408 | 280 | 732 | 0.397 | 0.501 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.083 | 0.016 | 0.197 | 2.571 | 1.604 | 282 | 739 | 0.050 | 0.115 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.169 | 0.030 | 0.180 | 0.592 | 0.769 | 35 | 91 | 0.108 | 0.230 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.033 | 0.014 | 0.419 | 1.266 | 1.125 | 85 | 214 | 0.005 | 0.060 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 0 | 1 |  |  |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.098 | 0.024 | 0.249 | 2.046 | 1.430 | 118 | 306 | 0.049 | 0.146 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.306 | 0.029 | 0.096 | 1.228 | 1.108 | 118 | 305 | 0.248 | 0.365 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.033 | 0.010 | 0.297 | 0.897 | 0.947 | 116 | 300 | 0.013 | 0.052 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.439 | 0.030 | 0.068 | 0.120 | 0.347 | 12 | 34 | 0.379 | 0.499 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.646 | 0.037 | 0.057 | 0.667 | 0.817 | 44 | 114 | 0.572 | 0.719 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.230 | 0.013 | 0.057 | 0.305 | 0.552 | 121 | 313 | 0.204 | 0.256 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.029 | 0.014 | 0.467 | 2.050 | 1.432 | 121 | 313 | 0.002 | 0.057 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.625 | 0.063 | 0.101 | 1.232 | 1.110 | 28 | 74 | 0.499 | 0.751 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.366 | 0.018 | 0.051 | 0.010 | 0.102 | 4 | 8 | 0.329 | 0.403 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.493 | 0.053 | 0.108 | 1.436 | 1.198 | 50 | 127 | 0.387 | 0.600 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.164 | 0.058 | 0.352 | 3.067 | 1.751 | 50 | 127 | 0.049 | 0.280 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 121 | 313 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.10: SAMPLING ERRORS: LHUNTSE
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value <br> (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | $\mathrm{r}+2 \mathrm{se}$ |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.981 | 0.010 | 0.010 | 3.861 | 1.965 | 1564 | 761 | 0.962 | 1.000 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.361 | 0.036 | 0.100 | 4.262 | 2.065 | 1564 | 761 | 0.289 | 0.433 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.874 | 0.026 | 0.030 | 3.182 | 1.784 | 245 | 506 | 0.821 | 0.927 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.467 | 0.044 | 0.094 | 3.283 | 1.812 | 203 | 428 | 0.380 | 0.555 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.103 | 0.014 | 0.138 | 1.681 | 1.296 | 367 | 765 | 0.074 | 0.131 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.072 | 0.013 | 0.179 | 3.046 | 1.745 | 585 | 1220 | 0.047 | 0.098 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.508 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1 | 2 | 0.508 | 0.508 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.860 | 0.028 | 0.033 | 2.364 | 1.537 | 172 | 362 | 0.804 | 0.917 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.042 | 0.007 | 0.169 | 0.784 | 0.885 | 307 | 633 | 0.028 | 0.056 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.165 | 0.033 | 0.199 | 0.931 | 0.965 | 60 | 120 | 0.099 | 0.231 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.644 | 0.026 | 0.040 | 1.294 | 1.137 | 219 | 449 | 0.592 | 0.695 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.117 | 0.021 | 0.176 | 1.830 | 1.353 | 219 | 449 | 0.076 | 0.158 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.957 | 0.019 | 0.020 | 0.826 | 0.909 | 47 | 94 | 0.918 | 0.995 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.598 | 0.069 | 0.116 | 1.868 | 1.367 | 47 | 94 | 0.459 | 0.737 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.620 | 0.056 | 0.091 | 1.258 | 1.122 | 47 | 94 | 0.507 | 0.733 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.573 | 0.054 | 0.094 | 1.096 | 1.047 | 47 | 94 | 0.465 | 0.680 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.124 | 0.029 | 0.231 | 0.701 | 0.837 | 47 | 94 | 0.067 | 0.181 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.428 | 0.040 | 0.092 | 1.220 | 1.105 | 92 | 192 | 0.349 | 0.508 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.311 | 0.016 | 0.051 | 0.659 | 0.812 | 274 | 561 | 0.279 | 0.342 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.214 | 0.050 | 0.236 | 2.896 | 1.702 | 92 | 192 | 0.113 | 0.315 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.499 | 0.021 | 0.042 | 1.099 | 1.048 | 307 | 633 | 0.457 | 0.541 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.425 | 0.032 | 0.076 | 1.973 | 1.405 | 224 | 460 | 0.361 | 0.490 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.172 | 0.022 | 0.127 | 2.110 | 1.453 | 307 | 633 | 0.128 | 0.215 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.200 | 0.049 | 0.243 | 1.179 | 1.086 | 40 | 81 | 0.103 | 0.297 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.032 | 0.015 | 0.461 | 1.339 | 1.157 | 92 | 192 | 0.002 | 0.061 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.327 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 2 | 3 | 0.327 | 0.327 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1 a | 0.177 | 0.024 | 0.134 | 1.008 | 1.004 | 123 | 261 | 0.130 | 0.225 |  |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2 a | 0.589 | 0.049 | 0.084 | 2.352 | 1.533 | 112 | 236 | 0.491 | 0.687 |  |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3 a | 0.043 | 0.016 | 0.359 | 1.449 | 1.204 | 118 | 250 | 0.012 | 0.074 |  |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.232 | 0.069 | 0.299 | 0.591 | 0.769 | 12 | 23 | 0.093 | 0.370 |  |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.546 | 0.039 | 0.071 | 0.600 | 0.775 | 47 | 99 | 0.468 | 0.624 |  |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.304 | 0.030 | 0.099 | 1.118 | 1.057 | 124 | 264 | 0.244 | 0.363 |  |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.193 | 0.032 | 0.164 | 1.695 | 1.302 | 124 | 264 | 0.130 | 0.256 |  |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.733 | 0.037 | 0.051 | 0.544 | 0.737 | 38 | 78 | 0.658 | 0.807 |  |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.852 | 0.036 | 0.042 | 0.532 | 0.729 | 24 | 53 | 0.780 | 0.924 |  |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.560 | 0.066 | 0.119 | 1.734 | 1.317 | 45 | 98 | 0.427 | 0.693 |  |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.052 | 0.013 | 0.240 | 0.307 | 0.554 | 45 | 98 | 0.027 | 0.077 |  |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | . | . | 124 | 264 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.11: SAMPLING ERRORS: MONGAR
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS <br> Indicator | Value <br> (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r + 2se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.990 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.434 | 0.659 | 4741 | 772 | 0.986 | 0.995 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.373 | 0.033 | 0.089 | 3.640 | 1.908 | 4741 | 772 | 0.306 | 0.439 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.874 | 0.018 | 0.020 | 1.638 | 1.280 | 724 | 585 | 0.839 | 0.909 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.491 | 0.037 | 0.076 | 2.617 | 1.618 | 594 | 469 | 0.417 | 0.566 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.171 | 0.021 | 0.120 | 2.571 | 1.603 | 1065 | 865 | 0.130 | 0.212 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.086 | 0.010 | 0.121 | 2.036 | 1.427 | 1843 | 1486 | 0.065 | 0.106 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | . | 4 | 3 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.829 | 0.028 | 0.034 | 1.987 | 1.410 | 457 | 365 | 0.773 | 0.885 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.044 | 0.007 | 0.153 | 0.788 | 0.887 | 926 | 734 | 0.030 | 0.057 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.166 | 0.033 | 0.197 | 0.977 | 0.988 | 161 | 128 | 0.101 | 0.231 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.636 | 0.016 | 0.026 | 0.648 | 0.805 | 697 | 559 | 0.603 | 0.669 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.135 | 0.013 | 0.099 | 0.864 | 0.929 | 697 | 559 | 0.108 | 0.162 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.993 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 1.095 | 1.046 | 186 | 151 | 0.978 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.781 | 0.025 | 0.032 | 0.535 | 0.732 | 186 | 151 | 0.731 | 0.830 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.617 | 0.036 | 0.058 | 0.813 | 0.902 | 186 | 151 | 0.545 | 0.688 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.598 | 0.040 | 0.067 | 0.994 | 0.997 | 186 | 151 | 0.519 | 0.678 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.081 | 0.019 | 0.233 | 0.722 | 0.850 | 186 | 151 | 0.043 | 0.119 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.458 | 0.049 | 0.108 | 2.133 | 1.461 | 278 | 219 | 0.359 | 0.556 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.371 | 0.020 | 0.055 | 1.147 | 1.071 | 809 | 643 | 0.331 | 0.412 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.087 | 0.018 | 0.206 | 0.882 | 0.939 | 278 | 219 | 0.051 | 0.123 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.622 | 0.026 | 0.043 | 2.182 | 1.477 | 926 | 734 | 0.569 | 0.675 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.213 | 0.018 | 0.084 | 1.276 | 1.130 | 843 | 670 | 0.177 | 0.248 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.118 | 0.013 | 0.110 | 1.182 | 1.087 | 926 | 734 | 0.092 | 0.144 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.181 | 0.035 | 0.196 | 1.111 | 1.054 | 166 | 132 | 0.110 | 0.252 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.078 | 0.020 | 0.250 | 1.158 | 1.076 | 278 | 219 | 0.039 | 0.117 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.387 | 0.182 | 0.469 | 1.390 | 1.179 | 15 | 11 | 0.024 | 0.750 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.120 | 0.022 | 0.185 | 1.748 | 1.322 | 462 | 376 | 0.075 | 0.164 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.397 | 0.024 | 0.059 | 0.849 | 0.922 | 453 | 368 | 0.350 | 0.444 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.055 | 0.014 | 0.261 | 1.453 | 1.205 | 449 | 365 | 0.027 | 0.084 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.445 | 0.075 | 0.169 | 0.617 | 0.786 | 35 | 28 | 0.295 | 0.596 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.686 | 0.045 | 0.065 | 1.369 | 1.170 | 179 | 148 | 0.596 | 0.776 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.252 | 0.025 | 0.100 | 1.266 | 1.125 | 466 | 379 | 0.202 | 0.302 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.106 | 0.018 | 0.173 | 1.336 | 1.156 | 466 | 379 | 0.069 | 0.142 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.436 | 0.021 | 0.049 | 0.164 | 0.405 | 117 | 91 | 0.394 | 0.479 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.381 | 0.045 | 0.117 | 0.329 | 0.574 | 49 | 40 | 0.292 | 0.471 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.362 | 0.041 | 0.114 | 1.129 | 1.063 | 192 | 153 | 0.279 | 0.445 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.085 | 0.043 | 0.509 | 3.645 | 1.909 | 192 | 153 | 0.000 | 0.171 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |  | 466 | 379 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.12: SAMPLING ERRORS: PARO
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r + 2se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.964 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 5.276 | 2.297 | 3776 | 778 | 0.934 | 0.995 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.761 | 0.027 | 0.036 | 3.159 | 1.777 | 3776 | 778 | 0.706 | 0.815 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.917 | 0.013 | 0.014 | 1.004 | 1.002 | 499 | 484 | 0.892 | 0.942 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.604 | 0.024 | 0.040 | 1.329 | 1.153 | 547 | 535 | 0.555 | 0.653 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.141 | 0.017 | 0.120 | 1.888 | 1.374 | 823 | 798 | 0.108 | 0.175 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.038 | 0.010 | 0.256 | 3.566 | 1.888 | 1397 | 1365 | 0.019 | 0.058 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.821 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 6 | 5 | 0.821 | 0.821 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.907 | 0.010 | 0.011 | 0.398 | 0.631 | 360 | 351 | 0.887 | 0.926 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.037 | 0.007 | 0.183 | 1.031 | 1.015 | 799 | 795 | 0.024 | 0.051 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.065 | 0.017 | 0.261 | 0.662 | 0.813 | 151 | 140 | 0.031 | 0.099 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.673 | 0.024 | 0.036 | 1.339 | 1.157 | 504 | 495 | 0.625 | 0.722 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.121 | 0.016 | 0.129 | 1.131 | 1.064 | 504 | 495 | 0.090 | 0.153 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.989 | 0.009 | 0.009 | 1.005 | 1.003 | 146 | 138 | 0.971 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.759 | 0.030 | 0.039 | 0.657 | 0.811 | 146 | 138 | 0.700 | 0.819 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.860 | 0.042 | 0.049 | 2.007 | 1.417 | 146 | 138 | 0.776 | 0.944 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.817 | 0.038 | 0.047 | 1.341 | 1.158 | 146 | 138 | 0.740 | 0.893 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.152 | 0.027 | 0.179 | 0.783 | 0.885 | 146 | 138 | 0.098 | 0.206 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.739 | 0.030 | 0.041 | 1.328 | 1.152 | 286 | 280 | 0.678 | 0.799 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.185 | 0.015 | 0.079 | 0.918 | 0.958 | 664 | 655 | 0.156 | 0.214 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.269 | 0.032 | 0.119 | 1.453 | 1.205 | 286 | 280 | 0.205 | 0.333 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.546 | 0.026 | 0.047 | 2.132 | 1.460 | 799 | 795 | 0.494 | 0.598 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.238 | 0.023 | 0.096 | 2.193 | 1.481 | 761 | 759 | 0.192 | 0.284 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.098 | 0.009 | 0.092 | 0.735 | 0.857 | 799 | 795 | 0.080 | 0.116 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.146 | 0.023 | 0.157 | 0.399 | 0.632 | 108 | 95 | 0.100 | 0.193 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.009 | 0.006 | 0.704 | 1.212 | 1.101 | 286 | 280 | 0.000 | 0.021 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 3 | 3 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.075 | 0.015 | 0.201 | 1.016 | 1.008 | 320 | 311 | 0.045 | 0.105 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.301 | 0.037 | 0.124 | 1.960 | 1.400 | 301 | 296 | 0.226 | 0.375 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3 a | 0.069 | 0.014 | 0.198 | 0.857 | 0.926 | 301 | 296 | 0.042 | 0.096 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.642 | 0.054 | 0.084 | 0.495 | 0.703 | 45 | 40 | 0.534 | 0.750 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.723 | 0.035 | 0.048 | 0.855 | 0.924 | 152 | 142 | 0.653 | 0.792 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.257 | 0.026 | 0.100 | 1.118 | 1.058 | 337 | 328 | 0.205 | 0.308 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.061 | 0.010 | 0.161 | 0.550 | 0.742 | 337 | 328 | 0.041 | 0.081 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.751 | 0.050 | 0.066 | 1.179 | 1.086 | 86 | 90 | 0.652 | 0.851 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.628 | 0.118 | 0.187 | 1.128 | 1.062 | 21 | 20 | 0.393 | 0.864 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.667 | 0.053 | 0.079 | 1.465 | 1.210 | 117 | 118 | 0.562 | 0.773 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.186 | 0.049 | 0.264 | 1.858 | 1.363 | 117 | 118 | 0.088 | 0.284 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . |  | 337 | 328 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.13: SAMPLING ERRORS: PEMAGATSHEL
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS <br> Indicator | Value <br> (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation ( $\mathrm{se} / \mathrm{r}$ ) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | $\mathrm{r}+2 \mathrm{se}$ |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.962 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 4.714 | 2.171 | 2627 | 755 | 0.932 | 0.992 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.314 | 0.031 | 0.097 | 3.277 | 1.810 | 2627 | 755 | 0.253 | 0.375 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.957 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 1.501 | 1.225 | 392 | 525 | 0.936 | 0.979 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.586 | 0.029 | 0.050 | 1.578 | 1.256 | 335 | 446 | 0.528 | 0.645 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.304 | 0.027 | 0.088 | 2.485 | 1.576 | 547 | 734 | 0.250 | 0.357 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.053 | 0.008 | 0.161 | 1.790 | 1.338 | 942 | 1245 | 0.036 | 0.070 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 2 | 2 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.914 | 0.021 | 0.023 | 1.868 | 1.367 | 258 | 339 | 0.872 | 0.956 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.040 | 0.008 | 0.196 | 0.932 | 0.965 | 489 | 583 | 0.024 | 0.056 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.172 | 0.037 | 0.215 | 0.855 | 0.924 | 76 | 90 | 0.098 | 0.246 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.557 | 0.022 | 0.039 | 0.844 | 0.919 | 373 | 440 | 0.514 | 0.601 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.197 | 0.020 | 0.101 | 1.097 | 1.048 | 373 | 440 | 0.157 | 0.237 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.848 | 0.080 | 0.095 | 5.202 | 2.281 | 94 | 105 | 0.688 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.704 | 0.077 | 0.109 | 2.950 | 1.718 | 94 | 105 | 0.550 | 0.858 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.427 | 0.073 | 0.172 | 2.288 | 1.512 | 94 | 105 | 0.281 | 0.574 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.451 | 0.068 | 0.150 | 1.917 | 1.385 | 94 | 105 | 0.316 | 0.586 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.057 | 0.027 | 0.480 | 1.450 | 1.204 | 94 | 105 | 0.002 | 0.112 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.437 | 0.044 | 0.101 | 1.212 | 1.101 | 129 | 153 | 0.349 | 0.526 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.291 | 0.017 | 0.059 | 0.733 | 0.856 | 436 | 520 | 0.257 | 0.326 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.086 | 0.019 | 0.226 | 0.724 | 0.851 | 129 | 153 | 0.047 | 0.124 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.498 | 0.026 | 0.052 | 1.575 | 1.255 | 489 | 583 | 0.446 | 0.550 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.227 | 0.030 | 0.132 | 2.669 | 1.634 | 433 | 519 | 0.167 | 0.288 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.191 | 0.020 | 0.103 | 1.457 | 1.207 | 489 | 583 | 0.152 | 0.231 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.303 | 0.061 | 0.202 | 1.355 | 1.164 | 66 | 77 | 0.180 | 0.426 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.049 | 0.019 | 0.389 | 1.184 | 1.088 | 129 | 153 | 0.011 | 0.087 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 0 | . | . |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.198 | 0.034 | 0.172 | 1.812 | 1.346 | 196 | 249 | 0.130 | 0.266 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.449 | 0.052 | 0.116 | 2.138 | 1.462 | 158 | 197 | 0.345 | 0.553 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.026 | 0.012 | 0.463 | 1.189 | 1.091 | 167 | 212 | 0.002 | 0.049 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.554 | 0.067 | 0.121 | 0.623 | 0.789 | 30 | 35 | 0.420 | 0.689 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.528 | 0.075 | 0.142 | 2.496 | 1.580 | 87 | 112 | 0.378 | 0.678 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.157 | 0.025 | 0.162 | 1.337 | 1.156 | 214 | 276 | 0.106 | 0.208 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.015 | 0.007 | 0.439 | 0.828 | 0.910 | 214 | 276 | 0.002 | 0.029 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.704 | 0.035 | 0.049 | 0.219 | 0.468 | 34 | 39 | 0.634 | 0.773 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.348 | 0.020 | 0.059 | 0.006 | 0.074 | 3 | 4 | 0.308 | 0.389 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.598 | 0.060 | 0.101 | 1.497 | 1.224 | 76 | 100 | 0.477 | 0.718 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 1.032 | 0.816 | 0.903 | 76 | 100 | 0.000 | 0.024 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | - | 214 | 276 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.14: SAMPLING ERRORS: PANAKHA
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010


TABLE SE.15: SAMPLING ERRORS: SAMDRUP JONGKHAR

|  | MICS <br> Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r - 2se | r + 2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.973 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 3.493 | 1.869 | 3892 | 739 | 0.951 | 0.996 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.520 | 0.037 | 0.072 | 4.137 | 2.034 | 3892 | 739 | 0.445 | 0.594 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.945 | 0.010 | 0.011 | 1.308 | 1.144 | 693 | 627 | 0.924 | 0.966 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.544 | 0.034 | 0.063 | 2.298 | 1.516 | 531 | 487 | 0.476 | 0.613 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.198 | 0.020 | 0.103 | 2.290 | 1.513 | 980 | 885 | 0.157 | 0.238 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.046 | 0.010 | 0.213 | 3.299 | 1.816 | 1667 | 1492 | 0.027 | 0.066 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | . |  | . | . | . | . |  | . |  |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.909 | 0.017 | 0.018 | 1.312 | 1.145 | 429 | 393 | 0.876 | 0.943 |

