



This country profile should be read in conjunction with the "How to use the country profile" document which can be found at unfpa.org/sowmy

Map is an approximation of actual country borders.

Estimated population	2019	1,366,417,756
Women of reproductive age (aged 15-49)	2019	353,356,940
Adolescents (aged 10-19)	2019	252,674,337
Total fertility rate (births per woman)	2015-2020	2.24
Live births	2019	24,119,240
Pregnancies	2019	35,462,864
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	2016	10.7
Maternal mortality ratio (maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)	2017	145
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths within 28 days per 1,000 live births)	2018	23
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total births)	2019	14
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	2016	81%
Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (% using modern method)	2019	38%
Unmet need for family planning (% of women of reproductive age)	2019	9%
Caesarean section rate (% of live births)	2010-2016	17%
Coverage for 4+ antenatal care visits (% of live births)	2016	51%

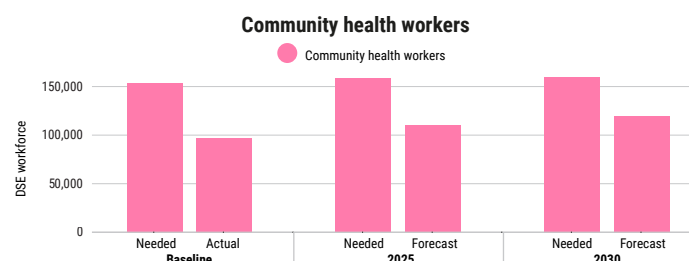
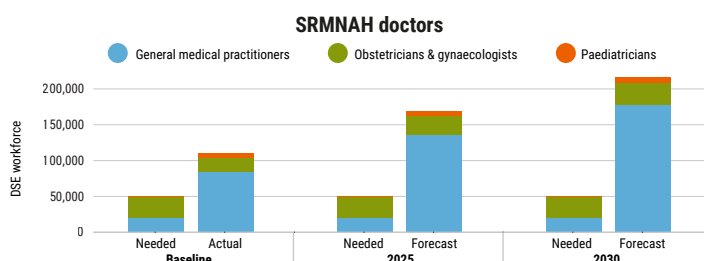
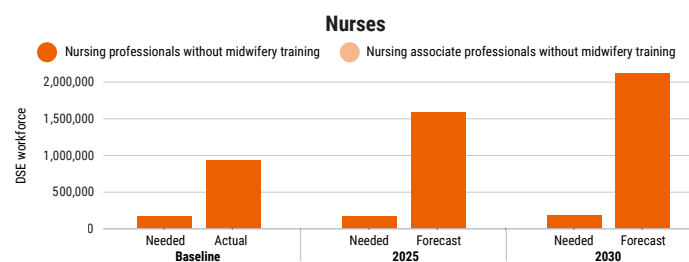
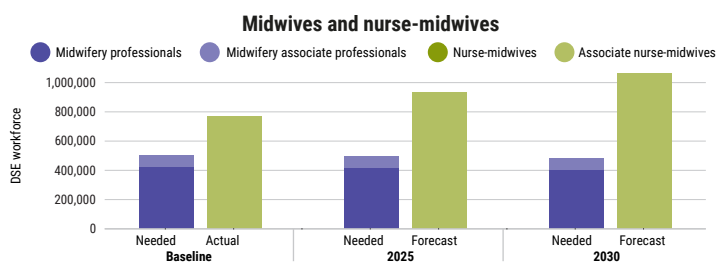
Data sources: see "How to use the country profile" document.

FULL SRMNAH WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY

Occupation group	Year	Headcount (A)	Percentage of time on SRMNAH (B)	Dedicated SRMNAH Equivalent (DSE) (A*B)	Graduates		Density per 10,000 population
					Year	Number	
Midwifery professionals	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Midwifery associate professionals	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Midwives not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Nursing professionals	2018	1,563,629		938,177	2018	322,827	11.4
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2018	1,563,629	60%	938,177	2018	322,827	11.4
Nursing associate professionals	2018	772,575		679,866	nr	nr	5.7
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2018	772,575	88%	679,866	nr	nr	5.7
Nurses not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Community health workers	2018	970,676	10%	97,068	nr	nr	7.1
Paramedical practitioners	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Medical assistants	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
General medical practitioners	nr	nr	na	nr	2018	80,312	nr
Obstetricians & gynaecologists	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Paediatricians	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Total SRMNAH workforce		3,306,880		1,715,111			24.2

