



Estimated population	2019	18,952,035
Women of reproductive age (aged 15-49)	2019	4,814,774
Adolescents (aged 10-19)	2019	2,505,672
Total fertility rate (births per woman)	2015-2020	1.65
Live births	2019	228,080
Pregnancies	2019	377,737
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	2017	26.4
Maternal mortality ratio (maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)	2017	13
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths within 28 days per 1,000 live births)	2018	5
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total births)	2019	3
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	2017	100%
Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (% using modern method)	2019	58%
Unmet need for family planning (% of women of reproductive age)	2019	6%
Caesarean section rate (% of live births)	2,012	50%
Coverage for 4+ antenatal care visits (% of live births)	nr	nr

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

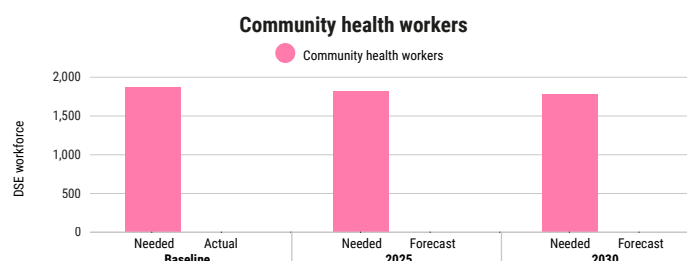
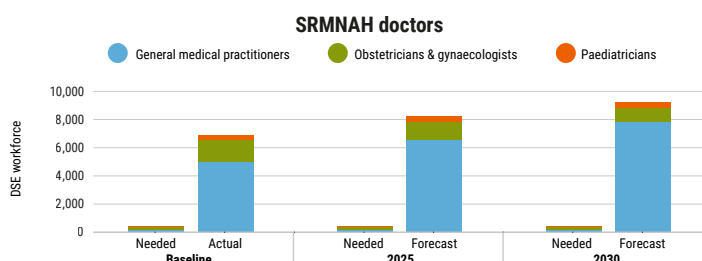
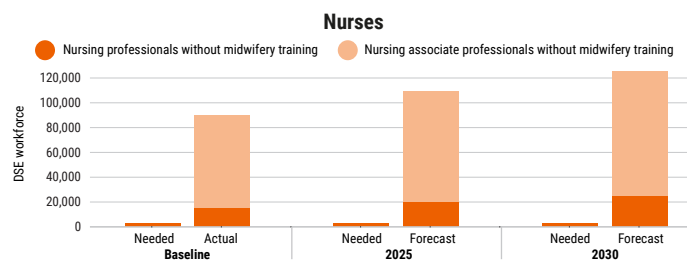
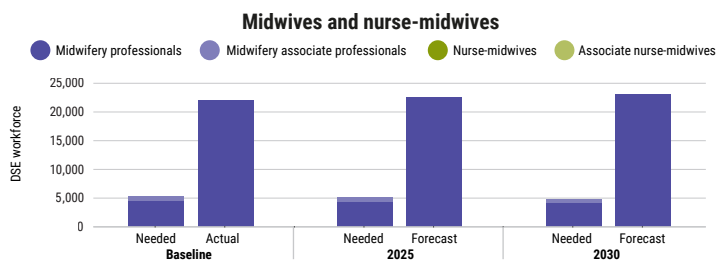
Map is an approximation of actual country borders.

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	2019	22,107	100%	22,107	2019	1,009	11.7
Midwifery associate professionals	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Midwives not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Nursing professionals	2018	50,174		15,052	2018	5,570	26.5
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2018	50,174	30%	15,052	2018	5,570	26.5
Nursing associate professionals	2018	186,253		74,501	nr	nr	98.3
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2018	186,253	40%	74,501	nr	nr	98.3
Nurses not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Community health workers	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Paramedical practitioners	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Medical assistants	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
General medical practitioners	2018	25,041	20%	5,008	nr	nr	13.2
Obstetricians & gynaecologists	2019	3,203	50%	1,602	2019	32	1.7
Paediatricians	2018	1,961	15%	294	nr	nr	1
Total SRMNAH workforce		288,739		118,564			152.4

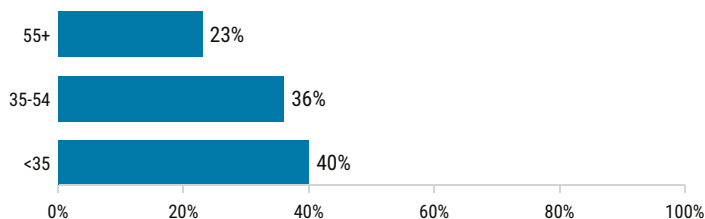
Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

PROJECTIONS TO 2030, DEDICATED SRMNAH EQUIVALENT (DSE) WORKFORCE



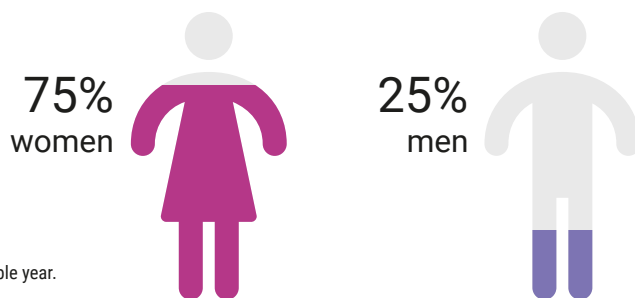
Source: SoWMy analysis, using NHWA data platform, accessed Dec-2020

Age distribution



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

Gender distribution



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	nr	nr	nr

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)?	nr	nr	nr

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

% of midwifery educators who are midwives	nr
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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? *	yes
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Regulatory body for midwifery practice?	nr
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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?	nr	nr	nr

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



nr

SoWMy 2021



100%

2030



100%

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



2030 supply exceeds capacity to employ

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

It takes 5 years to qualify as a midwife: 4 years to do a degree in obstetrics and childcare, then 1 year in midwifery.

The country is in the process of setting up a "Direccion Nacional de Matroneria".

The country submitted an ICM survey, but only the association section was validated before the deadline, so only the association data are shown here.

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