## WOMEN

| Pregnant women | - | 0.067 | 0.012 | 0.174 | 1.404 | 1.185 | 775 | 645 | 0.044 | 0.090 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.243 | 0.050 | 0.207 | 1.503 | 1.226 | 136 | 111 | 0.142 | 0.343 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.624 | 0.027 | 0.044 | 1.656 | 1.287 | 638 | 526 | 0.570 | 0.679 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.130 | 0.019 | 0.149 | 1.739 | 1.319 | 638 | 526 | 0.092 | 0.169 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.984 | 0.011 | 0.012 | 1.112 | 1.054 | 163 | 136 | 0.961 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.701 | 0.044 | 0.062 | 1.234 | 1.111 | 163 | 136 | 0.614 | 0.789 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.456 | 0.051 | 0.112 | 1.424 | 1.193 | 163 | 136 | 0.354 | 0.558 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.449 | 0.054 | 0.120 | 1.592 | 1.262 | 163 | 136 | 0.341 | 0.557 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.154 | 0.037 | 0.241 | 1.438 | 1.199 | 163 | 136 | 0.080 | 0.229 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.451 | 0.038 | 0.084 | 1.115 | 1.056 | 235 | 194 | 0.375 | 0.526 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.435 | 0.020 | 0.046 | 0.911 | 0.954 | 676 | 562 | 0.395 | 0.475 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.158 | 0.030 | 0.189 | 1.293 | 1.137 | 235 | 194 | 0.098 | 0.218 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.537 | 0.027 | 0.051 | 1.931 | 1.389 | 775 | 645 | 0.483 | 0.592 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.299 | 0.027 | 0.090 | 1.616 | 1.271 | 535 | 465 | 0.245 | 0.353 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.060 | 0.012 | 0.195 | 1.565 | 1.251 | 775 | 645 | 0.037 | 0.084 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.106 | 0.030 | 0.280 | 0.950 | 0.975 | 130 | 103 | 0.047 | 0.166 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.064 | 0.016 | 0.250 | 0.826 | 0.909 | 235 | 194 | 0.032 | 0.096 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.772 | 0.235 | 0.305 | 0.944 | 0.971 | 5 | 4 | 0.301 | 1.000 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.110 | 0.013 | 0.120 | 0.631 | 0.795 | 404 | 355 | 0.083 | 0.136 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.374 | 0.038 | 0.101 | 2.111 | 1.453 | 400 | 351 | 0.299 | 0.449 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.034 | 0.013 | 0.392 | 1.915 | 1.384 | 403 | 354 | 0.007 | 0.061 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.300 | 0.077 | 0.257 | 0.650 | 0.806 | 27 | 24 | 0.146 | 0.454 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.702 | 0.045 | 0.064 | 1.355 | 1.164 | 160 | 143 | 0.613 | 0.792 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.202 | 0.020 | 0.097 | 0.855 | 0.924 | 410 | 360 | 0.163 | 0.241 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.079 | 0.012 | 0.156 | 0.746 | 0.864 | 410 | 360 | 0.054 | 0.103 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.812 | 0.042 | 0.052 | 0.836 | 0.914 | 83 | 72 | 0.727 | 0.897 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.265 | 0.082 | 0.309 | 0.997 | 0.998 | 32 | 30 | 0.101 | 0.429 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.333 | 0.041 | 0.124 | 1.076 | 1.037 | 161 | 142 | 0.250 | 0.415 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.093 | 0.037 | 0.393 | 2.243 | 1.498 | 161 | 142 | 0.020 | 0.167 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 410 | 360 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.16: SAMPLING ERRORS: SAMTSE
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS <br> Indicator | Value <br> (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r + 2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.954 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 4.143 | 2.036 | 7530 | 790 | 0.924 | 0.984 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.537 | 0.031 | 0.058 | 3.049 | 1.746 | 7530 | 790 | 0.475 | 0.599 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.914 | 0.020 | 0.022 | 2.852 | 1.689 | 1164 | 541 | 0.873 | 0.955 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.486 | 0.036 | 0.075 | 2.272 | 1.507 | 866 | 430 | 0.413 | 0.558 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.284 | 0.032 | 0.112 | 3.903 | 1.976 | 1654 | 780 | 0.220 | 0.348 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.048 | 0.007 | 0.154 | 1.634 | 1.278 | 2878 | 1366 | 0.033 | 0.063 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 4 | 2 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.928 | 0.025 | 0.026 | 2.903 | 1.704 | 669 | 325 | 0.879 | 0.977 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.046 | 0.005 | 0.118 | 0.542 | 0.736 | 1562 | 802 | 0.035 | 0.057 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.187 | 0.042 | 0.226 | 1.706 | 1.306 | 274 | 146 | 0.103 | 0.272 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.671 | 0.021 | 0.032 | 1.229 | 1.109 | 1143 | 591 | 0.628 | 0.714 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.138 | 0.019 | 0.141 | 1.880 | 1.371 | 1143 | 591 | 0.099 | 0.177 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.992 | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.938 | 0.969 | 221 | 118 | 0.976 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.868 | 0.036 | 0.041 | 1.300 | 1.140 | 221 | 118 | 0.796 | 0.939 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.629 | 0.053 | 0.084 | 1.412 | 1.188 | 221 | 118 | 0.523 | 0.735 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.599 | 0.053 | 0.088 | 1.351 | 1.162 | 221 | 118 | 0.494 | 0.705 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.114 | 0.025 | 0.222 | 0.741 | 0.861 | 221 | 118 | 0.064 | 0.165 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.491 | 0.061 | 0.125 | 4.065 | 2.016 | 524 | 272 | 0.368 | 0.613 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.354 | 0.019 | 0.054 | 1.084 | 1.041 | 1312 | 676 | 0.316 | 0.392 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.185 | 0.037 | 0.201 | 2.487 | 1.577 | 524 | 272 | 0.111 | 0.259 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.392 | 0.026 | 0.065 | 2.214 | 1.488 | 1562 | 802 | 0.341 | 0.444 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.310 | 0.019 | 0.061 | 1.089 | 1.043 | 1268 | 648 | 0.272 | 0.348 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.097 | 0.022 | 0.232 | 4.614 | 2.148 | 1562 | 802 | 0.052 | 0.142 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.115 | 0.037 | 0.322 | 1.579 | 1.257 | 224 | 118 | 0.041 | 0.189 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.073 | 0.023 | 0.315 | 2.118 | 1.455 | 524 | 272 | 0.027 | 0.119 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 1 | 1 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.131 | 0.027 | 0.210 | 2.296 | 1.515 | 730 | 346 | 0.076 | 0.186 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.284 | 0.038 | 0.133 | 2.333 | 1.528 | 712 | 336 | 0.209 | 0.359 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.047 | 0.012 | 0.252 | 1.039 | 1.019 | 709 | 334 | 0.023 | 0.071 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.462 | 0.060 | 0.130 | 0.481 | 0.694 | 66 | 34 | 0.341 | 0.582 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.655 | 0.042 | 0.063 | 0.901 | 0.949 | 234 | 119 | 0.572 | 0.738 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.247 | 0.030 | 0.120 | 1.685 | 1.298 | 755 | 360 | 0.188 | 0.306 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.116 | 0.018 | 0.151 | 1.078 | 1.038 | 755 | 360 | 0.081 | 0.151 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.559 | 0.056 | 0.100 | 1.119 | 1.058 | 186 | 90 | 0.447 | 0.670 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.511 | 0.056 | 0.110 | 0.469 | 0.685 | 87 | 38 | 0.399 | 0.624 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.593 | 0.048 | 0.080 | 1.546 | 1.244 | 355 | 165 | 0.497 | 0.688 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.084 | 0.025 | 0.300 | 1.349 | 1.161 | 355 | 165 | 0.034 | 0.134 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 0.994 | 0.004 | 0.004 | 1.048 | 1.024 | 755 | 360 | 0.985 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.17: SAMPLING ERRORS: SARPANG
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | $r+2 s e$ |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.967 | 0.012 | 0.012 | 3.283 | 1.812 | 4127 | 765 | 0.944 | 0.990 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.578 | 0.031 | 0.054 | 3.066 | 1.751 | 4127 | 765 | 0.516 | 0.641 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.957 | 0.011 | 0.012 | 1.707 | 1.306 | 631 | 564 | 0.935 | 0.980 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.589 | 0.033 | 0.056 | 1.998 | 1.413 | 506 | 440 | 0.523 | 0.655 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.256 | 0.026 | 0.100 | 2.797 | 1.673 | 917 | 818 | 0.205 | 0.308 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.048 | 0.006 | 0.124 | 1.042 | 1.021 | 1518 | 1335 | 0.036 | 0.060 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 1 | 1 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.946 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 1.681 | 1.297 | 410 | 357 | 0.916 | 0.977 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.033 | 0.006 | 0.171 | 0.836 | 0.914 | 924 | 836 | 0.022 | 0.044 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.186 | 0.026 | 0.140 | 0.652 | 0.807 | 173 | 147 | 0.134 | 0.238 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.674 | 0.024 | 0.035 | 1.525 | 1.235 | 651 | 599 | 0.627 | 0.721 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.084 | 0.013 | 0.152 | 1.258 | 1.122 | 651 | 599 | 0.058 | 0.109 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 132 | 124 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.949 | 0.024 | 0.025 | 1.422 | 1.192 | 132 | 124 | 0.901 | 0.996 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.623 | 0.043 | 0.069 | 0.967 | 0.984 | 132 | 124 | 0.537 | 0.709 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.615 | 0.043 | 0.069 | 0.946 | 0.973 | 132 | 124 | 0.530 | 0.701 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.132 | 0.027 | 0.204 | 0.775 | 0.880 | 132 | 124 | 0.078 | 0.186 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.616 | 0.038 | 0.062 | 1.701 | 1.304 | 314 | 275 | 0.540 | 0.693 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.399 | 0.017 | 0.044 | 0.893 | 0.945 | 783 | 708 | 0.364 | 0.434 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.260 | 0.041 | 0.159 | 2.448 | 1.565 | 314 | 275 | 0.177 | 0.343 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.480 | 0.026 | 0.054 | 2.226 | 1.492 | 924 | 836 | 0.428 | 0.532 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.312 | 0.028 | 0.088 | 2.487 | 1.577 | 774 | 703 | 0.257 | 0.367 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.074 | 0.014 | 0.193 | 2.492 | 1.579 | 924 | 836 | 0.046 | 0.103 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.089 | 0.037 | 0.418 | 1.818 | 1.348 | 119 | 108 | 0.015 | 0.163 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.023 | 0.008 | 0.361 | 0.838 | 0.915 | 314 | 275 | 0.006 | 0.039 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.485 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 3 | 3 | 0.485 | 0.485 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.109 | 0.015 | 0.142 | 0.751 | 0.867 | 347 | 305 | 0.078 | 0.139 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.232 | 0.026 | 0.114 | 1.130 | 1.063 | 328 | 288 | 0.179 | 0.285 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.044 | 0.011 | 0.250 | 0.832 | 0.912 | 329 | 289 | 0.022 | 0.066 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.553 | 0.099 | 0.179 | 1.229 | 1.108 | 34 | 32 | 0.355 | 0.751 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.725 | 0.044 | 0.061 | 1.227 | 1.108 | 142 | 127 | 0.637 | 0.813 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.205 | 0.024 | 0.116 | 1.053 | 1.026 | 350 | 307 | 0.158 | 0.253 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.056 | 0.011 | 0.204 | 0.759 | 0.871 | 350 | 307 | 0.033 | 0.079 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.479 | 0.065 | 0.136 | 1.027 | 1.013 | 72 | 61 | 0.348 | 0.610 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.384 | 0.084 | 0.220 | 0.390 | 0.624 | 20 | 14 | 0.215 | 0.552 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.454 | 0.054 | 0.118 | 1.376 | 1.173 | 141 | 120 | 0.347 | 0.561 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.050 | 0.024 | 0.485 | 1.473 | 1.214 | 141 | 120 | 0.001 | 0.098 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . |  | 350 | 307 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.18: SAMPLING ERRORS: THIMPHU
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r +2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |  | 8372 | 763 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.751 | 0.041 | 0.054 | 6.760 | 2.600 | 8372 | 763 | 0.670 | 0.833 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.948 | 0.016 | 0.017 | 2.410 | 1.553 | 1221 | 468 | 0.917 | 0.980 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.761 | 0.025 | 0.033 | 1.553 | 1.246 | 1093 | 440 | 0.711 | 0.812 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.049 | 0.017 | 0.341 | 4.284 | 2.070 | 1870 | 721 | 0.015 | 0.082 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.030 | 0.007 | 0.235 | 2.111 | 1.453 | 3216 | 1246 | 0.016 | 0.044 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . |  | . | 4 | 1 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.968 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 1.260 | 1.123 | 865 | 340 | 0.947 | 0.990 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.040 | 0.005 | 0.135 | 0.694 | 0.833 | 2054 | 914 | 0.029 | 0.051 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.088 | 0.021 | 0.234 | 0.937 | 0.968 | 407 | 178 | 0.047 | 0.129 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.666 | 0.025 | 0.038 | 1.645 | 1.283 | 1327 | 588 | 0.616 | 0.716 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.094 | 0.013 | 0.142 | 1.222 | 1.105 | 1327 | 588 | 0.067 | 0.120 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.984 | 0.011 | 0.011 | 0.994 | 0.997 | 298 | 128 | 0.961 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.836 | 0.038 | 0.045 | 1.330 | 1.153 | 298 | 128 | 0.760 | 0.912 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.944 | 0.031 | 0.033 | 2.370 | 1.540 | 298 | 128 | 0.882 | 1.000 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.944 | 0.031 | 0.033 | 2.370 | 1.540 | 298 | 128 | 0.882 | 1.000 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.160 | 0.023 | 0.141 | 0.481 | 0.694 | 298 | 128 | 0.115 | 0.205 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.795 | 0.023 | 0.029 | 1.101 | 1.049 | 763 | 337 | 0.748 | 0.841 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.202 | 0.012 | 0.061 | 0.702 | 0.838 | 1698 | 755 | 0.177 | 0.227 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.397 | 0.053 | 0.133 | 3.936 | 1.984 | 763 | 337 | 0.291 | 0.503 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.656 | 0.028 | 0.042 | 3.071 | 1.752 | 2054 | 914 | 0.601 | 0.711 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.361 | 0.063 | 0.175 | 14.570 | 3.817 | 1904 | 845 | 0.235 | 0.487 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.127 | 0.014 | 0.107 | 1.528 | 1.236 | 2054 | 914 | 0.100 | 0.154 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.205 | 0.047 | 0.231 | 1.330 | 1.153 | 225 | 98 | 0.110 | 0.299 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.011 | 0.005 | 0.486 | 0.894 | 0.946 | 763 | 337 | 0.000 | 0.022 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | . | 5 | 2 | 1.000 | 1.000 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.119 | 0.021 | 0.175 | 1.254 | 1.120 | 785 | 305 | 0.077 | 0.160 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.378 | 0.031 | 0.083 | 1.173 | 1.083 | 722 | 280 | 0.315 | 0.441 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.062 | 0.011 | 0.176 | 0.561 | 0.749 | 718 | 278 | 0.040 | 0.083 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.650 | 0.079 | 0.121 | 1.039 | 1.019 | 101 | 39 | 0.492 | 0.808 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.635 | 0.048 | 0.075 | 1.263 | 1.124 | 332 | 129 | 0.539 | 0.730 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.252 | 0.028 | 0.112 | 1.316 | 1.147 | 801 | 312 | 0.195 | 0.308 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.016 | 0.008 | 0.490 | 1.231 | 1.109 | 801 | 312 | 0.000 | 0.032 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.527 | 0.098 | 0.185 | 2.951 | 1.718 | 201 | 78 | 0.332 | 0.723 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | . | 13 | 4 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.680 | 0.060 | 0.088 | 1.778 | 1.333 | 285 | 110 | 0.561 | 0.799 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.185 | 0.051 | 0.275 | 1.870 | 1.367 | 285 | 110 | 0.083 | 0.286 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | . | 801 | 312 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.19: SAMPLING ERRORS: TRASHIGANG
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010


