



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	52,573,967
Women of reproductive age (aged 15-49)	2019	13,652,231
Adolescents (aged 10-19)	2019	12,493,627
Total fertility rate (births per woman)	2015-2020	3.52
Live births	2019	1,503,800
Pregnancies	2019	2,129,573
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	2014	96
Maternal mortality ratio (maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)	2017	342
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths within 28 days per 1,000 live births)	2018	20
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total births)	2019	20
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	2014	62%
Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (% using modern method)	2019	44%
Unmet need for family planning (% of women of reproductive age)	2019	12%
Caesarean section rate (% of live births)	2,009	9%
Coverage for 4+ antenatal care visits (% of live births)	2014	58%

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

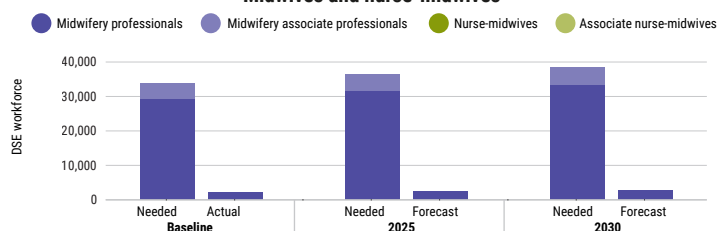
FULL SRMNAH WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY

Occupation group	Year	Headcount (A)	Percentage of time on SRMNAH (B)	Dedicated SRMNAH Equivalent (DSE) (A*B)	Graduates Year	Number	Density per 10,000 population
Midwifery professionals	2016	2,092	100%	2,092	2015	136	0.4
Midwifery associate professionals	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Midwives not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Nursing professionals	2018	46,703		20,549	2017	7,120	8.9
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2018	46,703	44%	20,549	2017	7,120	8.9
Nursing associate professionals	2018	13,198		6,599	nr	nr	2.5
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2018	13,198	50%	6,599	nr	nr	2.5
Nurses not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Community health workers	2018	58,079	10%	5,808	nr	nr	11
Paramedical practitioners	2018	21,942	30%	6,583	nr	nr	4.2
Medical assistants	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
General medical practitioners	2018	5,602	20%	1,120	2015	520	1.1
Obstetricians & gynaecologists	2018	400	50%	200	nr	nr	0.1
Paediatricians	2018	339	15%	51	nr	nr	0.1
Total SRMNAH workforce		148,355		43,002			28.2

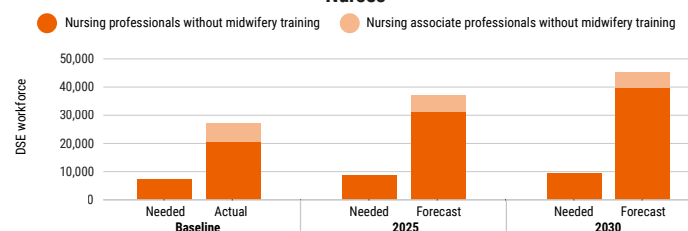
Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

PROJECTIONS TO 2030, DEDICATED SRMNAH EQUIVALENT (DSE) WORKFORCE

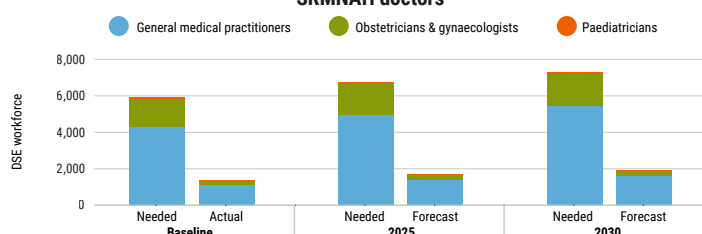
Midwives and nurse-midwives



Nurses



SRMNAH doctors

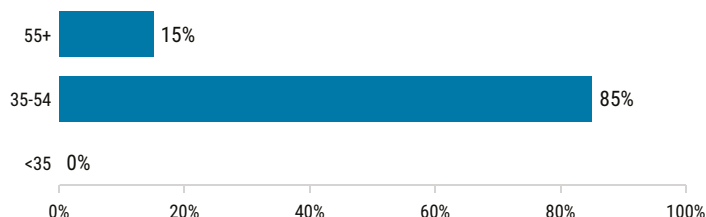


Community health workers



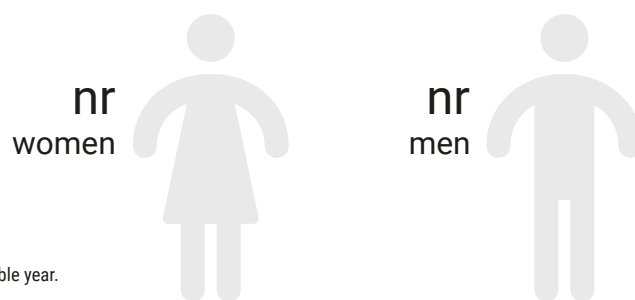
Source: SoWMy analysis, using NHWA data platform, accessed Dec-2020

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	1	337	3

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)?	no	yes	no

	Direct entry	Post-nursing	Combined
Duration of direct entry / post-nursing / combined education programme (months)	na	36	na

% of midwifery educators who are midwives	15
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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?	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?	yes	yes	yes

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

97%

SoWMy 2021



72%

2030



75%

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

2030 supply is **moderately below** capacity to employ^s or most recent regional SoWMy report: East & Southern Africa 2017 or Pacific States 2019

EXPLANATORY NOTES

There are 2 post-nursing midwife education programmes: (1) a 36-month Bachelor's programme in midwifery and (2) an 18-month programme to qualify as a Registered Nurse/Midwife.

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

Key:
na = not applicable
nr = not reporteddk = don't know
MoH = Ministry of Health