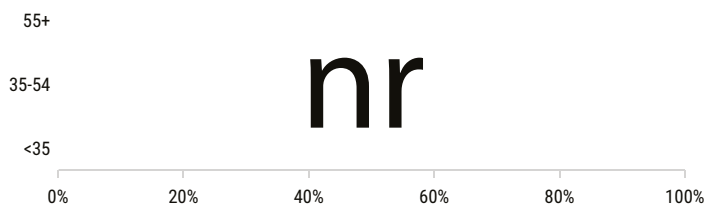
Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

PROJECTIONS TO 2030, DEDICATED SRMNAH EQUIVALENT (DSE) WORKFORCE

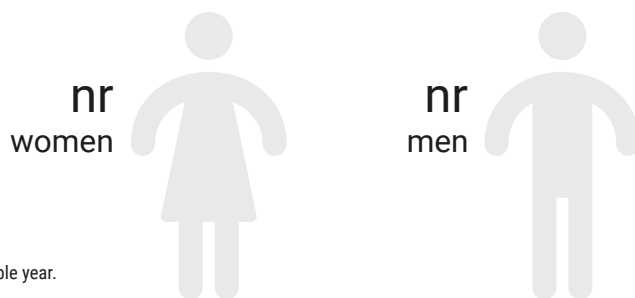


Source: SoWMy analysis, using NHWA data platform, accessed Dec-2020

Age distribution



Gender distribution



Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Policy environment

National policy guideline that recommends midwife-led care for pregnancy and/or childbirth and/or postnatal period for mother only, or both mother and newborn? *	<i>Pregnancy</i>	<i>Childbirth</i>	<i>Postnatal</i>
	Mother & newborn	Mother & newborn	Mother & newborn

Number of midwives in leadership roles in national MoH / sub-national MoH / regulatory authorities	<i>National MoH</i>	<i>Sub-national MoH</i>	<i>Regulatory authorities</i>
	dk	dk	dk

Education

National policy / guideline on education of midwifery care providers based on ICM competencies? *		no	
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Midwifery education pathway (direct entry / post-nursing / combined)?	<i>Direct entry</i>	<i>Post-nursing</i>	<i>Combined</i>
	no	yes	yes

Duration of direct entry / post-nursing / combined education programme (months)	<i>Direct entry</i>	<i>Post-nursing</i>	<i>Combined</i>
	na	18	48

% of midwifery educators who are midwives	100
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Regulation

National policy sets a competency framework for maternal and/or newborn care? *	yes
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National policy on regulation of midwifery care providers based on ICM competencies? *	no
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Regulatory body for midwifery practice?	yes
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Is licensing compulsory prior to practise? / Is there periodic relicensing? / Is continuing professional development a requirement for relicensing?	<i>License compulsory</i>	<i>Periodic relicensing</i>	<i>Continuing development requirement</i>
	yes	yes	nr

Association

Is there a professional association specifically for midwives? Is there another professional association open to midwives?	<i>Association specifically for midwives</i>	<i>Other association open to midwives</i>
	yes	yes

Source: 2020 ICM survey, except those marked * which are from 2018-2019 WHO SRMNAH policy survey

Key:
na = not applicable
nr = not reported

dk = don't know
MoH = Ministry of Health

POTENTIAL TO MEET NEED AND DEMAND, 2019 AND 2030

$$\text{Potential to meet NEED} = \frac{\text{Workforce time available}}{\text{Workforce time needed for universal coverage of essential SRMNAH interventions}}$$

SoWMy 2014[§]



86%

SoWMy 2021



78%

2030



91%

$$\text{Potential to meet DEMAND} = \frac{\text{Supply of health workers}}{\text{Health workers system can support}}$$



2030 supply **exceeds** capacity to employ

§ or most recent regional SoWMy report: East & Southern Africa 2017 or Pacific States 2019

EXPLANATORY NOTES

India's submission to NHWA indicated no midwives, and no nurses with midwifery training, perhaps in recognition of the need to improve midwifery skills. However, given that India has many nurses with some midwifery training (and on the advice of the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia) for the purposes of modelling potential met need, associate professional nurses were assumed to have the competencies of associate nurse-midwives.

There are 2 post-nursing midwife education programmes, both of 18 months' duration. The first leads to qualification as a Midwifery Practitioner or Nurse Practitioner in Midwifery, and the other to qualification as a General Nurse in Midwifery.

Source: Additional information provided by national stakeholders during data collection and validation.