TABLE SE.20: SAMPLING ERRORS: TRASHIYANGTSE
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | $\mathrm{r}+2 \mathrm{se}$ |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.974 | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2.713 | 1.647 | 1711 | 761 | 0.955 | 0.993 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.659 | 0.034 | 0.052 | 3.959 | 1.990 | 1711 | 761 | 0.590 | 0.727 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.928 | 0.016 | 0.017 | 1.783 | 1.335 | 288 | 489 | 0.897 | 0.959 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.331 | 0.047 | 0.143 | 2.526 | 1.589 | 144 | 250 | 0.236 | 0.425 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.142 | 0.013 | 0.093 | 1.018 | 1.009 | 423 | 719 | 0.115 | 0.168 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.058 | 0.012 | 0.204 | 2.805 | 1.675 | 654 | 1109 | 0.034 | 0.081 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | . |  | . | . | . | . |  | . |  |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.940 | 0.016 | 0.017 | 1.265 | 1.125 | 175 | 299 | 0.909 | 0.971 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.047 | 0.009 | 0.187 | 1.032 | 1.016 | 301 | 595 | 0.030 | 0.065 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.078 | 0.026 | 0.331 | 0.912 | 0.955 | 50 | 100 | 0.026 | 0.129 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.532 | 0.027 | 0.050 | 1.268 | 1.126 | 219 | 439 | 0.478 | 0.586 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.123 | 0.020 | 0.164 | 1.664 | 1.290 | 219 | 439 | 0.083 | 0.164 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.948 | 0.022 | 0.023 | 1.081 | 1.040 | 60 | 115 | 0.904 | 0.991 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.705 | 0.045 | 0.064 | 1.121 | 1.059 | 60 | 115 | 0.615 | 0.795 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.466 | 0.079 | 0.169 | 2.839 | 1.685 | 60 | 115 | 0.309 | 0.623 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.408 | 0.080 | 0.197 | 3.057 | 1.748 | 60 | 115 | 0.247 | 0.569 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.145 | 0.034 | 0.238 | 1.087 | 1.043 | 60 | 115 | 0.076 | 0.213 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.330 | 0.048 | 0.146 | 1.766 | 1.329 | 85 | 170 | 0.234 | 0.426 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.288 | 0.019 | 0.064 | 0.880 | 0.938 | 266 | 525 | 0.251 | 0.325 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.173 | 0.030 | 0.173 | 1.057 | 1.028 | 85 | 170 | 0.113 | 0.233 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.580 | 0.025 | 0.044 | 1.557 | 1.248 | 301 | 595 | 0.530 | 0.631 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.228 | 0.030 | 0.133 | 2.188 | 1.479 | 214 | 417 | 0.168 | 0.289 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.070 | 0.011 | 0.156 | 1.092 | 1.045 | 301 | 595 | 0.048 | 0.092 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.039 | 0.024 | 0.604 | 1.255 | 1.120 | 42 | 85 | 0.000 | 0.087 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.023 | 0.012 | 0.538 | 1.131 | 1.064 | 85 | 170 | 0.000 | 0.047 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.626 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 2 | 3 | 0.626 | 0.626 |
| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.136 | 0.026 | 0.193 | 1.643 | 1.282 | 164 | 281 | 0.083 | 0.188 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.403 | 0.028 | 0.070 | 0.891 | 0.944 | 155 | 267 | 0.347 | 0.460 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.048 | 0.015 | 0.307 | 1.317 | 1.148 | 161 | 276 | 0.019 | 0.078 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.300 | 0.041 | 0.137 | 0.224 | 0.474 | 17 | 29 | 0.218 | 0.382 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.622 | 0.050 | 0.081 | 1.318 | 1.148 | 72 | 123 | 0.521 | 0.723 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.256 | 0.029 | 0.112 | 1.241 | 1.114 | 169 | 289 | 0.199 | 0.314 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.041 | 0.013 | 0.309 | 1.174 | 1.084 | 169 | 289 | 0.016 | 0.066 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.780 | 0.042 | 0.054 | 0.742 | 0.861 | 43 | 74 | 0.696 | 0.863 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.353 | 0.007 | 0.019 | 0.002 | 0.046 | 7 | 12 | 0.340 | 0.367 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.628 | 0.077 | 0.123 | 2.757 | 1.660 | 64 | 109 | 0.473 | 0.782 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.033 | 0.019 | 0.565 | 1.175 | 1.084 | 64 | 109 | 0.000 | 0.070 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 169 | 289 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.21: SAMPLING ERRORS: TRONGSA
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r + 2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.948 | 0.011 | 0.012 | 1.988 | 1.410 | 1510 | 768 | 0.925 | 0.971 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.509 | 0.040 | 0.079 | 5.015 | 2.240 | 1510 | 768 | 0.429 | 0.590 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.945 | 0.014 | 0.014 | 2.084 | 1.444 | 234 | 581 | 0.918 | 0.972 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.502 | 0.050 | 0.099 | 4.472 | 2.115 | 188 | 454 | 0.403 | 0.601 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.304 | 0.025 | 0.083 | 2.679 | 1.637 | 359 | 890 | 0.254 | 0.355 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.060 | 0.009 | 0.159 | 2.293 | 1.514 | 581 | 1432 | 0.041 | 0.079 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | . | 1 | 1 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.853 | 0.033 | 0.039 | 3.306 | 1.818 | 154 | 380 | 0.787 | 0.919 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.052 | 0.010 | 0.197 | 1.458 | 1.208 | 294 | 692 | 0.031 | 0.072 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.187 | 0.038 | 0.202 | 1.034 | 1.017 | 47 | 111 | 0.111 | 0.262 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.684 | 0.023 | 0.034 | 1.213 | 1.101 | 209 | 495 | 0.638 | 0.730 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.101 | 0.014 | 0.135 | 1.008 | 1.004 | 209 | 495 | 0.074 | 0.128 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.976 | 0.018 | 0.019 | 1.673 | 1.293 | 50 | 123 | 0.939 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.732 | 0.050 | 0.068 | 1.531 | 1.237 | 50 | 123 | 0.633 | 0.831 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.480 | 0.071 | 0.148 | 2.465 | 1.570 | 50 | 123 | 0.338 | 0.622 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.455 | 0.073 | 0.160 | 2.613 | 1.616 | 50 | 123 | 0.309 | 0.600 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.075 | 0.033 | 0.439 | 1.910 | 1.382 | 50 | 123 | 0.009 | 0.141 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.537 | 0.057 | 0.105 | 2.424 | 1.557 | 81 | 189 | 0.424 | 0.650 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.310 | 0.029 | 0.095 | 2.487 | 1.577 | 259 | 614 | 0.251 | 0.369 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.218 | 0.033 | 0.151 | 1.195 | 1.093 | 81 | 189 | 0.152 | 0.283 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.565 | 0.025 | 0.044 | 1.760 | 1.327 | 294 | 692 | 0.515 | 0.615 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.302 | 0.032 | 0.106 | 2.999 | 1.732 | 264 | 623 | 0.238 | 0.366 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.081 | 0.012 | 0.154 | 1.446 | 1.203 | 294 | 692 | 0.056 | 0.106 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.049 | 0.024 | 0.497 | 1.178 | 1.085 | 40 | 93 | 0.000 | 0.098 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.061 | 0.024 | 0.391 | 1.865 | 1.366 | 81 | 189 | 0.013 | 0.109 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.554 | 0.097 | 0.176 | 0.307 | 0.554 | 3 | 9 | 0.359 | 0.749 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1 a | 0.103 | 0.020 | 0.197 | 1.379 | 1.174 | 130 | 312 | 0.062 | 0.143 |  |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2 a | 0.272 | 0.038 | 0.138 | 2.189 | 1.480 | 129 | 309 | 0.197 | 0.347 |  |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3 a | 0.026 | 0.010 | 0.396 | 1.303 | 1.141 | 130 | 313 | 0.005 | 0.047 |  |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.242 | 0.074 | 0.307 | 1.056 | 1.028 | 15 | 36 | 0.093 | 0.391 |  |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.612 | 0.043 | 0.070 | 1.003 | 1.001 | 53 | 131 | 0.526 | 0.697 |  |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.234 | 0.024 | 0.102 | 1.010 | 1.005 | 133 | 321 | 0.186 | 0.281 |  |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.033 | 0.010 | 0.309 | 1.040 | 1.020 | 133 | 321 | 0.013 | 0.053 |  |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.670 | 0.050 | 0.075 | 0.883 | 0.940 | 31 | 78 | 0.570 | 0.771 |  |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.647 | 0.023 | 0.036 | 0.021 | 0.147 | 4 | 10 | 0.600 | 0.694 |  |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.578 | 0.048 | 0.083 | 1.182 | 1.087 | 53 | 125 | 0.482 | 0.675 |  |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.110 | 0.035 | 0.315 | 1.523 | 1.234 | 53 | 125 | 0.041 | 0.179 |  |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | . | . | 133 | 321 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.22: SAMPLING ERRORS: TSIRANG
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS <br> Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r + 2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.958 | 0.011 | 0.012 | 2.500 | 1.581 | 2208 | 769 | 0.935 | 0.981 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.639 | 0.023 | 0.036 | 1.719 | 1.311 | 2208 | 769 | 0.594 | 0.685 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.925 | 0.014 | 0.016 | 1.611 | 1.269 | 331 | 547 | 0.896 | 0.953 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.489 | 0.026 | 0.054 | 1.288 | 1.135 | 278 | 464 | 0.437 | 0.542 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.252 | 0.024 | 0.095 | 2.347 | 1.532 | 464 | 770 | 0.204 | 0.300 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.037 | 0.008 | 0.226 | 2.584 | 1.608 | 797 | 1312 | 0.020 | 0.054 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 1 | 1 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.938 | 0.016 | 0.018 | 1.543 | 1.242 | 196 | 331 | 0.905 | 0.971 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.049 | 0.006 | 0.123 | 0.610 | 0.781 | 463 | 793 | 0.037 | 0.061 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.172 | 0.030 | 0.175 | 0.833 | 0.913 | 80 | 132 | 0.112 | 0.232 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.728 | 0.024 | 0.032 | 1.604 | 1.266 | 333 | 570 | 0.680 | 0.775 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.078 | 0.015 | 0.189 | 1.725 | 1.314 | 333 | 570 | 0.049 | 0.108 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.993 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.779 | 0.883 | 62 | 105 | 0.978 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.798 | 0.051 | 0.064 | 1.699 | 1.304 | 62 | 105 | 0.695 | 0.901 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.732 | 0.051 | 0.069 | 1.356 | 1.164 | 62 | 105 | 0.631 | 0.833 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.731 | 0.048 | 0.065 | 1.203 | 1.097 | 62 | 105 | 0.635 | 0.826 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.058 | 0.026 | 0.447 | 1.284 | 1.133 | 62 | 105 | 0.006 | 0.110 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.502 | 0.042 | 0.084 | 2.001 | 1.415 | 169 | 284 | 0.418 | 0.586 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.344 | 0.016 | 0.046 | 0.724 | 0.851 | 374 | 641 | 0.312 | 0.376 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.200 | 0.031 | 0.158 | 1.757 | 1.325 | 169 | 284 | 0.137 | 0.263 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.430 | 0.024 | 0.057 | 1.924 | 1.387 | 463 | 793 | 0.382 | 0.479 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.296 | 0.023 | 0.079 | 1.211 | 1.100 | 269 | 459 | 0.249 | 0.343 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.080 | 0.010 | 0.127 | 1.114 | 1.056 | 463 | 793 | 0.060 | 0.100 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.170 | 0.044 | 0.259 | 1.425 | 1.194 | 63 | 104 | 0.082 | 0.259 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.017 | 0.007 | 0.419 | 0.855 | 0.925 | 169 | 284 | 0.003 | 0.031 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | . | 1 | 1 | 0.000 | 0.000 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1a | 0.129 | 0.033 | 0.256 | 2.725 | 1.651 | 178 | 282 | 0.063 | 0.195 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2a | 0.284 | 0.033 | 0.115 | 1.465 | 1.211 | 175 | 279 | 0.219 | 0.350 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3a | 0.053 | 0.015 | 0.287 | 1.332 | 1.154 | 181 | 288 | 0.023 | 0.084 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.413 | 0.107 | 0.259 | 1.508 | 1.228 | 20 | 33 | 0.199 | 0.626 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.590 | 0.070 | 0.118 | 2.168 | 1.472 | 68 | 109 | 0.451 | 0.729 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.212 | 0.025 | 0.120 | 1.135 | 1.065 | 186 | 296 | 0.161 | 0.262 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.084 | 0.016 | 0.188 | 0.961 | 0.980 | 186 | 296 | 0.053 | 0.116 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.538 | 0.097 | 0.181 | 2.318 | 1.523 | 39 | 62 | 0.343 | 0.732 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.206 | 0.101 | 0.490 | 1.556 | 1.247 | 16 | 26 | 0.004 | 0.407 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.571 | 0.068 | 0.119 | 2.087 | 1.445 | 70 | 112 | 0.435 | 0.706 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.063 | 0.027 | 0.424 | 1.351 | 1.162 | 70 | 112 | 0.010 | 0.117 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 186 | 296 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.23: SAMPLING ERRORS: WANGDUE
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan,
2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | $\mathrm{r}+2 \mathrm{se}$ |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.900 | 0.026 | 0.029 | 5.738 | 2.395 | 2841 | 741 | 0.848 | 0.953 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.654 | 0.035 | 0.053 | 3.909 | 1.977 | 2841 | 741 | 0.585 | 0.723 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.859 | 0.039 | 0.045 | 6.674 | 2.583 | 430 | 531 | 0.781 | 0.937 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.416 | 0.031 | 0.074 | 1.588 | 1.260 | 331 | 411 | 0.354 | 0.477 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.157 | 0.017 | 0.107 | 1.585 | 1.259 | 599 | 742 | 0.123 | 0.190 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.068 | 0.014 | 0.209 | 3.966 | 1.992 | 1030 | 1255 | 0.039 | 0.096 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 2 | 4 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.847 | 0.035 | 0.041 | 2.931 | 1.712 | 254 | 315 | 0.777 | 0.916 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.051 | 0.009 | 0.170 | 1.012 | 1.006 | 562 | 654 | 0.033 | 0.068 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.144 | 0.033 | 0.227 | 0.960 | 0.980 | 99 | 112 | 0.078 | 0.209 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.652 | 0.026 | 0.040 | 1.342 | 1.158 | 394 | 446 | 0.600 | 0.705 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.112 | 0.013 | 0.120 | 0.811 | 0.900 | 394 | 446 | 0.085 | 0.139 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.993 | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.833 | 0.913 | 103 | 119 | 0.979 | 1.000 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.726 | 0.035 | 0.049 | 0.740 | 0.860 | 103 | 119 | 0.656 | 0.797 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.603 | 0.051 | 0.084 | 1.268 | 1.126 | 103 | 119 | 0.502 | 0.705 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.594 | 0.055 | 0.093 | 1.482 | 1.217 | 103 | 119 | 0.483 | 0.704 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.120 | 0.034 | 0.280 | 1.264 | 1.124 | 103 | 119 | 0.053 | 0.187 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.346 | 0.037 | 0.107 | 1.122 | 1.059 | 164 | 186 | 0.272 | 0.420 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.261 | 0.019 | 0.072 | 1.051 | 1.025 | 498 | 580 | 0.224 | 0.298 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.043 | 0.012 | 0.275 | 0.623 | 0.789 | 164 | 186 | 0.019 | 0.066 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.623 | 0.021 | 0.034 | 1.268 | 1.126 | 562 | 654 | 0.580 | 0.665 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.296 | 0.020 | 0.067 | 1.017 | 1.009 | 466 | 542 | 0.256 | 0.335 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.071 | 0.011 | 0.148 | 1.099 | 1.048 | 562 | 654 | 0.050 | 0.092 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.101 | 0.019 | 0.189 | 0.371 | 0.609 | 85 | 94 | 0.063 | 0.139 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.011 | 0.008 | 0.716 | 1.079 | 1.039 | 164 | 186 | 0.000 | 0.027 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.700 | 0.003 | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.018 | 5 | 7 | 0.693 | 0.706 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1 a | 0.110 | 0.020 | 0.184 | 1.156 | 1.075 | 237 | 277 | 0.070 | 0.151 |  |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2 a | 0.287 | 0.047 | 0.165 | 2.951 | 1.718 | 231 | 271 | 0.192 | 0.382 |  |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3 a | 0.037 | 0.010 | 0.276 | 0.820 | 0.905 | 237 | 278 | 0.017 | 0.058 |  |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.500 | 0.064 | 0.127 | 0.323 | 0.568 | 17 | 21 | 0.373 | 0.628 |  |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.762 | 0.045 | 0.059 | 1.341 | 1.158 | 102 | 121 | 0.672 | 0.852 |  |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.363 | 0.039 | 0.107 | 2.010 | 1.418 | 261 | 307 | 0.285 | 0.441 |  |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.033 | 0.012 | 0.350 | 1.281 | 1.132 | 261 | 307 | 0.010 | 0.056 |  |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.711 | 0.033 | 0.047 | 0.573 | 0.757 | 95 | 108 | 0.645 | 0.778 |  |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.427 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 9 | 11 | 0.427 | 0.427 |  |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.352 | 0.034 | 0.097 | 0.615 | 0.784 | 105 | 122 | 0.284 | 0.420 |  |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.078 | 0.026 | 0.333 | 1.135 | 1.065 | 105 | 122 | 0.026 | 0.130 |  |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | . | . | 261 | 307 | 1.000 | 1.000 |

TABLE SE.24: SAMPLING ERRORS: ZHEMGANG
Standard errors, coefficients of variation, design effects (deff), square root of design effects (deft) and confidence intervals for selected indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | MICS Indicator | Value (r) | Standard error (se) | Coefficient of variation (se/r) | Design effect (deff) | Square root of design effect (deft) | Weighted count | Unweighted count | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | r-2se | r +2 se |
| HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use of improved drinking water sources | 4.1 | 0.910 | 0.030 | 0.033 | 8.181 | 2.860 | 1800 | 767 | 0.850 | 0.969 |
| Use of improved sanitation facilities | 4.3 | 0.405 | 0.056 | 0.138 | 9.897 | 3.146 | 1800 | 767 | 0.293 | 0.516 |
| Primary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.4 | 0.901 | 0.016 | 0.017 | 1.637 | 1.279 | 267 | 602 | 0.870 | 0.933 |
| Secondary school net attendance ratio (adjusted) | 7.5 | 0.583 | 0.033 | 0.056 | 2.033 | 1.426 | 199 | 457 | 0.517 | 0.649 |
| Child labour | 8.2 | 0.248 | 0.021 | 0.085 | 2.183 | 1.478 | 406 | 920 | 0.206 | 0.290 |
| Prevalence of children with at least one parent dead | 9.18 | 0.071 | 0.011 | 0.150 | 2.585 | 1.608 | 664 | 1503 | 0.049 | 0.092 |
| School attendance of orphans | 9.19 | 1.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | . | . | 1 | 1 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| School attendance of non-orphans | 9.2 | 0.899 | 0.018 | 0.020 | 1.402 | 1.184 | 182 | 413 | 0.864 | 0.934 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant women | - | 0.051 | 0.007 | 0.143 | 0.764 | 0.874 | 331 | 698 | 0.036 | 0.065 |
| Early childbearing | 5.2 | 0.208 | 0.032 | 0.156 | 0.849 | 0.921 | 63 | 134 | 0.143 | 0.273 |
| Contraceptive prevalence | 5.3 | 0.607 | 0.023 | 0.037 | 1.195 | 1.093 | 262 | 554 | 0.561 | 0.652 |
| Unmet need | 5.4 | 0.143 | 0.015 | 0.102 | 0.957 | 0.978 | 262 | 554 | 0.114 | 0.172 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least once by skilled personnel | 5.5a | 0.919 | 0.026 | 0.028 | 1.459 | 1.208 | 82 | 168 | 0.867 | 0.970 |
| Antenatal care coverage - at least four times by any provider | 5.5b | 0.582 | 0.063 | 0.108 | 2.712 | 1.647 | 82 | 168 | 0.457 | 0.708 |
| Skilled attendant at delivery | 5.7 | 0.377 | 0.048 | 0.128 | 1.663 | 1.290 | 82 | 168 | 0.280 | 0.474 |
| Institutional deliveries | 5.8 | 0.369 | 0.049 | 0.132 | 1.693 | 1.301 | 82 | 168 | 0.271 | 0.466 |
| Caesarean section | 5.9 | 0.037 | 0.014 | 0.387 | 0.956 | 0.978 | 82 | 168 | 0.008 | 0.065 |
| Literacy rate among young women | 7.1 | 0.401 | 0.037 | 0.093 | 1.292 | 1.137 | 105 | 222 | 0.326 | 0.476 |
| Marriage before age 18 | 8.7 | 0.339 | 0.019 | 0.057 | 1.022 | 1.011 | 288 | 610 | 0.300 | 0.378 |
| Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | 9.2 | 0.249 | 0.021 | 0.085 | 0.537 | 0.733 | 105 | 222 | 0.207 | 0.292 |
| Knowledge of mother- to-child transmission of HIV | 9.3 | 0.817 | 0.021 | 0.026 | 2.072 | 1.440 | 331 | 698 | 0.775 | 0.859 |
| Accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV | 9.4 | 0.192 | 0.016 | 0.081 | 1.044 | 1.022 | 316 | 669 | 0.161 | 0.223 |
| Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.6 | 0.067 | 0.014 | 0.210 | 2.207 | 1.486 | 331 | 698 | 0.039 | 0.095 |
| Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | 9.7 | 0.084 | 0.021 | 0.248 | 0.723 | 0.850 | 61 | 129 | 0.043 | 0.126 |
| Sex before age 15 among young women | 9.11 | 0.066 | 0.016 | 0.247 | 0.944 | 0.972 | 105 | 222 | 0.033 | 0.098 |
| Condom use with non-regular partners | 9.16 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 0.000 | 0.000 |


| UNDER-5s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Underweight prevalence | 2.1 a | 0.159 | 0.024 | 0.149 | 1.574 | 1.255 | 165 | 378 | 0.112 | 0.206 |
| Stunting prevalence | 2.2 a | 0.428 | 0.036 | 0.083 | 1.869 | 1.367 | 158 | 363 | 0.357 | 0.499 |
| Wasting prevalence | 2.3 a | 0.088 | 0.017 | 0.189 | 1.228 | 1.108 | 156 | 357 | 0.055 | 0.121 |
| Exclusive breasteeding under 6 months | 2.6 | 0.392 | 0.075 | 0.191 | 0.988 | 0.994 | 20 | 43 | 0.242 | 0.542 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding | 2.14 | 0.687 | 0.043 | 0.063 | 1.489 | 1.220 | 76 | 171 | 0.600 | 0.774 |
| Diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.287 | 0.018 | 0.064 | 0.661 | 0.813 | 175 | 402 | 0.250 | 0.324 |
| Illness with a cough in the previous 2 weeks | - | 0.190 | 0.020 | 0.107 | 1.085 | 1.042 | 175 | 402 | 0.149 | 0.231 |
| Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | 3.8 | 0.807 | 0.060 | 0.074 | 2.556 | 1.599 | 50 | 111 | 0.687 | 0.928 |
| Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | 3.1 | 0.754 | 0.077 | 0.102 | 2.381 | 1.543 | 33 | 76 | 0.601 | 0.908 |
| Support for learning | 6.1 | 0.442 | 0.050 | 0.112 | 1.340 | 1.158 | 57 | 135 | 0.342 | 0.541 |
| Attendance to early childhood education | 6.7 | 0.045 | 0.021 | 0.462 | 1.352 | 1.163 | 57 | 135 | 0.003 | 0.087 |
| Birth registration | 8.1 | 0.998 | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.958 | 0.979 | 175 | 402 | 0.993 | 1.000 |

## Appendix D. Data Quality Tables

TABLE DQ.1: AGE DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSEHOLD POPULATION
Single-year age distribution of household population by sex,Bhutan, 2010


TABLE DQ.2: AGE DISTRIBUTION OF ELIGIBLE AND INTERVIEWED WOMEN
Household population of women age 10-54, interviewed women age 15-49, and percentage of eligible women who were interviewed, by fiveyear age groups, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Household population of women age $10-54$ | Interviewed women age 15-49 |  | Percentage of eligible women interviewed (Completion rate) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Number | Percent |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 10-14 | 4181 | . | . | . |
| 15-19 | 3181 | 2160 | 14.8 | 67.9 |
| 20-24 | 3187 | 2614 | 17.9 | 82 |
| 25-29 | 3065 | 2846 | 19.5 | 92.9 |
| 30-34 | 2512 | 2313 | 15.9 | 92.1 |
| 35-39 | 2068 | 1930 | 13.2 | 93.3 |
| 40-44 | 1729 | 1606 | 11 | 92.9 |
| 45-49 | 1280 | 1126 | 7.7 | 88 |
| 50-54 | 1873 | . | . | . |
| Total (15-49) | 17022 | 14595 | 100 | 85.7 |

## TABLE DQ.3: AGE DISTRIBUTION OF UNDER-FIVES IN HOUSEHOLD AND UNDER-FIVE QUESTIONNAIRES

Household population of children age 0-7, children age 0-4 whose mothers/caretakers were interviewed, and percentage of under-five children whose mothers/caretakers were interviewed, by single ages, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Household population of children $0-7$ years | Interviewed under-five children |  | Percentage of eligible underfives interviewed (Completion rate) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Number | Percent |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1282 | 1238 | 19.5 | 96.6 |
| 1 | 1272 | 1243 | 19.6 | 97.8 |
| 2 | 1383 | 1351 | 21.3 | 97.7 |
| 3 | 1309 | 1279 | 20.1 | 97.7 |
| 4 | 1268 | 1243 | 19.6 | 98 |
| 5 | 1557 | . | . | . |
| 6 | 1574 | . | . | . |
| 7 | 1452 | . | . | . |
| Total (0-4) | 6514 | 6355 | 100 | 97.6 |

TABLE DQ.4: WOMEN'S COMPLETION RATES BY SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSEHOLDS
Household population of women age 15-49, interviewed women age 15-49, and percentage of eligible women who were interviewed, by selected social and economic characteristics of the household, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Household population of women age 15-49 years |  | Interviewed women age 15-49 years |  | Percent of eligible women interviewed (Completion rates) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 411 | 2.4 | 338 | 2.3 | 82.1 |
| Chukha | 1890 | 11.1 | 1709 | 11.7 | 90.4 |
| Dagana | 620 | 3.6 | 516 | 3.5 | 83.2 |
| Gasa | 125 | . 7 | 72 | . 5 | 57.7 |
| Haa | 343 | 2 | 294 | 2 | 85.7 |
| Lhuntse | 371 | 2.2 | 303 | 2.1 | 81.8 |
| Mongar | 1123 | 6.6 | 925 | 6.3 | 82.4 |
| Paro | 971 | 5.7 | 813 | 5.6 | 83.7 |
| Pemagatshel | 602 | 3.5 | 432 | 3 | 71.8 |
| Punakha | 616 | 3.6 | 511 | 3.5 | 83 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 934 | 5.5 | 723 | 5 | 77.4 |
| Samtse | 1882 | 11.1 | 1681 | 11.5 | 89.3 |
| Sarpang | 1116 | 6.6 | 1002 | 6.9 | 89.8 |
| Thimphu | 2501 | 14.7 | 2325 | 15.9 | 93 |
| Trashigang | 1144 | 6.7 | 988 | 6.8 | 86.4 |
| Trashiyangtse | 366 | 2.2 | 346 | 2.4 | 94.5 |
| Trongsa | 356 | 2.1 | 287 | 2 | 80.5 |
| Tsirang | 563 | 3.3 | 487 | 3.3 | 86.5 |
| Wangdi | 687 | 4 | 538 | 3.7 | 78.4 |
| Zhemgang | 399 | 2.3 | 305 | 2.1 | 76.4 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5399 | 31.7 | 4939 | 33.8 | 91.5 |
| Rural | 11624 | 68.3 | 9656 | 66.2 | 83.1 |
| Household size |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-3 | 10121 | 59.5 | 2407 | 16.5 | 90.6 |
| 4-6 | 5653 | 33.2 | 8576 | 58.8 | 88.1 |
| 7+ | 1248 | 7.3 | 3612 | 24.7 | 78.1 |
| Education of household head |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | 10505 | 61.7 | 8721 | 59.8 | 83 |
| Primary | 2674 | 15.7 | 2356 | 16.1 | 88.1 |
| Secondary + | 3839 | 22.6 | 3516 | 24.1 | 91.6 |
| Missing/DK | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 52.5 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 2996 | 17.6 | 2421 | 16.6 | 80.8 |
| Second | 3069 | 18 | 2538 | 17.4 | 82.7 |
| Middle | 3236 | 19 | 2715 | 18.6 | 83.9 |
| Fourth | 3616 | 21.2 | 3230 | 22.1 | 89.3 |
| Richest | 4106 | 24.1 | 3692 | 25.3 | 89.9 |
| Total | 17022 | 100 | 14595 | 100 | 85.7 |

