



Estimated population	2019	211,049,519
Women of reproductive age (aged 15-49)	2019	57,089,299
Adolescents (aged 10-19)	2019	31,633,075
Total fertility rate (births per woman)	2015-2020	1.74
Live births	2019	2,866,000
Pregnancies	2019	4,746,558
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	2017	52.7
Maternal mortality ratio (maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)	2017	60
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths within 28 days per 1,000 live births)	2018	8
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total births)	2019	7
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	2017	99%
Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (% using modern method)	2019	63%
Unmet need for family planning (% of women of reproductive age)	2019	6%
Caesarean section rate (% of live births)	2,015	56%
Coverage for 4+ antenatal care visits (% of live births)	2015	91%

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

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.

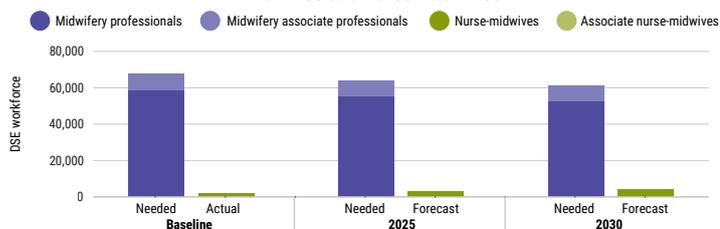
FULL SRMNAH WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY

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	2019	405,961		122,915	2018	42,253	19.2
with midwifery training	2019	2,049	85%	1,742	nr	nr	0.1
without midwifery training	2019	403,912	30%	121,174	2018	42,253	19.1
Nursing associate professionals	2019	1,155,979		462,392	nr	nr	54.8
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2019	1,155,979	40%	462,392	nr	nr	54.8
Nurses not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Community health workers	2019	281,207	10%	28,121	nr	nr	13.3
Paramedical practitioners	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Medical assistants	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
General medical practitioners	2019	118,013	20%	23,603	nr	nr	5.6
Obstetricians & gynaecologists	2019	24,307	50%	12,154	nr	nr	1.2
Paediatricians	2019	40,411	15%	6,062	nr	nr	1.9
Total SRMNAH workforce		2,025,878		655,245			96

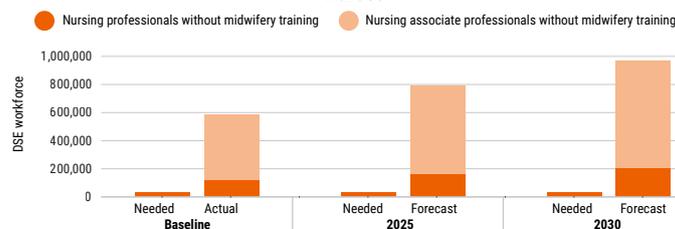
Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

PROJECTIONS TO 2030, DEDICATED SRMNAH EQUIVALENT (DSE) WORKFORCE

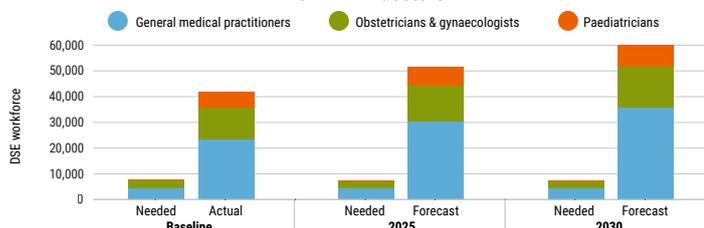
Midwives and nurse-midwives



Nurses



SRMNAH doctors



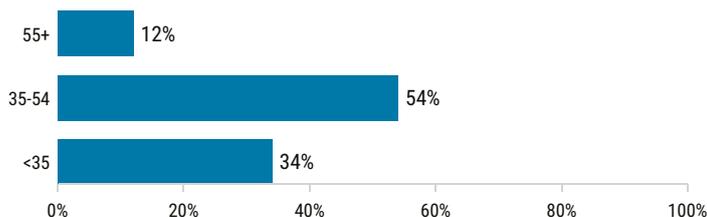
Community health workers



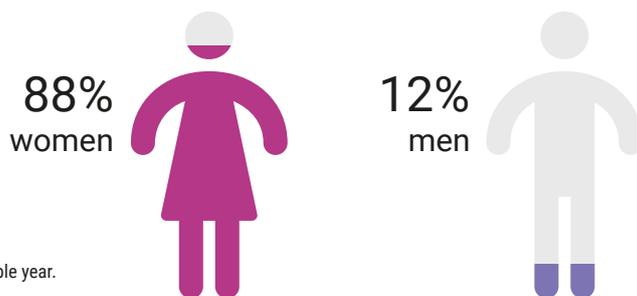
Source: SoWMy analysis, using NHWA data platform, accessed Dec-2020

WIDER MIDWIFERY WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHY - Midwives and nurse-midwives (professionals and associates)

Age distribution



Gender distribution



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

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Policy environment

	Pregnancy	Childbirth	Postnatal
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? *	Mother & newborn	Mother & newborn	Mother & newborn

	National MoH	Sub-national MoH	Regulatory authorities
Number of midwives in leadership roles in national MoH / sub-national MoH / regulatory authorities	5	50	80

Education

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

	Direct entry	Post-nursing	Combined
Duration of direct entry / post-nursing / combined education programme (months)	54	24	na

% of midwifery educators who are midwives	70		
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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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	License compulsory	Periodic relicensing	Continuing development requirement
Is licensing compulsory prior to practise? / Is there periodic relicensing? / Is continuing professional development a requirement for relicensing?	no	na	na

Association

	Association specifically for midwives	Other association open to midwives
Is there a professional association specifically for midwives? Is there another professional association open to midwives?	yes	yes

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

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^s



100%

SoWMy 2021



98%

2030



99%

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



2030 supply exceeds capacity to employ

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Although Brazil does not have professional midwives, 2 post-nursing education programmes are available to those with a bachelor's degree in nursing, both leading to a Diploma in Specialist Obstetric Nursing, with competencies aligned with the ICM definition of a professional midwife. The residency option lasts for 24 months, during which nurses learn the obstetric specialization while employed at a health facility and paid by the government. This option is available only in the public sector and is offered by 35 teaching hospitals. The other option is a traditional 18-month education programme, offered at some public sector schools and some private sector schools.

In addition to the education programmes, the midwives' association can certify nurses based on their practical experience. They must have supported a minimum number of births, pass a theory test and provide other evidence of their relevant experience in midwifery. This process takes place every 2 years, and about 10-12 certificates are awarded each time.

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

Key:
na = not applicable
nr = not reported

dk = don't know
MoH = Ministry of Health