TABLE DQ.5: COMPLETION RATES FOR UNDER-FIVE QUESTIONNAIRES BY SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSEHOLDS
Household population of under-five children, under-five questionnaires completed, and percentage of under-five children for whom interviews were completed, by selected socio-economic characteristics of the household, Bhutan, 2010


TABLE DQ.6: COMPLETENESS OF REPORTING
Percentage of observations that are missing information for selected questions and indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent with missing/incomplete information* | Number of cases |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Age | .0 | 68351 |
| Starting time of interview | .0 | 14676 |
| Ending time of interview | .0 | 14676 |

TABLE DQ.6: COMPLETENESS OF REPORTING
Percentage of observations that are missing information for selected questions and indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent with missing/incomplete information* | Number of cases |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Woman's date of birth: Only month | 38.4 |  |  |
| Woman's date of birth: Both month and year |  | 0.9 | 14018 |
| Date of first birth: Only month | 20.7 | 14018 |  |
| Date of first birth: Both month and year | 4.1 | 10132 |  |
| Completed years since first birth | .0 | 10132 |  |
| Date of last birth: Only month | 8.9 | 420 |  |
| Date of last birth: Both month and year | 0.1 | 10132 |  |
| Date of first marriage/union: Only month | 31.4 | 10132 |  |
| Date of first marriage/union: Both month and year | 41.8 | 10939 |  |
| Age at first marriage/union | .0 | 10939 |  |
| Age at first intercourse | 0.1 | 10939 |  |
| Time since last intercourse | .0 | 2082 |  |
| Starting time of interview | .0 | 2082 |  |
| Ending time of interview | .0 | 14018 |  |

## TABLE DQ.6: COMPLETENESS OF REPORTING

Percentage of observations that are missing information for selected questions and indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Percent with missing/incomplete <br> information* | Number of cases |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Date of birth: Only month | 1.1 |  |
| Date of birth: Both month and year | 6 | 6297 |
| Anthropometric measurements: Weight | 2.2 | 6297 |
| Anthropometric measurements: Height | 3.0 | 6297 |
| Anthropometric measurements: Both weight and height | 2.0 | 6297 |
| Starting time of interview | .0 | 6 |
| Ending time of interview |  | 6297 |

TABLE DQ.7: COMPLETENESS OF INFORMATION FOR ANTHROPOMETRIC INDICATORS
Distribution of children under-five by completeness of information for anthropometric indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Valid weight and date of birth | Reason for exclusion from analysis |  |  |  | Total | Percent of children excluded from analysis | Number of children under-five |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Weight not measured | Incomplete date of birth | Weight not measured, incomplete date of birth | Flagged cases (outliers) |  |  |  |
| Weight by age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<6$ months | 97.2 | . 2 | . 2 | 0 | 2.5 | 100 | 2.8 | 608 |
| 6-11 months | 98.1 | . 2 | . 2 | 0 | 1.6 | 100 | 1.9 | w640 |
| 12-23 months | 96.9 | . 2 | . 5 | 0 | 2.5 | 100 | 3.1 | 1288 |
| 24-35 months | 96.2 | . 2 | . 7 | 0 | 2.9 | 100 | 3.8 | 1339 |
| 36-47 months | 94.8 | . 1 | 2.1 | 0 | 3.1 | 100 | 5.2 | 1278 |
| 48-59 months | 93.8 | . 1 | 2.7 | 0 | 3.4 | 100 | 6.2 | 1144 |
| Total | 95.9 | . 1 | 1.2 | 0 | 2.8 | 100 | 4.1 | 6297 |

TABLE DQ.7: COMPLETENESS OF INFORMATION FOR ANTHROPOMETRIC INDICATORS
Distribution of children under-five by completeness of information for anthropometric indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Valid height and date of birth | Reason for exclusion from analysis |  |  |  | Total | Percent of children excluded from analysis | Number of children under-five |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Height not measured | Incomplete date of birth | Height not measured, incomplete date of birth | Flagged cases (outliers) |  |  |  |
| Height by age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<6$ months | 87.5 | 2.5 | . 2 | . 0 | 9.9 | 100 | 12.5 | 608 |
| 6-11 months | 93.6 | . 9 | . 2 | . 0 | 5.3 | 100 | 6.4 | 640 |
| 12-23 months | 92.0 | 1.1 | . 5 | . 0 | 6.4 | 100 | 8.0 | 1288 |
| 24-35 months | 91.5 | 1.2 | . 7 | . 0 | 6.6 | 100 | 8.5 | 1339 |
| 36-47 months | 92.3 | . 8 | 2.1 | . 0 | 4.9 | 100 | 7.7 | 1278 |
| 48-59 months | 91.7 | . 5 | 2.7 | . 0 | 5.1 | 100 | 8.3 | 1144 |
| Total | 91.6 | 1.1 | 1.2 | . 0 | 6.1 | 100 | 8.4 | 6297 |

## TABLE DQ.7: COMPLETENESS OF INFORMATION FOR ANTHROPOMETRIC INDICATORS

Distribution of children under-five by completeness of information for anthropometric indicators, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Valid weight and height | Reason for exclusion from analysis |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Percent of children excluded from analysis | Number of children under-five |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Weight not measured | Height not measured | Incomplete date of birth | Weight not measured, incomplete date of birth | Height not measured, incomplete date of birth | Weight and height not measured, incomplete date of birth | Flagged cases (outliers) |  |  |  |
| Weight by height |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<6$ months | 83.7 | . 2 | 2.5 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 13.5 | 100 | 16.3 | 608 |
| 6-11 months | 92.2 | . 2 | . 9 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 6.6 | 100 | 7.8 | 640 |
| 12-23 months | 92.9 | . 2 | 1.1 | . 5 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.4 | 100 | 7.1 | 1288 |
| 24-35 months | 92.8 | . 1 | 1.1 | . 7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.3 | 100 | 7.2 | 1339 |
| 36-47 months | 92 | . 1 | . 8 | 2.1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 5.0 | 100 | 8.0 | 1278 |
| 48-59 months | 92.4 | . 1 | . 5 | 2.7 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 4.3 | 100 | 7.6 | 1144 |
| Total | 91.6 | . 1 | 1.0 | 1.2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 6.0 | 100 | 8.4 | 6297 |

TABLE DQ.8: HEAPING IN ANTHROPOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS
Distribution of weight and height/length measurements by digits reported for decimals, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Weight |  | Height |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Digits |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1336 | 21.8 | 2477 | 40.3 |
| 1 | 564 | 9.2 | 355 | 5.8 |
| 2 | 598 | 9.7 | 575 | 9.4 |
| 3 | 535 | 8.7 | 518 | 8.4 |
| 4 | 510 | 8.3 | 433 | 7.0 |
| 5 | 703 | 11.5 | 779 | 12.7 |
| 6 | 514 | 8.4 | 286 | 4.7 |
| 7 | 477 | 7.8 | 232 | 3.8 |
| 8 | 447 | 7.3 | 195 | 3.2 |
| 9 | 453 | 7.4 | 295 | 4.8 |
| 0 or 5 | 2039 | 33.2 | 3256 | 53 |
| Total | 6137 | 100 | 6145 | 100 |

TABLE DQ.9: OBSERVATION PLACES FOR HAND WASHING
Percentage of places for handwashing observed by the interviewer in all interviewed households, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Observation of places for handwashing: Observed | Place for handwashing not in dwelling | No permission to see | Other | Total | Number of households interviewed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | 92.5 | 7.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 769 |
| Chukha | 98.9 | . 4 | . 0 | . 7 | 100.0 | 749 |
| Dagana | 99.2 | . 8 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 748 |
| Gasa | 98.9 | . 6 | . 0 | . 6 | 100.0 | 180 |
| Haa | 85.5 | 14.5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 764 |
| Lhuntse | 99.5 | . 4 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 761 |
| Mongar | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 772 |
| Paro | 99.4 | . 6 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 778 |
| Pemagatshel | 99.1 | . 8 | . 0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 755 |
| Punakha | 91.2 | 2.2 | . 1 | 6.5 | 100.0 | 782 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 100.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 739 |
| Samtse | 99.5 | . 5 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 790 |
| Sarpang | 98.0 | . 9 | . 4 | . 7 | 100.0 | 765 |
| Thimphu | 99.9 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 763 |
| Trashigang | 96.0 | 3.6 | . 4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 755 |
| Trashiyangtse | 74.5 | 25.0 | . 0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 761 |
| Trongsa | 98.7 | 1.3 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 768 |
| Tsirang | 99.0 | 1.0 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 769 |
| Wangde | 98.9 | . 9 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 741 |
| Zhemgang | 99.2 | . 8 | . 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 767 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 98.8 | 1.0 | . 1 | . 1 | 100.0 | 3142 |
| Rural | 95.6 | 3.8 | . 1 | . 5 | 100.0 | 11534 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 95.3 | 4.4 | . 1 | . 3 | 100.0 | 3103 |
| Second | 94.3 | 5.0 | . 1 | . 6 | 100.0 | 3270 |
| Middle | 95.5 | 3.8 | . 1 | . 6 | 100.0 | 3251 |
| Fourth | 98.1 | 1.4 | . 0 | . 5 | 100.0 | 2811 |
| Richest | 99.4 | . 4 | . 0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 2241 |
| Total | 96.3 | 3.2 | . 1 | . 5 | 100.0 | 14676 |

## TABLE DQ.10: OBSERVATION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH CARDS

Percent distribution of women with a live birth in the last 2 years by presence of a health card,and the percentage of health cards seen by the interviewers, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Woman does not have health card | Woman has health card |  | Missing/DK | Total | Percent of health cards seen by the interviewer (1)/$(1+2) * 100$ | Number of women with a live birth in the last two years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Seen by the interviewer (1) | Not seen by the interviewer (2) |  |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | . 0 | 49.7 | 50.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 49.7 | 163 |
| Chukha | . 0 | 86.2 | 13.8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 86.2 | 123 |
| Dagana | . 7 | 91.3 | 8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 92 | 138 |
| Gasa | 13.5 | 75.7 | 10.8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 87.5 | 37 |
| Haa | 0.9 | 99.1 | 0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 100 | 114 |
| Lhuntse | 7.4 | 71.3 | 21.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 77 | 94 |
| Mongar | 3.3 | 76.2 | 20.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 78.8 | 151 |
| Paro | . 0 | 78.3 | 21.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 78.3 | 138 |
| Pemagatshel | . 0 | 69.5 | 30.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 69.5 | 105 |
| Punakha | 1.9 | 78.8 | 19.2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 80.4 | 156 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | 1.5 | 89 | 9.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 90.3 | 136 |
| Samtse | 3.4 | 83.9 | 12.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 86.8 | 118 |
| Sarpang | . 0 | 83.9 | 16.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 83.9 | 124 |
| Thimphu | 2.3 | 68.8 | 28.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 70.4 | 128 |
| Trashigang | 1.8 | 65.5 | 32.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 110 |
| Trashiyangtse | 1.7 | 76.5 | 21.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 77.9 | 115 |
| Trongsa | . 0 | 71.5 | 26.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 72.7 | 123 |
| Tsirang | . 0 | 89.5 | 10.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 89.5 | 105 |
| Wangdi | . 0 | 81.5 | 18.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 81.5 | 119 |
| Zhemgang | 2.4 | 81 | 16.1 | . 6 | 100.0 | 83.4 | 168 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | . 7 | 77.7 | 21.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 78.3 | 557 |
| Rural | 1.8 | 78.3 | 19.7 | . 2 | 100.0 | 79.9 | 1908 |
| Wealth index quintiles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poorest | 3.5 | 77.1 | 19.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 79.9 | 511 |
| Second | 2.1 | 79.2 | 18.4 | . 4 | 100.0 | 81.2 | 533 |
| Middle | . 9 | 77 | 22 | . 0 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 527 |
| Fourth | . 6 | 83.2 | 16 | . 2 | 100.0 | 83.9 | 495 |
| Richest | . 5 | 73.4 | 26.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 73.8 | 399 |
| Total | 1.6 | 78.2 | 20.1 | . 1 | 100.0 | 79.5 | 2465 |

TABLE DQ.11: OBSERVATION OF UNDER-FIVES BIRTH CERTIFICATES
Percent distribution of children under-five by presence of birth certificates, and percentage of birth calendar seen, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Child does not have birth certificate | Child has birth certificate |  | Missing/DK | Total | Percent of birth certificates seen by the interviewer (1)/$(1+2) * 100$ | Number of children under age 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Seen by the interviewer (1) | Not seen by the interviewer (2) |  |  |  |  |
| Dzongkhag |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bumthang | . 2 | 53.3 | 46.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 53.4 | 415 |
| Chukha | . 0 | 80.9 | 19.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 80.9 | 330 |
| Dagana | . 3 | 88.7 | 11.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 88.9 | 326 |
| Gasa | 8.7 | 85.5 | 5.8 | . 0 | 100.0 | 93.7 | 69 |
| Haa | . 0 | 86.6 | 13.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 86.6 | 313 |
| Lhuntse | . 4 | 67.0 | 32.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 67.3 | 264 |
| Mongar | . 0 | 78.4 | 21.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 78.4 | 379 |
| Paro | . 3 | 75.0 | 24.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 328 |
| Pemagatshel | . 0 | 74.6 | 25.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 74.6 | 276 |
| Punakha | . 3 | 73.5 | 25.9 | . 3 | 100.0 | 73.9 | 343 |
| Samdrup jongkhar | . 0 | 86.4 | 13.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 86.4 | 360 |
| Samtse | . 6 | 87.5 | 11.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 88.0 | 360 |
| Sarpang | . 0 | 77.9 | 22.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 77.9 | 307 |
| Thimphu | . 0 | 86.5 | 13.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 86.5 | 312 |
| Trashigang | . 0 | 66.7 | 33.3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 300 |
| Trashiyangtse | . 3 | 76.1 | 23.5 | . 0 | 100.0 | 76.4 | 289 |
| Trongsa | . 3 | 72.3 | 27.4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 72.5 | 321 |
| Tsirang | . 0 | 83.1 | 16.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 296 |
| Wangdue | . 7 | 80.5 | 18.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 81.0 | 307 |
| Zhemgang | 1.2 | 71.9 | 26.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 72.8 | 402 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | . 1 | 79.2 | 20.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 79.3 | 1367 |
| Rural | . 4 | 76.5 | 23.1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 76.8 | 4930 |
| Child's age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | . 9 | 82.4 | 16.7 | . 0 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 1244 |
| 1 | . 1 | 80.9 | 19.0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 81.0 | 1287 |
| 2 | . 4 | 78.7 | 20.9 | . 0 | 100.0 | 79.0 | 1343 |
| 3 | . 3 | 71.0 | 28.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 71.3 | 1274 |
| 4 | . 1 | 71.9 | 28.0 | . 0 | 100.0 | 72.0 | 1149 |
| Total | . 3 | 77.1 | 22.6 | . 0 | 100.0 | 77.4 | 6297 |

TABLE DQ.13: PRESENCE OF MOTHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND THE PERSON INTERVIEWED FOR THE UNDER-FIVE QUESTIONNAIRE
Distribution of children under-five by whether the mother lives in the same household, and the person interviewed for the under-five questionnaire, Bhutan, 2010 Mother in the household

|  | Mother in the household |  |  |  |  | Mother not in the household |  |  |  | Total | Number of children under-five |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mother interviewed | Father interviewed | Other adult female interviewed | Other adult male interviewed | Other person interviewed | Father interviewed | Other adult female interviewed | Other adult male interviewed | Other person interviewed |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 98.9 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 7 | . 4 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1282 |
| 1 | 98.2 | . 0 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 1.6 | . 1 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1272 |
| 2 | 95.7 | . 0 | . 2 | . 0 | . 0 | . 4 | 3.4 | . 3 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1383 |
| 3 | 96.4 | . 1 | . 2 | . 0 | . 2 | . 3 | 2.6 | . 2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 1309 |
| 4 | 95.1 | . 4 | . 0 | . 3 | . 0 | . 9 | 3.2 | . 0 | . 1 | 100.0 | 1268 |
| Total | 96.8 | . 1 | . 1 | . 1 | . 0 | . 3 | 2.3 | . 2 | . 0 | 100.0 | 6514 |

TABLE DQ.15: SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY SINGLE AGE


TABLE DQ.16: SEX RATIO AT BIRTH AMONG CHILDREN EVER BORN AND LIVING
Sex ratio (number of males per 100 females) among children ever born (at birth), children living, and deceased children, by age of women, Bhutan, 2010

|  | Children Ever Born |  |  | Children Living |  |  | Children Deceased |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of sons ever born | Number of daughters ever born | Sex ratio | Number of sons living | Number of daughters living | Sex ratio | Number of deceased sons | Number of deceased daughters | Sex ratio |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 96 | 120 | . 8 | 87 | 113 | . 77 | 9 | 7 | 1.29 | 1974 |
| 20-24 | 1047 | 980 | 1.07 | 991 | 931 | 1.06 | 56 | 49 | 1.14 | 2435 |
| 25-29 | 2404 | 2240 | 1.07 | 2233 | 2126 | 1.05 | 171 | 114 | 1.5 | 2651 |
| 30-34 | 3103 | 3040 | 1.02 | 2863 | 2848 | 1.01 | 240 | 192 | 1.25 | 2261 |
| 35-39 | 3391 | 3134 | 1.08 | 3055 | 2842 | 1.07 | 336 | 292 | 1.15 | 1872 |
| 40-44 | 3454 | 3308 | 1.04 | 3035 | 2955 | 1.03 | 419 | 353 | 1.19 | 1651 |
| 45-49 | 2797 | 2583 | 1.08 | 2389 | 2242 | 1.07 | 408 | 341 | 1.2 | 1174 |
| Total | 16292 | 15405 | 1.02 | 14653 | 14057 | 1.01 | 1639 | 1348 | 1.24 | 14018 |

## Appendix E. MICS4 Indicators: Numerators and Denominators

| MICS Indicators |  | Module | Numerators | Denominators | MDG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.1 | Under-five mortality rates | CM | Probability of dying by exact age 5 years |  | 4.1 |
| 1.2 | Infant mortality rates | CM | Probability of dying by exact age 1years |  | 4.2 |
| 2.1a | Underweight prevalence moderate and severe(-2 SD) | NU | Number of children under age five that fall belowminus two standard deviations from the median weightfor age of the NCHS/WHO standard (moderate and severe) | Total number of children under age five that were weighed | 1.8 |
| 2.1b | Underweight prevalence severe (-3 SD) | NU | Number of children under age five that fall belowminus three standard deviations from the median weight for age of the NCHS/WHO standard (severe) | Total number of children under age five that were weighed |  |
| 2.2a | Stunting prevalence moderate and severe (-2 SD) | NU | Number of children under age five that fall belowminus two standard deviations from the median heightfor age of the NCHS/WHO standard (moderate and severe) | Total number of children under age five height measured |  |
| 2.2b | Severe (-3 SD) | NU | Number of children under age five that fall belowminus three standard deviations from the median height for age of the NCHS/WHO standard (severe) | Total number of children underage five height measured |  |
| 2.3a | Wasting prevalence 2.3a moderate and severe (-2 SD) | NU | Number of children under age five that fall belowminus two standard deviations from the median weightfor height of the NCHS/WHO standard (moderate andsevere) | Total number of children under age five weighed and height measured |  |
| 2.3b | Severe (-3 SD) | NU | Number of children under age five that fall belowminus three standard deviations from the median weight for height of the NCHS/WHO standard(severe) | Total number of children under age five weighed and height measured |  |
| 2.4 | Children ever breast fed | NU | Number of last born children in the two years preceding the survey ever breast fed | Number of last born children in the two years preceding the survey |  |
| 2.5 | Early initiation of breast feeding | NU | Children who were breastfed within one hour and one day of birth | Number of last born children in the two years preceding the survey |  |
| 2.6 | Exclusive breast feeding under 6 months | NU | Number of children under 6 months who were exclusively breast fed | Total number of children age $0-5$ months |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2.7 \\ & 2.8 \end{aligned}$ | Continued breast feeding at 1 year <br> Continued breast feeding at 2 years | NU <br> NU | children 12-15 months breastfeeding continually at 1 year <br> Children 20-23 months continually breast feeding at 2 years | Total number or children age 12-15 months <br> Total number of children age 20-23 months |  |
| 2.9 | Predominant breast feeding under 6 months | NU | Children predominently breastfed under 6 months | Total number of children age $0-5$ months |  |
| 2.10 | Duration of breast feeding | NU | Duration of any breast feeding, exclusive breastfeeding and predominent breast feeding among chldren 0-35 months | Total number of children age 0-35 months |  |
| 2.11 | Bottle feeding | NU | Children age 0-23 months fed with a bottle with nipple | Total number of children age $0-23$ months |  |
| 2.12 | Introduction to solid, semi or soft food | NU | Children age 6-8 months receiving solid, semi or soft food | Total number of children age 6-8 months |  |
| 2.13 | Minimum meal frequency | NU | Children age 6-23 monthswith minimum meal frequency | Total number of children age 6-23months |  |
| 2.14 | Age appropriate breast feeding | NU | Children age 0-23months who were appropraitely breastfed during the previous day | Total number of children age 0-23 months |  |
| 2.15 | Milk feeding frequency for non breast fed children | NU | Children age6-23 months receiving atleast 2 milk feeds | Total number of children age 6-23 months |  |


| MICS Indicators |  | Module | Numerators | Denominators | MDG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.18 | Low birth weights | NU | Children weighed below 2500 grams at birth in last 2 years | Total number of live births in last 2 years |  |
| 2.19 | Infant low births | NU | Number of last live births in the 2 years preceding thesurvey weighing below 2,500 grams | Total number of last live births in the 2 years preceding the survey |  |
| 3.7 | Neonatal tetanus protection | CH | Women who received atleast 2 doses during last pregnancy, 2 doses prior to 3 years, 3 doses prior to 5 years, 4 doses prior to 10 years and 5 or more doses during life time | Total number of women with live births in last 2 years |  |
| 3.8 | Oral rehydration therapy with continued feeding | CH | children age 0-59 months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks who received oral rehydration therapy with c | Number of chilldren age 0-59 months with diarrhoea in the last two weeks |  |
| 3.9 | Care seeking for suspected pneumonia | CH | children age 0-59 months with suspected pneumonia in the last two weeks who were taken to any appropraite care provider | Number of children age 0-59 months with suspected pneumonia in the last two weeks |  |
| 3.10 | Antibiotic treatment of suspected pneumonia | CH | children age 0-59 months with suspected pneumonia who were given antibiotics in the last two weeks | Number of children age 0-59 months with suspected pneumonia in the last two weeks |  |
| 3.11 | Solid fuels | CH | household members living in households using solid fuels for cooking | Total number of household members living in household. |  |
| 3.21 | Place for hand washing | CH | Households where place for handwashing was observed | Total number of households |  |
| 3.22 | Availability of soap | CH | Household with soap anywhere in the dwelling | Total number of households |  |
| 4.1 | Use of improve drinking water sources | WS | Number of household member using improved drinking water sources | Total number of household members | 7.8 |
| 4.2 | Water treatment | WS | Household population by drinking water treatment method used in the household | Total number of household members |  |
| 4.3 | Use of improved sanitation | WS | Number of household members using improved sanitation facilities which are not shared | Total number of household members | 7.9 |
| 4.4 | Safe disposal of child faeces | WS | Number of children age 0-2 years whose (last) stools were disposed of safely | Total number of children age $0-2$ years |  |
| 4.5 | Place for handwashing | WS | Number of households with a designated place for handwashing where water and soap are present. | Total number of households |  |
| 4.6 | Availability of soap | WS | Number of households with soap anywhere in the dwelling | Total numbers of households |  |
| 5.1 | Adolescent fertility rate | RH | Adolescent birth rate(age specific fertility rate for women age 15-19) | Total number of women age 15-19 years | 5.4 |
| 5.2 | Early child bearing | RH | women age 15-19 who have had a live birth or who are pregnant with the first child; percentage of women age $15-19$ who have begun childbearing before age 15 , and the percentage of women age 20-24 who have had a live birth before age 18 | Total number of women age 15-19 years plus total number of women age 20-24 years |  |
| 5.3 | Contraceptive prevalence | RH | women age 15-49 years currently married or in union who are using (or whose partner is using) a contraceptive method | Total number of women age 15-49 years who are currently married/in union | 5.3 |
| 5.4 | Unmet need | RH | women aged 15-49 years currently married or in union with an unmet need for family planning | Total number of women age 15-49 years who are currently married/in union | 5.6 |
| 5.5b | Antenatal care coverage atleast 4 times by any provider | RH | Number of women aged 15-49 years that were attended at least 4 times during pregnancy in the 2 years preceding survey by any provider | Total number of women age 15-49 years who have given birth 2 years preceding the survey |  |
| 5.6 | Content of antenatal care | RH | Women age 15-49 years who had their blood pressure measured, urine sample taken, and blood sample taken as part of antenatal care | Total number of women age 15-49 years who have given birth 2 years preceding the survey |  |
| 5.7 | Skilled attendant at delivery | RH | women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the two years preceding the survey attended by any skilled attendant during the delivery | Total number of women age 15-49 years who have given birth 2 years preceding the survey | 5.2 |
| 5.8 | Institutional deliveries | RH | Number of women aged 15-49 years with a birth in the 2 years preceding the survey that delivered in a health facility | Total number of women age 15-49 years who have given birth 2 years preceding the survey |  |


| MICS Indicators |  | Module | Numerators | Denominators | MDG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5.9 | Caesarean section | RH | women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the two years preceding the survey and delivered by caesarean section | Total number of women age $15-49$ years who have given birth 2 years preceding the survey |  |
| 6.1 | Support for learning | CD | children age 36-59 months with whom an adult household member engaged in four or more activities during the last three days | Total number of children age 36-59 months |  |
| 6.2 | Father's support for learning | CD | children age 36-59 months with whom a father engaged in one or more activities during the last three days | Total number of children age 36-59 months |  |
| 6.3 | Learning materials; children books | CD | children under age 5 by numbers of children's books present in the household | Total number of children under age 5 |  |
| 6.4 | Learning materials; playthings | CD | Children under age 5 with two or more type of playthings | Total number of children under age 5 |  |
| 6.5 | Inadequate care | CD | Children under age 5 left inadequate care in past week | Total number of children under age 5 |  |
| 6.6 | Early childhood development index | CD | Percentage of children age 36-59 months who are developmentally on track in literacy-numeracy, physical, social-emotional, and learning domains( early child development index score) | Total number of children age 36-59 months |  |
| 6.7 | Attendance to early childhood education | CD | children age 36-59 months who are attending some form of organized early childhood education programme | Total number of children age 36-59 months |  |
| 7.1 | Literacy rate among young women | ED | women age 15-24 years who are literate | Total number of women age 15-24 years | 2.3 |
| 7.2 | School readiness | ED | children attending first grade of primary school who attended pre-school the previous year | Number of children attending first grade of primary schools |  |
| 7.3 | Net intake rate in primary education | ED | Number of children of primary school-entry age that are currently attending first grade | Total number of children of primary school entry age |  |
| 7.4 | Primary school net attendance rate(adjusted) | ED | children of primary school age attending primary or secondary school (Net attendance ratio) | Total number of children of primary school age | 2.1 |
| 7.5 | Secondary school net attendance rate(adjusted) | ED | children of secondary school age attending secondary school or higher (adjusted net attendance ratio) | Total number of children of secondary school age |  |
| 7.6 | Children reaching last grade of primary | ED | Proportion of children entering the first grade of primary school who eventually reached last grade |  | 2.2 |
| 7.7 | Primary completion rate | ED | Number of children who completed the last grade of primary school | Total number of children of the primary completion age |  |
| 7.8 | Transition rate to secondary school | ED | Number of children who are attending first grade of secondary school at the current school year | Number of children who were in the last grade of primary school during the previous year |  |
| 7.9 | Gender parity index(primary school) | ED | Proportion of girls in primary | Proportion of boys in primary |  |
| 7.10 | Gender parity index (Secondary school) | ED | Proportion of girls in secondary | Proportion of boys in secondary |  |
| 8.1 | Birth registration | CP | Children under age 5 who has birth certificate or birth registered | Total number of children under age 5 |  |
| 8.2 | Child labour | CP | Number of children age 5-14 involved child labour(economic activity and household chores during the past week) | Total number of children age 5-14 years |  |
| 8.3 | School attendance among child labourers | CP | Number of children aged 5-14 years attending school that are involved in child labour activities | Total number of children age 5-14 who are attending school |  |
| 8.4 | Child labours among students | CP | Number of children aged 5-14 years involved in child labour activities that attend school | Total number of children age $5-14$ years who are involved in chil labour activities |  |
| 8.6 | Marriage before age 15 | CP | Number of women married before age 15 | Total number of women age 15-49 years |  |
| 8.7 | Marriage before age 18 | CP | Number of women married before age 18 | Total number of women age 20-49 years |  |
| 8.8 | Young women age 15-19 currently married or in unoin | CP | Number of women age 15-19 years who are currently married or in union | Total number of women age 15-19 years |  |
| 8.9 | Polygamy | CP | Number of women age 1549 years in polygynous marriage or in union | Total number of women age 15-49 years |  |


| MICS Indicators |  | Module | Numerators | Denominators | MDG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8.10a | Spousal age difference women age 15-19 | CP | Number of women age 15-19 years whose husband or partner is younger or older than the women | Total number of women age 15-19 years who are married or in union |  |
| 8.10b | Spousal age difference women age 20-24 years | CP | Number of women age 20-24 years whose husband or partner is younger or older than the women | Total number of women age $20-24$ years who are married or in union |  |
| 8.14 | Attitudes towards domestic violence | CP | women age 15-49 years who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife/partner in any of the various circumstances | Total number of women age 15-49 years |  |
| 9.1 | Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention | HA | Number of women aged 15-49 years that correctly identify two ways of avoiding HIV infection and reject three misconception about HIV transmission | Total number of women age 15-49 years |  |
| 9.2 | Comprehensive knowledge about HIV prevention among young people | HA | Number of women aged 15-24 years that correctly identify two ways of avoiding HIV infection and reject three misconception about HIV transmission | Total number of women age 15-24 years | 6.3 |
| 9.3 | Knowledge of mother to child HIV transmission | HA | women age $15-49$ years who correctly identify means of HIV transmission from mother to child | Total number of women age 15-49 years |  |
| 9.4 | Accepting attitude towards people with HIV | HA | women age 15-49 years who have heard of AIDS who express an accepting attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDS | Total number of women age 15-49 years who have heard of HIV |  |
| 9.5 | Women who know where to be tested for HIV | HA | women age 15-49 years who know where to get an HIV test | Total number of women age 15-49 years |  |
| 9.6 | Women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | HA | Number of women who have been tested and have been told the result | Total number of women age 15-49 years |  |
| 9.7 | Sexually active young women who have been tested for HIV and know the results | HA | Number of women age 15-24 years who have been tested for HIV and told the results | Total number of women age 15-24 years |  |
| 9.8 | HIV counselling during the antenatal care | HA | Women age 15-49 years given birth in the 2 years preceding the survey who received the HIV counselling during the antenatal care | Number of women age 15-49 who gave birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |  |
| 9.9 | HIV testing during the antenatal care | HA | Women age 15-49 years given birth in the 2 years preceding the survey who were tested for HIV during the antenatal care | Number of women age 15-49 who gave birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |  |
| 9.10 | Young women who have never had sex | HA | Number of never-married young women age 15-24 years who have never had sex | Total number never married young women age 15-24 years |  |
| 9.11 | Sex before age 15 among young women | HA | Women age 15-24 years who have had sex before age 15 | Total number of women age 15-24 years |  |
| 9.12 | Age mixing among sexual partners | HA | women age 15-24 years who had sex with a man 10 or more years older during the last 12 months preceding the survey | Number of women age 15-24 who had sex in the last 12 months preceding the survey |  |
| 9.13 | Sex with multiple partners | HA | Number of women age 15-49 years who had sex with more than one partner in last 12 months preceding the survey | Total number of women age 15-49 years |  |
| 9.14 | Condom use during sex with multiple partners | HA | Number of women age 15-49 years who report having had more than one sexual partner in the 12 months preceding the survey who also reported that a condom was used the last time they had sex | Total number of women age 15-49 years who report having had more than one sexual partner in the 12 months preceding the survey |  |
| 9.15 | Sex with non-regular partner | HA | Number of women age 15-24 years who have had sex with non-marital, non cohabiting partner in last 12 months preceding the survey | Number of women age 15-24 years who had sex with multiple partners in last 12 months preceding the survey |  |
| 9.16 | Condon use with nonregular partners | HA | Number of women age 15-24 years reporting the use of a condom during sexual intercourse with their last non-marital, non-cohabiting sex partner in the 12 months preceding the survey | Total number of women age 15-24 years who had a nonmarital, non-cohabiting partner in the 12 months preceding the survey | 6.2 |
| 9.17 | Children's living arrangements | HA | Number of children aged 0-17years not living with abiological parent | Total number of children aged $0-17$ years surveyed |  |
| 9.18 | Prevalence of children with atleast one parent dead | HA | Number of children under age 18 with at least onedead parent | Total number of children under age 18 surveyed |  |

## Appendix G. Questionnaires




* HH7: Code for Dzongkhags:

| 11 Bumthang | 16 Lhuntse | 21 Samdrup Jongkhar |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 12 Chukha | 17 Monggar | 22 Samtse | 26 Trashiyangtse |
| 13 Dagana | 19 Pemagatshel | 23 Sarpang | 28 Trongsa |
| 14 Gasa | 20 Punakha | 24 Thimphu |  |
| 15 Haa | 25 Trashigang | 29 Wangdue |  |
|  |  | 30 Zhemgang |  |

[^24] take about 30 minutes. All the information we obtain will remain strictly CONFIDENTIAL. While your participation is voluntary it is of utmost importance that you respond to the SURVEY as the results will help the government in planning and decision making.

IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION, MAY I START NOW?
$\square \quad$ Yes, permission is given $\Rightarrow$ Go To HH18 TO RECORD THE TIME AND THEN BEGIN THE INTERVIEW.
$\square \quad$ No, PERMISSION IS NOT GIVEN $\Rightarrow$ COMPLETE HH9. DISCUSS THIS RESULT WITH YOUR SUPERVISOR.





| WATER AND SANITATION |  | WS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WS1. What is the main source of drinking water for members of your household? | Piped water <br> Piped into dwelling $\qquad$ 11 <br> Piped into compound $\qquad$ 12 <br> Piped to neighbour $\qquad$ 13 <br> Public tap $\qquad$ 14 <br> Dug well <br> Protected well $\qquad$ <br> Unprotected well. $\qquad$ <br> Water from spring <br> Protected spring $\qquad$ <br> Unprotected spring $\qquad$ <br> Rainwater collection $\qquad$ 51 <br> Tanker-truck $\qquad$ <br> Cart with small tank / drum $\qquad$ 71 <br> Surface water (river, stream, dam, lake, <br> pond, canal, irrigation channel) $\qquad$ <br> Bottled water. $\qquad$ 91 <br> Other (specify) | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 6 \\ & 12 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 6 \\ & 13 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 6 \\ & 14 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 3 \\ & 31 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 3 \\ & 32 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 3 \\ & \\ & 41 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 3 \\ & 42 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 3 \\ & 51 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 3 \\ & 61 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 3 \\ & 71 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 3 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| WS2. What is the main source of water used by your household for other purposes such as cooking and handwashing? | Piped water <br> Piped into dwelling $\qquad$ 11 <br> Piped into compound $\qquad$ 12 <br> Piped to neighbour $\qquad$ 13 <br> Public tap / standpipe. $\qquad$ 14 <br> Dug well <br> Protected well $\qquad$ <br> Unprotected well. $\qquad$ 32 <br> Water from spring <br> Protected spring $\qquad$ .41 <br> Unprotected spring. $\qquad$ .42 <br> Rainwater collection $\qquad$ 51 <br> Tanker-truck $\qquad$ <br> Cart with small tank / drum $\qquad$ 71 <br> Surface water (river, stream, dam, lake, <br> pond, canal, irrigation channel) $\qquad$ <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \Rightarrow \text { WS6 } \\ & 12 \Rightarrow \text { WS6 } \\ & 13 \Rightarrow \text { WS6 } \end{aligned}$ |
| WS3. Where is that water source located? | In own dwelling $\qquad$ <br> In own yard / plot. $\qquad$ <br> Elsewhere $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \Rightarrow \text { WS6 } \\ & 2 \Rightarrow \text { WS6 } \end{aligned}$ |
| WS4. How long does it take to go there, get water, and come back? | Number of minutes $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ 998 |  |


| WS5. Who usually goes to this source to collect the WATER FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD? <br> PROBE: <br> Is this person under age 15 ? <br> What sex? | Adult woman (age 15+ years) $\qquad$ <br> Adult man (age 15+ years). $\qquad$ <br> Female child (under 15) $\qquad$ <br> Male child (under 15). $\qquad$ <br> DK8. $\qquad$ 8 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WS6. Do you do anything to the water to make it safer to DRINk? | Yes .................................................................................................. 1 No ......................................................................................................... 2 DK ................................................................................................... 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 8 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{WS} 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| WS7. What do you usually do to make the water safer TO DRINK? <br> PROBE: <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL ITEMS MENTIONED. | Boil. $\qquad$ <br> Add bleach / chlorine $\qquad$ <br> Strain it through a cloth. $\qquad$ <br> Use water filter (ceramic, sand, composite, etc.) $\qquad$ <br> Solar disinfection $\qquad$ <br> Let it stand and settle $\qquad$ <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| WS8. What kind of toilet facility do members of your household usually use? <br> IF "FLUSH" OR "POUR FLUSH", PROBE: <br> Where does it flush to? <br> IF NECESSARY, ASK PERMISSION TO OBSERVE THE FACILITY. | Flush / Pour flush <br> Flush to piped sewer system $\qquad$ 11 <br> Flush to septic $\operatorname{tank}$ (without soak pit) $\qquad$ 12 <br> Flush to septic $\operatorname{tank}$ (with soak pit). $\qquad$ 16 <br> Flush to pit (latrine) $\qquad$ 13 <br> Flush to somewhere else $\qquad$ 14 <br> Flush to unknown place / Not sure / <br> DK where 15 <br> Pit latrine $\qquad$ <br> Composting toilet........................................................................... 31 <br> Bucket. $\qquad$ 41 <br> No facility, Bush, Field $\qquad$ 95 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ | $95 \Rightarrow \text { Next }$ <br> Module |
| WS9. Do you share this facility with others who are NOT MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD? | Yes .................................................................................................. 1 No .......................................................................................................... 2 | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{Next}$ <br> Module |
| WS10. Do you share this facility only with members of other households that you know, or is the facility open to the use of the general public? | Other households only (not public) .. 1 <br> Public facility | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{Next}$ <br> Module |
| WS11. How many households in total use this toilet FACILITY, INCLUDING YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD? | Number of households (if less than 10) $\qquad$ 0 <br> Ten or more households $\qquad$ 10 <br> DK $\qquad$ 98 |  |


| HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS |  | HC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HC2. How many rooms in this household are used for Sleeping? | Number of rooms .................................................................. - |  |
| HC2A. How many rooms are there in this dwelling unit? <br> (Exclude toilet and kitchen) | Number of rooms ............................................................- - |  |
| hC3. Main material of the dwelling floor. RECORD OBSERVATION. | Natural floor <br> Earthen / clay floor $\qquad$ 11 <br> Rudimentary floor <br> Planks / shingles $\qquad$ <br> Bamboo $\qquad$ <br> Finished floor <br> Polished wood. $\qquad$ <br> Tiles / marble $\qquad$ 33 <br> Cement / concrete / terrazzo $\qquad$ 34 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ 96 |  |
| HC4. Main material of the roof. RECORD OBSERVATION. | Natural roofing <br> No Roof $\qquad$ 11 <br> Thatch $\qquad$ 12 <br> Rudimentary Roofing <br> Bamboo $\qquad$ <br> Planks / shingles $\qquad$ 23 <br> Cardboard. $\qquad$ 24 <br> Tarpaulin. $\qquad$ 25 <br> Finished roofing <br> Metal sheets $\qquad$ 31 <br> Tiles / slates. $\qquad$ 34 <br> Concrete / cement $\qquad$ 35 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ 96 |  |
| HC5. Main material of the exterior walls. RECORD OBSERVATION. | Natural walls <br> No walls $\qquad$ 11 <br> Cane / Palm / Trunks/ Bamboo $\qquad$ 12 <br> Rudimentary walls <br> Finished walls <br> Cement / RCC wall $\qquad$ <br> Stone with lime / cement ........................................................... 32 <br> Bricks...................................................................................... 33 <br> Cement blocks.......................................................................... 34 <br> Wood planks $\qquad$ 36 <br> Rammed earth. .37 <br> Mud blocks. $\qquad$ 38 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ |  |


| HC6. What type of fuel does your household mainly use for cooking? | Electricity. $\qquad$ <br> Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) $\qquad$ 02 <br> Kerosene $\qquad$ 05 <br> Coal. $\qquad$ 06 <br> Wood $\qquad$ 08 <br> Straw / Shrubs / Grass. $\qquad$ 09 <br> Dung cake $\qquad$ 10 <br> No food cooked in household $\qquad$ 95 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ 96 | $\begin{aligned} & 01 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HC} 8 \\ & 02 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HC} 8 \\ & 05 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HC8} \\ & \\ & 95 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HC} 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HC7. Is the cooking usually done in the house, in a separate buildING, OR OUTDOORs? <br> If 'In the house', probe: is it done in a separate room used as a KITCHEN? | In the house <br> In a separate room used as kitchen $\qquad$ 1 <br> Elsewhere in the house $\qquad$ 2 <br> In a separate building $\qquad$ 3 <br> Outdoors. $\qquad$ 4 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ 6 |  |
| HC8. Does your household have: <br> [A] Electricity? <br> [B] A radio? <br> [C] A television? <br> [D] A fixed telephone? <br> [E] A refrigerator? <br> [F] A SOFA SET? <br> [G] A WASHING MACHINE? <br> [H] A SEWING MACHINE? |  |  |
| [I] A POWER-TILLER? <br> [J] A VACCUM CLEANER? <br> [K] A RICE COOKER? | Power-Tiller $\qquad$ <br> Yes $\quad$ No Vaccum cleaner $\qquad$ <br> Rice cooker $\qquad$ 1 |  |
| HC9. Does any member of your household own: <br> [A] A Wrist watch? <br> [B] A mobile phone? <br> [C] A bicycle? <br> [D] A MOTORCYCLE OR SCOOTER? <br> [E] A CAR or truck? <br> [F] A COMPuter? <br> [G] A foreign bow? <br> [H] A camera? <br> [I] A VCR/VCD/DVD player? <br> [J] A Sersho Gho/Kira? |  |  |


| HC10. Do you or someone living in this household own this dwelling? <br> IF "No", then ASK: <br> Do you rent this dwelling for pay or are you living there rent FREE? <br> If "Rented from someone else for pay", circle " 2 ". If it is "Rent FREE", CIRCLE " 3 ". For other ReSPONSES, CIRCLE " 6 ". | Own. $\qquad$ . 1 <br> Renting for pay $\qquad$ .2 <br> Rent free. $\qquad$ <br> Other (Not owned or rented) $\qquad$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HC11. Does any member of this household own any land that can be used for agriculture? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HC13}$ |
| HC12. How many acres/decimals of agricultural land do members of this household own? <br> If less than 1 acre, record " 00 "followed by the number of decimals. <br> If 95 or more, record ' 95.00 '. <br> If acre not known, record '99.98'. | Acres ..................................................................._ - - - |  |
| HC13. Does this household own any livestock, herds, other farm ANIMALS, OR POULTRY? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HC15}$ |
| HC14. How many of the following farm animals does this household have? <br> [A] Cattle? <br> [B] Horses, donkeys, or mules? <br> [C] Goats? <br> [D] Sheer? <br> [E] Chickens? <br> [F] Pigs? <br> [G] Buffalo? <br> [H] YaKs? <br> If none, record ' 00 '. <br> If 95 or more, record ' 95 '. <br> If unknown, record '98'. | Cattle <br> Horses, donkeys, or mules $\qquad$ <br> Goats $\qquad$ <br> Sheep. $\qquad$ <br> Chickens. $\qquad$ <br> Pigs. $\qquad$ <br> Buffalo $\qquad$ <br> Yaks. $\qquad$ |  |
| HC15. Does any member of this household have a bank account? |  |  |
| HC16. Now I would like to talk about food security. <br> in the last 12 months has a situation been faced when there was not enough food to feed all members of the household? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \text { Next } \\ & \text { module } \end{aligned}$ |
| HC17. In what month(s) did you experience this situation? <br> Circle all that apply. | January $\qquad$ <br> February $\qquad$ <br> March $\qquad$ <br> April $\qquad$ <br> May . $\qquad$ <br> June $\qquad$ F <br> July.. $\qquad$ G <br> August. $\qquad$ <br> September $\qquad$ <br> October. $\qquad$ <br> November. $\qquad$ K <br> December. $\qquad$ |  |




| HANDWASHING |  | HW |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HW1. Please show me where members of your household most often wash their hands. | Observed 1 $\qquad$ <br> Not observed <br> Not in dwelling / plot / yard $\qquad$ <br> No permission to see $\qquad$ <br> Other reason. $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HW} 4 \\ & 3 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HW} 4 \\ & 6 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HW} 4 \end{aligned}$ |
| HW2. ObSERVE PRESENCE OF WATER at THE SPECIFIC PLACE FOR HAND WASHING <br> Verify by checking the tap/pump, or basin, bucket, water container or SIMILAR obJECTS FOR PRESENCE OF WATER | Water is available $\qquad$ . 1 <br> Water is not available. $\qquad$ .2 |  |
| HW3. RECORD IF SOAP OR DETERGENT IS PRESENT AT THE SPECIFIC PLACE FOR hand washing. <br> CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY. | Bar soap $\qquad$ . <br> Detergent (Powder / Liquid / Paste). $\qquad$ <br> Liquid soap. $\qquad$ .C <br> Ash / Mud / Sand $\qquad$ <br> None. $\qquad$ | HH19 |
| HW4. Do you have any soap or detergent (or other locally used CLEANSING AGENT) IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD FOR WASHING HANDS? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HH19}$ |
| HW5. Can you please show it to me? <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY | Bar soap $\qquad$ <br> Detergent (Powder / Liquid / Paste). $\qquad$ <br> Liquid soap. $\qquad$ <br> Ash / Mud / Sand $\qquad$ <br> Not able / Does not want to show $\qquad$ Y |  |


| HH19. Record the end time.(24 hours) | Hour and minutes.................__ _ : _ _ |
| :---: | :---: |
| HH20. Does any eligible woman age 15-49 reside in the household? |  |
| CHECK HOUSEHOLD LISTING, COLUMN HL7 FOR ANY ELIGIBLE WOMAN. |  |
| YOU SHOULD HAVE A QUESTIONNAIRE WITH THE INFORMATION PANEL FILLED IN FOR EACH ELIGIBLE WOMAN. |  |
| $\square$ YES. $\Rightarrow$ GO TO QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INDIVIDUAL WOMEN |  |
| TO ADMINISTER THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE FIRST ELIGIBLE WOMAN. |  |
| $\square$ NO. $\Rightarrow$ CONTINUE. |  |
| HH21. Does any child under the age of 5 Reside in the household? |  |
| CHECK HOUSEHOLD LISTING, COLUMN HL9 FOR ANY ELIGIBLE CHILD UNDER AGE 5. |  |
| YOU SHOULD HAVE A QUESTIONNAIRE WITH THE INFORMATION PANEL FILLED IN FOR EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD. |  |
| $\square Y E S . \Rightarrow$ GO TO QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE |  |
| to administer the questionnaire to mother or caretaker of the first eligible child. |  |
| No. $\Rightarrow$ End the interview by thanking <br> GATHER TOGETHER <br> COVER PAGE. | HOUSEHOLD AND COMPLETE THE RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE |

## Interviewer's Observations

## Field Editor's Observations

Supervisor's Observations

## Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey (BMIS)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INDIVIDUAL WOMEN

| WOMAN'S INFORMATION PANEL WM |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| This questionnaire is to be administered to all women age 15 through 49 (see column HL7 of Household Listing Form). Fill in one form for each eligible woman |  |
| WM1. Block/Chiwog name and code: | WM1A. Gewog/Town name and code: |
| WM1B. Dzongkhag Name \& Code: | WM2. Household serial number: ___ _ |
| WM3. Woman's name: | WM4. Woman's serial number: |
| Name | - |
| WM5. Interviewer name and number: | WM6. Day / Month / Year of interview: |
| Name | - 1 -_ 1 |

## Repeat greeting if not already read to this woman:

We are from National Statistics bureau. We are conducting a survey on the situation of household, women and children. I would like to talk to you about these subjects. The interview might take about 30 minutes. All the information we obtain will remain strictly CONFIDENTIAL. While your participation is voluntary it is of utmost IMPORTANCE THAT YOU RESPOND TO THE SURVEY AS THE RESULTS WILL HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING.

If greeting at the beginning of the household questionnaire has already been read to this woman, then read the following:

Now I would like to talk to you more about your health and other topics. This interview will take about 30 minutes. Again, all the information we obtain will remain strictly CONFIDENTIAL

IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION, MAY I START NOW?
$\square \quad$ Yes, permission is given $\Rightarrow$ Go to WM10 to record the time and then begin the interview.
$\square \quad$ No, permission is not given $\Rightarrow$ Complete WM7. Discuss this result with your supervisor

| WM7. Status of woman's questionnaire | Completed............................................................................................... 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Not at home............................................................................................. 2 |
|  | Refused ................................................................................................. 3 |
|  | Partly completed .................................................................................... 4 |
|  | Incapacitated ............................................................................................. 5 |
|  | Other (specify) 6 |


| WM8. Field edited by (Name and number): | WM9. Data entry keyer (Name and number): |
| :---: | :---: |
| Name | Name |
| WM10. Record the starting time.(24 hours) | Hours and minutes................ |


| WOMAN'S BACKGROUND |  | WB |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WB1. In what month and year were you born? | Date of birth <br> Month $\qquad$ <br> DK month $\qquad$ 98 <br> Year $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> DK year $\qquad$ |  |
| WB2. How old are you? <br> Probe: How old were you at your last birthday? <br> Compare and correct WB1 and/or WB2 IF Inconsistent | Age (in completed years) ........................................................... - |  |
| WB3. Have you ever attended school or preschool? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 | $2 \Rightarrow$ WB7 |
| WB4. What is the highest level of School you attended? | Preschool................................................ 0 <br> Primary(pp-6). $\qquad$ <br> Lower Secondary (7-8). $\qquad$ <br> Middle Secondary (9-10). $\qquad$ .. 3 <br> Higher Secondary(11-12). $\qquad$ <br> College/university. $\qquad$ <br> DK.. $\qquad$ | $0 \Rightarrow$ WB7 |
| WB5. What is the highest grade you completed at that level? IF Less than a full grade then enter 17. | Grade PP-00 <br> Grade 01-12 $\qquad$ <br> Diploma-13 $\qquad$ <br> Degree-14. $\qquad$ <br> Masters-15. $\qquad$ <br> $>$ Masters-16 $\qquad$ <br> No grade-17 $\qquad$ <br> DK(write98) $\qquad$ |  |
| WB6. Check WB4: Lower Secondary or higher. $\Rightarrow$ Go to Next Module <br> ( Primary( Continue with WB7 |  |  |
| WB7. Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. <br> Show sentence on the card to the respondent. <br> If respondent cannot read whole sentence, probe: <br> Can you read part of the sentence to me? <br> Examples of sentences for literacy test: <br> 1. the Child is reading a book <br> 2. today is losar, we are going to the dzong <br> 3. Parents must care for their children <br> 4. FARMING IS HARD WORK |  |  |


| CHILD MORTALITY |  | CM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All questions refer only to LIVE births. |  |  |
| CM1. Now I would like to ask about all the births you have had during your life. Have you ever given birth? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $\Rightarrow \mathrm{CM} 8$ |
| CM2. What was the date of your first birth? <br> I mean the very first time you gave birth, even if the child is no Longer living, or whose father is not your current partner. <br> CM4CM3. | Date of first birth <br> Day. <br> DK day $\qquad$ .98 <br> Month. $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> DK moth $\qquad$ <br> Year. <br> DK year $\qquad$ 9998 | $\Rightarrow \mathrm{CM} 4$ |
| CM3. How many years ago did you have YOUR FIRST BIRTH | Completed years since first birth. $\qquad$ |  |
| CM4: DO YOU HAVE ANY SONS OR DAUGGTERS TO WHOM YOU HAVE GIVEN BIRTH who are now living with you? | Yes......................................................................................... 1 No ............................................................................................ 2 | $2 \Rightarrow$ CM6 |
| CM5. How many sons live with you? <br> How many daughters live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | Sons at home. $\qquad$ <br> Daughters at home $\qquad$ |  |
| CM6. Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth who are alive but do not live with you? | Yes. $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CM} 8$ |
| CM7. How many sons are alive but do not live with you? <br> How many daughters are alive but do not live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | Sons elsewhere <br> Daughters elsewhere $\qquad$ |  |
| CM8. Have you ever given birth to a boy or girl who was born alive but Later died? <br> If "No" probe by asking: <br> I mean, to a child who ever breathed or cried or showed other SIGNS OF LIFE - EVEN IF HE OR SHE LIVED ONLY A FEW MINUTES OR HOURS? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CM} 10$ |
| CM9. How many boys have died? <br> How many girls have died? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | Boys dead. <br> Girls dead. |  |
| CM10. Sum answers to CM5, CM7, and CM9. | Sum.................................................................... |  |


| CM11. Just to make sure that I have this right, you have had in total (total number) Live births during your life. Is this correct? |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ Yes. Check below: |  |
| $\square$ No births $\Rightarrow$ Go to contraception module |  |
| ( One or more births $\Rightarrow$ Continue with CM12 |  |
| $\Rightarrow N o \Rightarrow$ Check responses to CM1-CM10 and make corrections as necessary before proceeding to CM12 |  |
| CM12. Of THESE (TOTAL NUMBER) BIRTHS YOU HAVE had, when did you deliver the last one (even if he or she has died)? <br> Month and year must be recorded. | Date of last birth <br> Day $\qquad$ <br> DK day $\qquad$ <br> Month $\qquad$ <br> Year $\qquad$ |
| CM13. Check CM12: Last birth occurred within the last 2 years, that is, since (day and month of interview) 2008 |  |
| $\square$ No live birth in last 2 years. $\Rightarrow$ Continue with the Contraception module. |  |
| Yes, live birth in last 2 years. $\Rightarrow$ Ask for the name of the child <br> Name of child |  |
| If child has died, take special care when referring to this child by name in the following modules. |  |
| Continue with the next module. |  |

## DESIRE FOR LAST BIRTH

This module is to be administered to all women with a live birth in the 2 years preceding date of interview.
Check child mortality module CM13 and record name of last-born child here $\qquad$
Use this child's name in the following questions, where indicated.

| DB1. When you got pregnant with (name), did you want to get pregnant at that time? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $1 \Rightarrow \text { NEXT }$ <br> Module |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DB2. Did you want to have a baby later on, or did you not want any (MORE) CHILDREN? | Later $\qquad$ .1 <br> No more $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{NexT}$ <br> Module |
| DB3. How much longer did you want to wait? | Months $\qquad$ 1 <br> Years. $\qquad$ 2 <br> DK(Write 98). $\qquad$ .9 |  |


| MATERNALAND NEWBORN HEALTH |  | MN |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| This module is to be administered to all women with a live birth in the <br> Check child mortality module CM13 and record name of last-born chil <br> Use this child's name in the following questions, where indicated. | ears preceding date of interview. $\qquad$ |  |
| MN1. Did you see anyone for antenatal care during your pregNANCY WITH (NAME)? | Yes <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN} 5$ |
| MN2. Whom did you see? <br> PRobe: <br> Anyone else? <br> Probe for the type of person seen and circle all answers given. | Health professional: <br> Doctor $\qquad$ <br> Nurse / Midwife $\qquad$ . B <br> HA/BHW $\qquad$ . C <br> Asst. Clinical Officer (ACO). $\qquad$ D <br> Other person <br> Traditional birth attendant. $\qquad$ .F <br> Village health worker. $\qquad$ G <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ X |  |
| MN3. How many times did you receive antenatal care during this pregnancy? | Number of times <br> DK $\qquad$ 98 |  |
| MN3A During (any of) your ante natal care visit(s), were you told about the signs of pregrancy complications? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| MN4. As part of your antenatal care during this pregnancy, were any of the following done at least once: <br> [A] Was your blood pressure measured? <br> [B] Did you give a urine sample? <br> [C] Did you give a blood sample? | Yes No <br> Blood pressure ................................................................ 1 2 <br> Urine sample ...................................................................... 1 2 <br> Blood sample .................................................................... 1 2 |  |
| MN5. Do you have a maternal card or mother and child health HANDBOOK WITH YOUR OWN IMMUNIZATIONS LISTED? <br> May i see it please? <br> If a card/handbook is presented, use it to assist with answers to the following questions. | Yes (card seen) $\qquad$ <br> Yes (card not seen) $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ $\qquad$ |  |
| MN6. When you were pregnant with (name), did you receive any injection in the shoulder to prevent the baby from getting tetanus, that is convulsions after birth? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ .8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN} 9 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN} 9 \end{aligned}$ |
| MN7. How many times did you receive this tetanus injection during your pregnancy with (Name)? <br> If 7 or more times, record ' 7 '. | Number of times <br> DK $\qquad$ | $8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN} 9$ |


| MN8. How many tetanus injections during last pregnancy were reported in MN7? <br> $\square$ At least two tetanus injections during last pregnancy. $\Rightarrow$ Go to MN17 <br> $\square$ Fewer than two tetanus injections during last pregnancy. $\Rightarrow$ Continue with MN9 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MN9. Did you receive any tetanus injection at any time before your pregnancy with (NAME), EITHER TO PROTECT YOURSELF OR another baby? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN} 17 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN} 17 \end{aligned}$ |
| MN10. How many times did you receive a tetanus injection before your pregnancy wITH (NAME)? <br> If 7 or more times, record ' 7 '. | Number of times $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ .8 | $8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN17}$ |
| MN11. How many years ago did you receive the last tetanus injection before your PREGNANCY WITH (NAME)? <br> If less than 1 year, record 00 . | Years ago............................................................................ - |  |
| MN17. Who assisted with the delivery of (NAME)? <br> Probe: <br> Anyone else? <br> Probe for the type of person assisting and circle all answers given. <br> If respondent says no one assisted, probe to determine whether any adults were present at the delivery. | Health professional: <br> Doctor $\qquad$ <br> Nurse / Midwife $\qquad$ <br> HA/BHW $\text { .. } \mathrm{C}$ $\qquad$ <br> Asst. Clinical Officer (ACO). $\qquad$ <br> Other person <br> Traditional birth attendant. $\qquad$ <br> Village health worker. $\qquad$ <br> Relative / Friend. $\qquad$ <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ X <br> No one. $\qquad$ Y |  |



| MN22C Who checked on your health at that time? <br> Probe for most qualified person. | Health professional: <br> Doctor $\qquad$ <br> Nurse / Midwife $\qquad$ 11 <br> HA/BHW $\qquad$ 12 <br> Asst. Clinical Officer (ACO) $\qquad$ 13 <br> Other person <br> Traditional birth attendant. $\qquad$ <br> Village health worker. $\qquad$ 15 <br> Relative / Friend. $\qquad$ <br> Other (specify) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MN22D In the two months after (NAME) was born, did any health care PROVIDER CHECK ON HIS/HER HEALTH? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN} 23 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MN} 23 \end{aligned}$ |
| MN22E How many hours, days or weeks after the birth of (name) did the first check take place? <br> If less than one day record hours. <br> If less than one week record days. | Hours after birth $\qquad$ 1 $\qquad$ <br> Days after birth $\qquad$ 2 $\qquad$ <br> Weeks after birth $\qquad$ 3 <br> DK(Write 98) $\qquad$ $9$ |  |
| MN22F Who Checked on (name)'s health at that time? <br> Probe for most qualified person. | Health professional: <br> Doctor $\qquad$ 10 <br> Nurse / Midwife $\qquad$ 11 <br> HA/BHW $\qquad$ 12 <br> Asst. Clinical Officer (ACO) $\qquad$ 13 <br> Other person <br> Traditional birth attendant. $\qquad$ <br> Village health worker. $\qquad$ 15 <br> Relative / Friend. $\qquad$ $\qquad$ |  |
| MN23. Has your menstrual period returned since the birth of (name)? | Yes ... 1 <br> No $\qquad$ |  |
| MN24. Did you ever breastfeed (name)? |  | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{Next}$ <br> Module |
| MN25. How Long after birth did you first put (name) to the breast? <br> If less than 1 hour, record ' 00 ' hours. <br> If less than 24 hours, record hours. <br> Otherwise, record days. | Immediately(write 00) $\qquad$ 0 $\qquad$ <br> Hours. $\qquad$ 1 <br> Days. $\qquad$ 2 $\qquad$ <br> Don’t know / remember(write 98). $\qquad$ 9 |  |
| MN26. In the first three days after delivery, was (name) given anything to drink other than breast milk? |  | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{Next}$ <br> Module |
| MN27. What was (Name) given to drink? <br> PROBE: <br> Anything else? | Milk (other than breast milk) $\qquad$ <br> Plain water $\qquad$ <br> Sugar or glucose water. $\qquad$ <br> Sugar-salt-water solution $\qquad$ <br> Fruit juice $\qquad$ F <br> Infant formula $\qquad$ <br> Tea / Infusions. $\qquad$ H <br> Honey. $\qquad$ <br> Butter. $\qquad$ <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ |  |


| CONTRACEPTION |  | CP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CP1. I would like to talk with you about another subject - family planning. <br> Are you pregnant now? | Yes, currently pregnant $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 <br> Unsure or DK $\qquad$ | $1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CP} 4$ |
| CP2. Couples use various ways or methods to delay or avoid a PREGNANCY. <br> Are you currently doing something or using any method to delay or avoid getting pregnant? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No .2 $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CP} 4$ |
| CP3. What are you doing to delay or avoid a pregnancy? <br> Do not prompt. <br> If more than one method is mentioned, circle each one. | Female sterilization. $\qquad$ <br> Male sterilization $\qquad$ <br> IUD (Loop/Copper T). $\qquad$ <br> Injectables $\qquad$ D <br> Implants.. $\qquad$ <br> Oral Contraceptive Pill $\qquad$ <br> Male condom . $\qquad$ <br> Female condom. $\qquad$ H <br> Foam / Jelly. $\qquad$ <br> Lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM). K <br> Periodic abstinence/Rhythm . $\qquad$ <br> Withdrawal. $\qquad$ |  |
| CP4 In the last 12 months have you vistied a health facility for CARE FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR CHILDREN? | Yes. $\qquad$ .1 <br> No $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \text { Next } \\ & \text { MODULE } \end{aligned}$ |
| CP5 Did any staff member at the health facility speak to you about family planning? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No. ............ $\qquad$ |  |


| UNMET NEED |  | UN |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| UN1. Check CP1. Currently PRegnant? Yes, currently pregnant $\Rightarrow$ Continue with UN2 No, unsure or $\mathrm{DK} \Rightarrow$ Go to UN5 |  |  |
| UN2. Now I would like to talk to you about your current pregnancy. When you got pregnant, did you want to get pregnant at that time? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{UN} 4$ |
| UN3. Did you want to have a baby later on or did you not want any (more) children? | Later $\qquad$ . 1 <br> No more $\qquad$ 2 |  |
| UN4. Now I would like to ask some questions about the future. After the child you are now expecting, would you LIKE to have another child, or would you prefer not to have any more children? | Have another child $\qquad$ <br> No more / None. $\qquad$ <br> Undecided / Don't know $\qquad$ 8 | $1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{UN} 7$ $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{UN} 13$ $8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{UN} 13$ |
| UN5. Check CP3. Currently using "Female sterilzation"? |  |  |
| Yes. $\Rightarrow$ Go to UN13 <br> No. $\Rightarrow$ Continue with UN6 |  |  |
| UN6. Now I would like to ask you some questions about the future. Would you like to have (a/another) child, or would you prefer not to have any (more) children? | Have (a/another) child. $\qquad$ <br> No more / None. $\qquad$ <br> Says she cannot get pregnant $\qquad$ <br> Undecided / Don't know. .8 $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \text { UN9 } \\ & 3 \Rightarrow \text { UN11 } \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \text { UN9 } \end{aligned}$ |
| UN7. How long would you like to wait before the birth of (a/ ANOTHER) CHILD? |  | $994 \Rightarrow$ UN11 |
| UN8. CHECK CP1. CuRRently PREGNANT? |  |  |
| $\square$ Yes, currently pregnant $\Rightarrow$ Go to UN13 |  |  |
| $\square$ No, unsure or DK $\Rightarrow$ Continue with UN9 |  |  |


| UN9. Check CP2. Currently using a method? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ Yes. $\Rightarrow$ Go to UN13 |  |  |
| $\square \mathrm{No} \Rightarrow$ Continue with UN10 |  |  |
| UN10. Do you think you are physically able to get pregnant AT THIS TIME? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ | $1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{UN} 13$ $8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{UN} 13$ |
| UN11. Why do you think you are not physically able to get pregnant? | Infrequent sex / No sex $\qquad$ <br> Menopausal $\qquad$ <br> Never menstruated $\qquad$ .C <br> Hysterectomy (surgical removal <br> of uterus) $\qquad$ <br> Has been trying to get pregnant <br> for 2 years or more without result. $\qquad$ <br> Postpartum amenorrheic $\qquad$ <br> Breastfeeding $\qquad$ <br> Too old. $\qquad$ H <br> Fatalistic. $\qquad$ <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ X <br> Don't know $\qquad$ |  |
| UN12. Check UN11. "Never menstruated" mentioned? |  |  |
| Yes. $\Rightarrow$ Go to Next Module <br> No $\Rightarrow$ Continue with UN13 |  |  |
| UN13. When did your last menstrual period start? | Days ago. $\qquad$ 1 <br> Weeks ago $\qquad$ 2 <br> Months ago $\qquad$ 3 <br> Years ago. $\qquad$ 4 <br> In menopause / <br> Has had hysterectomy $\qquad$ 994 <br> Before last birth. $\qquad$ 995 <br> Never menstruated $\qquad$ 996 |  |


| MARRIAGE/UNION |  | MA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MA1. Are you currently married or living together with a man as if Married? | Yes, currently married $\qquad$ 1 <br> Yes, living with a man. $\qquad$ <br> No, not in union $\qquad$ | $3 \Rightarrow$ MA5 |
| MA2. How old is your husband/partner? <br> Probe: How old was your husband/partner on his last birthDAY? | Age in years $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ 98 |  |
| MA3. Besides yourself, does your husband/partner have any other WIVES OR PARTNERS OR DOES HE LIVE WITH OTHER WOMEN AS IF MARRIED? | Yes .............................................................................................. 1 No ...................................................................................................... 2 DK .................................................................................................... 9 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \text { MA } 7 \\ & 9 \Rightarrow \text { MA } 7 \end{aligned}$ |
| MA4. How many other wives or partners does he have? | Number $\qquad$ <br> DK | $\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \text { MA7 } \\ & 98 \Rightarrow \text { MA7 } \end{aligned}$ |
| MA5. Have you ever been married or lived together with a man as if MARRIED? | Yes, formerly married $\qquad$ <br> Yes, formerly lived with a man $\qquad$ <br> No 3 | $\begin{aligned} 3 \Rightarrow & \text { Next } \\ & \text { Module } \end{aligned}$ |
| MA6. What is your marital status now: are you widowed, divorced or SEparated? | Widowed $\qquad$ <br> Divorced. $\qquad$ .2 <br> Separated. $\qquad$ |  |
| MA7. Have you been married or lived with a man only once or more than once? | Only once $\qquad$ <br> More than once $\qquad$ |  |
| MA8. In what month and year did you first marry or start living with a man as if married? | Date of first marriage <br> Month. $\qquad$ <br> DK month. $\qquad$ .98 <br> Year $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> DK year. $\qquad$ 9998 | $\Rightarrow \mathrm{NEXT}$ <br> Module |
| MA9. How old were you when you started living with your first husband/Partner? | Age in years .................................................................................. - |  |


| ATITUDES TOWARD AND EXPE |  | DV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DV1. Sometimes a husband is annoyed or angered by things that his wife does. In your opinion, is a husband justified in hitting or beating his wife in the following situations: <br> [A] If she goes out without telling him? <br> [B] If she neglects the children? <br> [C] If SHe argues with him? <br> [D] If she refuses to have sex with him? <br> [E] If she burns the food? |  |  |
| DV2. Check MA1 and MA5: Yes, Currently married or living with a man, or formerly married or form No, not married or living with a man , or never married or lived with a m | lived with a man $\Rightarrow$ Go to DV3 <br> $\Rightarrow$ Go to Next module |  |
| NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME IMPO TIONS ARE VERY PERSONAL. HOWEVER, YOUR ANSWERS ARE TAN. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR ANSWERS ARE COMPLE WILL KNOW THAT YOU WERE ASKED THESE QUESTIONS. IF WE JUST LET ME KNOW AND WE WILL GO ON TO THE NEXT QUEST | TANT ASPECTS OF A WOMAN'S LIFE. I KNOW THAT SOME OF UCIAL FOR HELPING TO UNDERSTAND THE CONDITION OF W Y CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE TOLD TO ANYONE AND OULD COME TO ANY QUESTION THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO | ESE QUESEN IN BHUONE ELSE NSWER, |
| DV3. (Does/Did) your (Last) husband/partner ever say or do anything to humiliate you in front of others? | Yes ................................................................................................. 1 | $2 \Rightarrow$ DV6 |
| DV4. How often did this happen during the last 12 months: often or only sometimes? | Often $\qquad$ . 1 <br> Sometimes $\qquad$ |  |
| DV5. Does/Did) your (Last) husband/Partner ever threaten to hurt or harm you or someone close to you? | $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{DV} 8$ |
| DV6. How often did this happen during the last 12 months: often or ONLY SOMETIMES? | Often $\qquad$ <br> Sometimes $\qquad$ |  |
| DV7. Does/Did) your (Last) husband/partner ever insult you or make you feel bad about yourself? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{DV} 10$ |
| DV8. How often did this happen during the last 12 months: often or only sometimes? | Often $\qquad$ . 1 <br> Sometimes $\qquad$ |  |
| DV9. (Does/Did) your (Last) husband/partner ever push you, shake you or throw something at you? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow$ DV12 |
| DV10. How often did this happen during the last 12 months: often or ONLY SOMETIMES? | Often $\qquad$ . 1 <br> Sometimes. $\qquad$ |  |
| DV11. Does/Did) your (Last) husband/partner ever slap you? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow$ DV14 |
| DV12. How often did this happen during the last 12 months: often or only sometimes? | Often $\qquad$ <br> Sometimes $\qquad$ |  |
| DV13. Does/Did) your (Last) husband/Partner ever twist your arm or PULL YOUR HAIR? | Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow$ DV16 |
| DV14. How often did this happen during the last 12 months: often or ONLY SOMETIMES? | Often $\qquad$ <br> Sometimes $\qquad$ |  |
| DV15. Does/Did) your (Last) husband/Partner ever punch you with his FIST OR SOMETHING THAT COULD HURT YOU? | $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow$ DV18 |
| DV16. How often did this happen during the last 12 Months: often or only sometimes? | Often $\qquad$ <br> Sometimes $\qquad$ |  |


| DV17. DOES/Did) YOUR (LAST) HUSBAND/PARTNER EVER KICK YOU, DRAG YOU <br> OR BEAT YOU UP? | Yes 1 | No 2 |
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Thank the respondent for her cooperation and reassure her about the confidentiality of her answers.

| SB1. Now I would like to ask you some questions about sexual activity in order to gain a better understanding of some important Life issues. <br> The information you supply will remain strictly confidential. <br> How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the VERY FIRST TIME? | Never had intercourse $\qquad$ 00 <br> Age in years $\qquad$ <br> First time when started living with (first) <br> husband/partner. $\qquad$ | $00 \Rightarrow \text { Next }$ <br> Module |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SB2. The first time you had sexual intercourse, was a condom used? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK / Don't remember $\qquad$ |  |
| SB3. When was the last time you had sexual intercourse? <br> Record 'years ago' only if last intercourse was one or more years ago. If 12 months or more the answer must be recorded in years. | Days ago. $\qquad$ 1 $\qquad$ <br> Weeks ago $\qquad$ 2 $\qquad$ <br> Months ago. $\qquad$ 3 $\qquad$ <br> Years ago $\qquad$ 4 | $4 \Rightarrow$ SB15 |
| SB4. The last time you had sexual intercourse, was a condom used? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 |  |
| SB5. What was your relationship to this person with whom you last had sexual intercourse? <br> Probe to ensure that the response refers to the relationship at the time of sexual intercourse <br> If 'boyfriend', then ask: <br> Were you living together as if married? <br> IF 'YEs', CIRCLE ' 2 '. If 'NO', CIRCLE '3'. | Husband .................................................................................................... 1 <br> Cohabiting partner ............................................................................... 2 <br> Boyfriend ........................................................................................... 3 <br> Casual acquaintance........................................................................ 4 <br> Other (specify) | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \Rightarrow \text { SB7 } \\ & 4 \Rightarrow \text { SB7 } \\ & 6 \Rightarrow S B 7 \end{aligned}$ |
| SB6. CHесК MA1: <br> Currently married or living with a man (MA1 = 1 or 2 ) <br> Not married / Not in union $(\mathrm{MA1}=3) \square$ Continue with | to SB8 |  |
| SB7. How old is this person? <br> If response is DK , probe: <br> About how old is this person? | Age of sexual partner <br> DK $\qquad$ 98 |  |
| SB8. Have you had sexual intercourse with any other person in the Last 12 months? | Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{SB} 15$ |
| SB9. The last time you had sexual intercourse with this other person, was a condom used? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ |  |


| SB10. What was your relationship to this person? | Husband ................................................................................. 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cohabiting partner ................................................................... 2 |  |
| Probe to ensure that the response refers to the relationship at the time of sexual intercourse | Boyfriend $\qquad$ | $3 \Rightarrow \mathrm{SB12}$ |
|  | Casual acquaintance................................................................. 4 | $4 \Rightarrow \mathrm{SB12}$ |
| If 'boyfriend' then ask: |  |  |
|  | Were you living together as if married? | 12 |
| If 'yes', circle ' 2 '. If 'no', circle' 3 '. |  |  |
| SB11. Check MA1 And MA7: |  |  |
| $\square$ Currently married or living with a man (MA1 = 1 or 2) |  |  |
| AND |  |  |
| Married only once or lived with a man only once (MA7 $=1$ ) $\Rightarrow$ Go to SB13 |  |  |
| $\square$ Else $\Rightarrow$ Continue with SB12 |  |  |
| SB12. How old is this person? |  |  |
|  | Age of sexual partner..............................................................- - |  |
| If response is DK , probe: |  |  |
| About how old is this person? | DK98 |  |
| SB13. Other than these two persons, have you had sexual intercourse with any other person in the last 12 months? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow$ SB15 |
| SB14. In total, with how many different people have you had sexual intercourse in the last 12 months? | Number of partners ............................................................. |  |
| SB15. In total, with how many different people have you had sexual INTERCOURSE IN YOUR LIFETIME? <br> If a non-numeric answer is given, probe to get an estimate. <br> If number of partners is 95 or more, write ' 95 '. | Number of lifetime partners <br> DK $\qquad$ 98 |  |


| HIV/AIDS |  |  | HA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HA1. Now I would like to talk with you about something else. <br> Have you ever heard of an illness called AIDS? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 |  | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 1$ |  |
| HA2. Can people reduce their chance of getting the Aids virus by having just one uninfected sex partner who has no other sex partners? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 <br> DK8 |  |  |  |
| HA3. Can people get the AIDS virus because of witchcraft or other supernatural means? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 <br> DK8 |  |  |  |
| HA4. Can people reduce their chance of getting the AIDS virus by using a CONDOM EVERY TIME THEY HAVE SEX? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 <br> DK 8 |  |  |  |
| HA5. Can people get the AIDS virus from mosquito bites? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 <br> DK 8 |  |  |  |
| HA6. Can people get the AIDS virus by sharing food with a person who has AIDS? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 <br> DK 8 |  |  |  |
| HA7. Is it possible for a healthy-Looking person to have the Aids virus? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 <br> DK8 |  |  |  |
| HA8. Can the virus that causes Aids be transmitted from a mother to her baby: <br> [A] During pregnancy? <br> [B] During delivery? <br> [C] By breastfeeding? | Yes During pregnancy............................... 1 During delivery................................. 1 By breastfeeding............................. 1 | No DK <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 |  |  |
| HA9. In your opinion, if a female teacher has the AIDS virus but is not sick, should she be allowed to continue teaching in school? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK / Not sure / Depends. $\qquad$ | ................. 1 $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> 8 |  |  |
| HA10. Would you buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor if you kNew that this person had the AIDS virus? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK / Not sure / Depends. $\qquad$ | .................. 1 <br> ... 2 <br> .. 8 |  |  |
| HA11. If a member of your family got infected with the Aids virus, would you want it to remain a secret? | Yes. $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK / Not sure / Depends. $\qquad$ | ................. 1 <br> . 2 <br> .8 |  |  |
| HA12. If a member of your family became sick with AidS, would you be willing to Care for her or him in your own household? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK / Not sure / Depends. $\qquad$ | .................. 1 <br> .. 2 <br> . 8 |  |  |
| HA13. Check CM13: Any live birth in last 2 years? No live birth in last 2 years. $\Rightarrow$ Go to HA24. Yes, live birth in last 2 years. $\Rightarrow$ Continue with HA14. |  |  |  |  |
| HA14. Check MN1: Received antenatal care? Yes, antenatal care received. $\Rightarrow$ Continue with HA15 No antenatal care received $\Rightarrow$ Go to HA24 |  |  |  |  |


| HA15. During any of the antenatal visits for your pregnancy with (name), were you given any information about Aids or the AIDS virus? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HA16. I don't want to know the results, but were you tested for the AIDS virus as part of your antenatal care? | Yes ...................................................................................................... 1 No ....................................................................................................... 2 DK ......................................................................................................... 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HA} 19 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HA} 19 \end{aligned}$ |
| HA17. I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? | Yes ................................................................................................ 1 No ...................................................................................................... 2 DK .................................................................................................... 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \text { HA } 22 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \text { HA } 22 \end{aligned}$ |
| HA18. Regardless of the result, all women who are tested are supposed to receive counseling after getting the result. <br> After you were tested, did you receive counselling? | Yes .............................................................................................. 1 No ...................................................................................................... 2 DK ............................................................................................................ 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HA} 22 \\ & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HA} 22 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HA} 22 \end{aligned}$ |
| HA19. Check MN17: Birth delivered by health professional (A, B, Yes, birth delivered by health professional $\Rightarrow$ Continue with HA2 No, birth not delivered by health professional $\Rightarrow$ Go to HA24 | or D)? |  |
| HA20. I don't want to know the results, but were you tested for the AIDS virus between the time you went for delivery but before the baby was born? | Yes ........................................................................................................ 1 No ....................................................................................................... 2 | $2 \Rightarrow$ HA24 |
| HA21. I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? | Yes. $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ |  |
| HA22. Have you been tested for the AIDS virus since that time you were tested during your pregnancy? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $1 \Rightarrow$ HA25 |
| HA23. When was the most recent time you were tested for the AIDS virus? | Less than 12 months ago. $\qquad$ <br> 12-23 months ago. $\qquad$ <br> 2 or more years ago. $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 1 \\ & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 1 \\ & 3 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| HA24. I don't want to know the results, but have you ever been tested to see if you have the AIDS virus? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{HA} 27$ |
| HA25. When was the most recent time you were tested? | Less than 12 months ago................................................................... 1 <br> 12-23 months ago. $\qquad$ <br> 2 or more years ago. $\qquad$ |  |
| HA26. I don't want to know the results, but did you get the RESULTS OF THE TEST? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 <br> DK 8 | $1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 1$ $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 1 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| HA27. Do you know of a place where people can go to get tested for the AIDS virus? | Yes 1 <br> No 2 |  |


| MATERNAL MORTALITY MM |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Now I would like to ask you some questions about your brothers and sisters, that is, all of the children born to your natural mother. Please include those who are living with you, those who are living elsewhere, and those who have died. |  |  |  |  |
| MM1. How many children did your mother give birth to, including you? | Number of births <br> to natural mother |  |  |  |
| MM2. СНЕск ММ1.Two or more births $\Rightarrow$ Continue with MM3$O_{\text {NLY ONE BIRTH (RESPONDENT ONLY) } \Rightarrow \text { Go то WM11 }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| MM3. How many of these births did your mother have before you were born? | Number of preceding births |  |  |  |
|  | (1) <br> Oldest | (2) <br> Next oldest | (3) <br> Next oldest | (4) <br> Next oldest |
| MM4. What name was given to your oldest (next oldest) BROTHER OR SISTER? | $\square$ |  | - |  |
| MM5. Is (NAME) MALE OR FEMALE? | Male $\qquad$ <br> Female. $\qquad$ | Male $\qquad$ <br> Female $\qquad$ | Male $\qquad$ <br> Female. $\qquad$ 2 | Male $\qquad$ <br> Female $\qquad$ |
| MM6. Is (Name) Still alive? | Yes ...................... 11 No ....................... 2 $\Rightarrow$ MM8 DK ..................... 8 $\Rightarrow(2)$ | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ $\Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 8$ <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 $\Rightarrow(3)$ | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 $\Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 8$ <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 $\Rightarrow(4)$ | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 $\Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 8$ <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 <br> $\Rightarrow(5)$ |
| MM7. How old is (NAME)? | $\Rightarrow \text { Go to (2) }$ | Go to (3) | Go to (4) | Go to (5) |
| MM8. How many years ago did (NAME) die? | - - | - - | - - | - |
| MM9. How old was (NAME) When he/she died? | If male or died before age 12, go to (2) | If male or died before age 12, go to (3) | If male or died before age 12, go to (4) | If male or died before age 12, go to (5) |
| MM10. Was (name) pregnant when she died? | Yes $\qquad$ $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ $\Rightarrow \text { MM13 }$ <br> No $\qquad$ . 2 | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ |
| MM11. Did (NAME) Die during childbirth? | Yes $\qquad$ $\Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 13$ <br> No $\qquad$ | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ 1 $\Rightarrow \text { MM13 }$ <br> No $\qquad$ | Yes $\qquad$ . 1 <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ .2 |
| MM12. Did (NAME) DIE WITHIN Two months after the end of A PREGNANCY OR CHILDBIRTH? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No .2 $\qquad$ | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ | Yes ...................... 1 No ....................... 2 |
| MM13. How many live born children did (Name) give birth to during her lifetime (before this pregnancy)? | - - | - - | - - | - |
| MM14. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { IF NO MORE SIBLINGS, GO } \\ & \text { то WM11 } \end{aligned}$ | IF NO MORE SIBLINGS, GO то WM11 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { IF NO MORE SIBLINGS, GO TO } \\ & \text { WM11 } \end{aligned}$ | If no more siblings, go to WM11 |


|  | $\begin{gathered} (5) \\ \text { OLDEST } \end{gathered}$ | (6) <br> Next oldest | (7) <br> Next oldest | (8) <br> Next oldest |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MM4. What name was given to your oldest (next oldest) brother or SISTER? |  |  |  |  |
| MM5. Is (NAME) MALE OR FEMALE? | Male $\qquad$ <br> Female $\qquad$ .2 | Male $\qquad$ 1 <br> Female $\qquad$ 2 | Male $\qquad$ <br> Female $\qquad$ 2 | Male $\qquad$ <br> Female $\qquad$ 2 |
| MM6. Is (NAME) Still alive? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ 2 $\Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 8$ <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 $\Rightarrow(6)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yes ....................... } 1 \\ & \text { No ....................... } 2 \\ & \\ & \Rightarrow \text { MM8 } \\ & \text { DK ...................... } 8 \\ & \\ & \quad \Rightarrow(7) \end{aligned}$ | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ 2 $\Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 8$ <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 $\Rightarrow(8)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yes ....................... } 1 \\ & \text { No ....................... } 2 \\ & \\ & \Rightarrow \text { MM8 } \\ & \text { DK ...................... } 8 \\ & \\ & \\ & \Rightarrow(9) \end{aligned}$ |
| MM7. How old is (NAME)? | $\Rightarrow \text { Go to }(6)$ | Go to (7) | Go to (8) | $\qquad$ <br> Go to (9) |
| MM8. How many years ago did (NAME) die? |  |  |  |  |
| MM9. How old was (NAME) WHEN HE/SHE DIEd? | If male or died before age 12, go to (6) | If male or died before age 12, go to (7) | If male or died before age 12, go to (8) | If male or died before age 12, go to (9) |
| MM10. Was (NAME) PREGNANT WHEN SHE DIEd? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 |
| MM11. Did (NAME) DIE DURING CHILDBIRTH? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> $\Rightarrow \mathrm{MM} 13$ <br> No $\qquad$ 2 | Yes $\qquad$ <br> $\Rightarrow$ MM13 <br> No $\qquad$ 2 |
| MM12. Did (NAME) DIE WITHIN TWO MONTHS AFTER THE END OF A PREGNANCY OR CHILDBIRTH? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ |
| MM13. How many live born children did (Name) give birth to during her lifetime (before this pregnancy)? | - - | - - | -- | -- |
| MM14. | If No more siblings, go to WM11 | IF NO MORE SIBLINGS, GO to WM11 | If NO MORE SIBLINGS, GO TO WM11 | IF NO MORE SIBLINGS, GO то WM11 |


| WM11. Record the end time.(24 hours) | Hour and minutes.................................................... _ _ : _ _ |
| :---: | :---: |

Check household listing, column HL9.
WM12. Is the respondent the mother or caretaker of any child age 0-4 living in this household?
$\square$ Yes. $\Rightarrow$ Go to QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE for that child and start the interview with this
respondent.
$\square$ No. $\Rightarrow$ End the interview with this respondent by thanking her for her cooperation.
Check for the presence of any other eligible woman or children under-5 in the household.

## Interviewer's Observations

## Field Editor's Observations

Supervisor's Observations

Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey (BMIS)

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

## UNDER-FIVE CHILD INFORMATION PANEL

This questionnaire is to be administered to all mothers or caretakers (see Household Listing Form, column HL9) who care for a child that lives with them and is under the age of 5 years (see Household Listing Form, column HL6).

| UF1. Block/Chiwog name and code: | UF1A. Gewog/Town name and code: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| UF1B. Dzongkhag Name \& Code: | UF2. Household Serial number: __ _ |  |
| UF3. Child's name: <br> Name $\qquad$ | UF4. Child's serial number: |  |
| UF5. Mother's / Caretaker's name: <br> Name $\qquad$ | UF6. Mother's / Caretaker's serial number: |  |
| UF7. Interviewer name and number: <br> Name $\qquad$ | UF8. Day / Month / Year of interview: |  |

Repeat greeting if not already read to this respondent:

We are from National Statistics bureau. We are conducting a survey on the SItuation of household, women and children. I would like to talk to you about these subjects. The interview might take about 20 minutes. All the information we obtain will remain strictly CONFIDENTIAL. While your participation is voluntary it is of utmost importance that YOU RESPOND TO THE SURVEY AS THE RESULTS WILL HELP THE GOVERNMENT IN PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING.

IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION, MAY I START NOW?
$\square \quad$ Yes, permission is given $\Rightarrow$ Go to UF12 To record the time and then begin the interview.
$\square \quad$ No, PERMISSION IS NOT GIVEN $\Rightarrow$ COMPLETE UF9. DISCUSS THIS RESULT WITH YOUR SUPERVISOR

| UF9. Status of questionnaire for children under 5 | Completed ................................................................................................. 1 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Not at home.............................................................................................. 2 |
| Codes refer to mother/caretaker. | Refused .................................................................................................. 3 |
|  | Partly completed ................................................................................... 4 |
|  | Incapacitated ............................................................................................ 5 |
|  | Other (specify) 6 |


| UF10. Field edited by (Name and number): | UF11. Data entry keyer (Name and number): |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Name__- |  |  |

Hours and minutes
........................................................__ _ _ _


| BIRTH REGISTRATION |  | BR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BR1. Does (name) have a birth certificate or health card? <br> IF YES, ASK: <br> May I see it? | Yes, seen. $\qquad$ <br> Yes, not seen. $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ | $1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{Next}$ <br> Module $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{NexT}$ <br> Module |
| BR2. Has (name)'s birth been registered with the civil registration office? | Yes $\qquad$ .1 <br> No $\qquad$ .. 2 <br> DK $\qquad$ | $1 \Rightarrow \mathrm{NEXT}$ <br> Module |
| BR3. Do you know how to register your child's birth? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{Next}$ <br> Module |
| BR4. Why is (name)'s birth not registered? | Must travel too far. $\qquad$ .02 <br> Did not know it should be registered $\qquad$ .03 <br> Does not know where to register $\qquad$ 05 <br> Father unknown $\qquad$ 07 <br> Parent(s) not registered $\qquad$ 09 <br> Parent(s) non-Bhutanese $\qquad$ 10 <br> Because of travel costs. $\qquad$ 11 <br> Parent(s) living abroad. $\qquad$ 12 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ 96 <br> DK $\qquad$ 98 |  |


| EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT |  | EC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EC1. How many children's books or picture books do you have for (name)? | None $\qquad$ .00 <br> Number of children's books $\qquad$ 0 <br> Ten or more books $\qquad$ 10 |  |
| EC2. I am interested in learning about the things that (name) plays with when he/she is at home. <br> Does he/she play with: <br> [A] hOMEMADE TOYS (SUCH AS DOLLS, CARS, OR OTHER TOYS MADE AT номе)? <br> [B] TOYS FROM A SHOP OR MANUFACTURED TOYS? <br> [C] hOUSEHOLD ObJects (SUCH as bowls or pots) or objects found outside (such as sticks, rocks, animal shells or leaves)? <br> If the respondent says "YES" to the categories above, then probe to learn specifically what the child plays with to ascertain the response | Homemade toys $\qquad$ 128 <br> Toys from a shop $\qquad$ 128 <br> Household objects <br> or outside objects $\qquad$ 128 |  |
| EC3. Sometimes adults taking care of children have to leave the house to go shopping, wash clothes, or for other reasons and have to leave young children. <br> On how many days in the past week was (name): <br> [A] Left alone for more than an hour? <br> [B] Left in the care of another child (that is, someone less than 10 Years old) for more than an hour? <br> If 'none' enter' 0 '. If 'don't know' enter' 8 ' | Number of days left alone for <br> more than an hour $\qquad$ <br> Number of days left with other <br> child for more than an hour. $\qquad$ |  |
|  |  |  |
| EC5. Does (name) attend any organized learning or early childhood education programme, such as a private or government facility, including kindergarten or community child care? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{EC} 7 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{EC} 7 \end{aligned}$ |
| EC6. Within the last seven days, about how many hours did (name) attend? | Number of hours ...................................................................... |  |



| EC15. Does (NAME) Get along well with other children? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| EC16. Does (nAme) kick, bite, or hit other children or adults? | Yes $\qquad$ . 1 <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ .8 |
| EC17. Does (name) get distracted easily? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK $\qquad$ |


| BREASTFEEDING |  | BF |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BF1. Has (name) Ever been breastred? | Yes ................................................................................................ 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 3 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 3 \end{aligned}$ |
| BF2. Is he/she still being breasted? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ 2 <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| BF3. I would like to ask you about liQuids that (name) may have had yesterday during the day or the night. I am interested in whether (NAME) HAD THE ITEM EVEN IF IT WAS COMBINED WITH OTHER FOODS. <br> Did (NAME) DRINK PLAIN WATER YESTERDAY, DURING the day or night? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| BF4. Did (NAME) DRINK INFANT FORMULA YESTERDAY, DURING THE DAY OR Night? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK $\qquad$ .8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 6 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 6 \end{aligned}$ |
| BF5. How many times did (NAME) drink infant formula? | Number of times ....................................................................... - |  |
| BF6. Did (NAME) DRINK MILK, SUCH AS TINNED, POWDERED OR FRESH ANIMAL MILK YESTERDAY, dURING THE DAY OR NIGHT? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 8 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| BF7. How many times did (name) drink tinned, powdered or fresh animal miLk? | Number of times ....................................................................- - |  |
| BF8. Did (NAME) DRINK JUICE OR JUICE DRINKS YESTERDAY, DURING THE DAY or night? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ 2 <br> DK $\qquad$ . 8 |  |
| BF9. Did (NAME) DRINK SOUP Yesterday, during the day or night? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 |  |
| BF10. Did (NAME) DRINK OR EAT VITAMIN OR MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS OR ANY MEDICINES YESTERDAY, DURING THE DAY OR NIGHT? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ 2 <br> DK $\qquad$ .8 |  |
| BF11. Did (Name) prink ORS (oral rehydration solution) yesterday, during the day or night? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK $\qquad$ . 8 |  |


| BF12. Did (NAME) DRINK ANY OTHER LIQUIDS YESTERDAY, DURING THE DAY OR NIGHT? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BF13. Did (NAME) DRINK OR EAT YOGURT YESTERDAY, DURING THE DAY OR NIGHT? | Yes $\qquad$ 1 <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 15 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 15 \end{aligned}$ |
| BF14. How many times did (name) drink or eat yogurt yesterday, during the day or night? | Number of times ....................................................................... - |  |
| BF15. Did (name) Eat thin porridge yesterday, during the day or night? | Yes $\qquad$ .1 <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| BF16. DID (NAME) EAT SOLID OR SEMI-SOLID (SOFT, MUSHY) FOOD YESTERDAY, dURING THE DAY OR NIGHT? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 18 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{BF} 18 \end{aligned}$ |
| BF17. How MANY times did (name) eat solid or semi-solid (soft, mushy) FOOD YESTERDAY, DURING THE DAY OR NIGHT? | Number of times ....................................................................... - |  |
| BF18. Yesterday, during the day or night, did (name) drink anything FROM A BOTTLE WITH A NIPPLE? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |


| CARE OF ILLNESS |  | CA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CA1. In the last two weeks, has (name) had diarrhoea? | Yes $\qquad$ . 1 <br> No $\qquad$ .2 <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA} 7 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA} 7 \end{aligned}$ |
| CA2. I would like to know how much (name) was given to drink during the diarrhoea (including breastmilk). <br> During the time (name) had diarrhoea, was he/she given less than usual to drink, about the same amount, or more than usual? <br> IF LESS, PROBE: <br> WAS he/she given much less than usual to drink, or somewhat less? | Much less $\qquad$ <br> Somewhat less. $\qquad$ <br> About the same $\qquad$ <br> More $\qquad$ <br> Nothing to drink $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| CA3. During the time (name) had diarrhoea, was he/she given less than usual to eat, about the same amount, more than usual, or nothing to Eat? <br> If "less", probe: <br> Was he/she given much less than usual to eat or somewhat less? | Much less $\qquad$ <br> Somewhat less. $\qquad$ <br> About the same $\qquad$ <br> More. $\qquad$ <br> Stopped food $\qquad$ <br> Never gave food. $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| CA4. During the episode of diarrhoea, was (name) given to drink any of THE FOLLOWING: <br> Read each item aloud and record response before proceeding to the next item. <br> [A] A fluid made from a special packet called ORS? <br> [B] A pre-packaged ORS fluid for diarrhoea? <br> [C] Rice water/ Rice porridge? <br> [D] Whey (Dachu)? <br> [E] Weak tea (Phekha) with salt? | Fluid from ORS packet $\qquad$ 128 <br> Pre-packaged ORS fluid. $\qquad$ 128 <br> Rice water/Rice porridge $\qquad$ 128 <br> Whey(Dachu). $\qquad$ 128 <br> Weak Tea (Phekha) with salt. $\qquad$ 128 |  |
| CA5. Was anything (else) given to treat the diarrhoea? | Yes $\qquad$ .1 <br> No $\qquad$ .. 2 <br> DK $\qquad$ 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA} 7 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA} 7 \end{aligned}$ |


| CA6. What (else) was given to treat the diarrhoea? <br> PROBE: <br> Anything else? <br> Record all treatments given. Write brand name(s) of all medicines MENTIONED. <br> (Name) | Pill or Syrup <br> Antibiotic $\qquad$ A <br> Antimotility. $\qquad$ <br> Zinc. $\qquad$ . C <br> Other (Not antibiotic, antimotility <br> or zinc) $\qquad$ <br> Unknown pill or syrup $\qquad$ H <br> Injection <br> Antibiotic $\qquad$ L <br> Non-antibiotic $\qquad$ M <br> Unknown injection. $\qquad$ N <br> Intravenous. $\qquad$ O <br> Home remedy / Herbal medicine $\qquad$ <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ X |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CA7. At any time in the last two weeks, has (name) had an illness with A cough? | Yes .............................................................................................................. 1 No ........................................................................................................ 2 DK ............................................................................................................ 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA14} \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA14} \end{aligned}$ |
| CA8. When (name) had an illness with a cough, did he/she breathe FASTER THAN USUAL wITH SHORT, RAPID BREATHS OR HAVE DIFFICULTY breathing? | Yes .................................................................................................. 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA14} \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA14} \end{aligned}$ |
| CA9. Was the fast or difficult breathing due to a problem in the chest or a blocked or runny nose? | Problem in chest. $\qquad$ <br> Blocked or runny nose $\qquad$ <br> Both. $\qquad$ .3 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ 6 <br> DK8 | $2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA} 14$ $6 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA14}$ |
| CA10. Did you seek any advice or treatment for the illness from any SOURCE? | Yes ................................................................................................ 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA} 12 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA} 12 \end{aligned}$ |
| CA11. From where did you seek advice or treatment? <br> Probe: <br> Anywhere else? <br> Circle all providers mentioned, <br> but do NOT prompt with any suggestions. <br> Probe to identify each type of source. <br> If unable to determine if public or private sector, write the name of the place. <br> (Name of place) | Public sector <br> Hospital $\qquad$ <br> BHU $\qquad$ B <br> Satellite clinic $\qquad$ . C <br> Village health worker. $\qquad$ D <br> Outreach clinic. $\qquad$ .E <br> Private medical sector <br> Private physician. $\qquad$ <br> Private pharmacy $\qquad$ K <br> Other source <br> Relative / Friend. $\qquad$ . P <br> Shop $\qquad$ <br> Traditional practitioner $\qquad$ $\qquad$ |  |


| CA12. Was (name) given any medicine to treat this illness? | Yes $\qquad$ <br> No $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA} 14 \\ & 8 \Rightarrow \mathrm{CA14} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CA13. What medicine was (name) given? <br> PRobe: <br> Any other medicine? <br> Circle all medicines given. Write brand name(s) of all medicines mentioned. <br> (Names of medicines) | Antibiotic <br> Pill / Syrup $\qquad$ <br> Injection $\qquad$ <br> Paracetamol / Panadol / Acetaminophen. $\qquad$ <br> Aspirin. $\qquad$ <br> Ibuprofen $\qquad$ <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| CA14. Check AG2: Child aged under 3 ? Yes. $\Rightarrow$ Continue with CA15 No. $\Rightarrow$ UF13 |  |  |
| CA15. The last time (name) passed stools, what was done to dispose of the stools? | Child used toilet / latrine $\qquad$ .01 <br> Put / Rinsed into toilet or latrine $\qquad$ 02 <br> Put / Rinsed into drain or ditch $\qquad$ 03 <br> Thrown into garbage (solid waste) $\qquad$ 04 <br> Buried. $\qquad$ 05 <br> Left in the open $\qquad$ .06 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ 96 <br> DK $\qquad$ |  |
| UF13. Record the end time.(24 Hours) | Hour and minutes ......................................................_-_ : |  |
| UF13. Record the end time.(24 Hours) | Hour and minutes .....................................................-_-_ |  |

## UF14. Is the respondent the mother or caretaker of another child age 0-4 living in this household?

$\square$ Yes. $\Rightarrow$ Indicate to the respondent that you will need to measure the weight and height of the child later:
Go to the next QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE to be administered to the same respondent
$\square$ No. $\Rightarrow$ End the interview with this respondent by thanking him/her for his/her cooperation and tell her/him that you will need to measure the weight and height of the child..

Check to see if there are other woman's or under-5 questionnaires to be administered in this household.
Move to another woman's or under-5 questionnaire, or start making arrangements for anthropometric measurements of all eligible children in the household.

## ANTHROPOMETRY

After questionnaires for all children are complete, the measurer weighs and measures each child.

Record weight and length/height below, taking care to record the measurements on the correct questionnaire for each child. Check the child's name and line number on the household listing before recording measurements.

| AN1. Measurer's name and number: | Name__ - |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AN2. Result of height / Length and weight measurement | Either or both measured $\qquad$ <br> Child not present $\qquad$ 2 <br> Child or caretaker refused $\qquad$ .3 <br> Other (specify) $\qquad$ 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \Rightarrow \text { AN6 } \\ & 3 \Rightarrow \text { AN6 } \\ & 6 \Rightarrow \text { AN6 } \end{aligned}$ |
| AN3. Child's weight | Kilograms (kg). <br> Weight not measured................99.999 |  |
| AN4. Child's lengit or height <br> Check age of child in AG2: <br> Child under 2 years old. Measure length (lying down). Child age 2 or more years. $\square$ Measure height (standing up). | Length (cm) <br> Lying down $\qquad$ $\qquad$ -- <br> Height (cm) <br> Standing up $\qquad$ 2 $\qquad$ - <br> Length / Height not measured. $\qquad$ 999.9 |  |
| AN5. Oedema <br> Observe and record | Checked <br> Oedema present. $\qquad$ 1 <br> Oedema not present $\qquad$ 2 <br> Unsure $\qquad$ <br> Not checked <br> (specify reason). $\qquad$ |  |

AN6. Is there another child in the household who is eligible for measurement?
$\square$ Yes. $\Rightarrow$ Record measurements for next child.
$\square$ No. $\Rightarrow$ End the interview with this household by thanking all participants for their cooperation.

Gather together all questionnaires for this household and check that all identification numbers are inserted on each page. Tally on the Household Information Panel the number of interviews completed.

## Interviewer's Observations

## Field Editor's Observations

Supervisor's Observations


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The BMIS was followed by a second stage disability assessment which will verify the disability data coming from the BMIS. A report showing the disability results from the second stage will be produced separately.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ The terms "children under-five", "children aged 0-4 years", and "children aged 0-59 months" are used interchangeably in this report.
    ${ }^{3}$ The model MICS4 questionnaires can be found at www.childinfo.org
    ${ }^{4}$ Additional questions on non-formal education, post natal care, family planning, domestic violence and food security were added as was requested by different sectors/agencies in the country. The report on these additional topics will be included in the thematic analysis on education, gender and health which will be carried out subsequently.

[^2]:    ${ }^{5}$ Unless otherwise stated, "education" refers to educational level attended by the respondent throughout this report when it is used as a background variable.
    ${ }^{6}$ Principal components analysis was performed by using information on the ownership of consumer goods,dwelling characteristics, water and sanitation, and other characteristics that are related to the household's wealth to assign weights (factor scores) to each of the household assets. Each household was then assigned a wealth score based on these weights and the assets owned by that household. The survey household population was then ranked according to the wealth score of the household they are living in, and was finallydivided into 5 equal parts (quintiles) from lowest (poorest) to highest (richest). The assets used in these calculations were as follows: source of drinking water, type of sanitation facility, persons per sleeping room, type of floor, type of roof, type of wall, type of cooking fuel, household member assets(watch, mobile phone, bike, motor cycle/ scooter, car/truck, computer, bow, camera, VCR/VCD/DVD player, sersho gho/kira), ownership of bank account. The wealth index is assumed to capture the underlying long-term wealth through information on the household assets, and is intended to produce a ranking of households by wealth, from poorest to richest. The wealth index does not provide information on absolute poverty, current income or expenditure levels. The wealth scores calculated are applicable for only the particular data set they are based on. Further information on the construction of the wealth index can be found in Rutstein and Johnson, 2004,
    Filmer and Pritchett, 2001, and Gwatkin et. Al., 2000.

[^3]:    ${ }^{7}$ Previous mortality estimates for Bhutan, for example those coming from the 2005 census have been based on the North model. The Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality (IGME) has also supported the use of the North model for mortality calculations based on the relationship between adult and child mortality in Bhutan. However, there is also evidence to suggest that the West model may be an appropriate choice for Bhutan; the West model is used by all neighboring countries of Bhutan. The appropriate choice of model requires in-depth further analytical work but for consistency purposes with previous estimates the North model has been used in the BMIS.

[^4]:    ${ }^{8} \mathrm{http}: / /$ www.who.int/childgrowth/standards/second_set/technical_report_2.pdf

[^5]:    [1] MICS indicator 2.10

    * Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

[^6]:    [1] MICS indicator 2.15
    [2] MICS indicator 2.13

    * By Dzongkhag is not shown because the number of unweighted observation are lower than 50

[^7]:    ${ }^{9}$ For a detailed description of the methodology, see Boerma, Weinstein, Rutstein and Sommerfelt, 1996.

[^8]:    [1] MICS indicator 3.7

    * Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

[^9]:    ${ }_{\text {* An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than } 25 \text { unweighted cases }}$

[^10]:    * An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
    * Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

[^11]:    * An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases

[^12]:    ${ }^{10}$ WHO/UNICEF JMP (2008), MDG assessment report - http://www.wssinfo.org/download?id_ document=1279

[^13]:    [1] MICS indicator 5.3; MDG indicator 5.3

[^14]:    [1] MICS indicator 5.4; MDG indicator 5.6

[^15]:    ${ }^{13}$ Number of women who delivered in past two years is less than 50 unweighted cases, so result should be interpreted with caution

[^16]:    * Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

[^17]:    [1] MICS indicator 6.3
    [2] MICS indicator 6.5

[^18]:    ${ }^{14}$ Includes those children in early childhood care and development centers and excludes those enrolled in pre-primary education.

[^19]:    ${ }^{15}$ Ratios presented in this table are "adjusted" since they include not only primary school attendance, but also secondary school attendance in the numerator.

[^20]:    ${ }^{16}$ Ratios presented in this table are "adjusted" since they include not only secondary school attendance, but also attendance to higher levels in the numerator.

[^21]:    [1] MICS indicator 9.7

    * An asterisk indicates that the percentage is calculated on fewer than 25 unweighted cases
    * Figures in parenthesis indicate that the percentage is based on just 25 to 49 unweighted cases

[^22]:    ${ }^{17}$ Although MICS indicator 9.14 cannot be shown on the table because of the low number of cases by background characteristics, there are enough (more than 50) unweighted cases to report it at national level.

[^23]:    ${ }^{18}$ Although MICS indicator 9.16 cannot be shown on the table because of the low number of cases by background characteristics, there are enough (more than 50) unweighted cases to report it at national level.

[^24]:    We are from National Statistics bureau. We are conducting a survey on the situation of household, women and children. I would like to talk to you about these subjects. The interview might

