

DELIVERY IN A HEALTH FACILITY

Outcome indicator

Indicator Phrasing

English: % of women aged 15 - 49 years whose most recent live birth was delivered in a health facility

French: % de femmes âgées de 15 à 49 ans dont leur accouchement le plus récent a eu lieu dans un centre médical

Portuguese: % de mulheres entre os 15 e os 49 anos de idade cujo último parto de nado-vivo foi realizado numa unidade de saúde

Czech: % žen ve věku 15 – 49 let, u kterých poslední porod proběhl ve zdravotním středisku

What is its purpose?

The indicator measures the proportion of women aged 15 – 49 with a live birth (i.e. not stillbirth) in the past 2 years whose most recent live birth was delivered in a health facility. Delivering in a health facility reduces the risk of life-threatening complications and death.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Collect the following data by conducting individual interviews with a [representative sample](#) of women aged 15 – 49 who in the past 2 years delivered a live child:

RECOMMENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS (Q) AND POSSIBLE ANSWERS (A)

Q1: *Where did you give birth to your youngest child?*

A1:

- 1) at the respondent's home
- 2) at other home
- 3) in the government hospital
- 4) in the government health centre
- 5) in a private hospital
- 6) in a private clinic
- 7) in other private medical facility
- 8) other – specify: _____

To **calculate the indicator's value**, divide the number of respondents who delivered at a government or private health facility by the total number of respondents. Multiply the result by 100 to convert it to a percentage.

Disaggregate by

[Disaggregate](#) the data by place of delivery (e.g. hospital, health clinic, home), respondent's location (rural / urban), number of deliveries, and socio-economic characteristics ([wealth](#) category, level of education).

Important Comments

1) **Use the following two questions** to assess whether the respondent is “aged 15 – 49 years and had a live birth in the last 2 years”:

Q: *What is your age?*

A: specify: _____ / won't say

Q: *In the past two years, did you give birth to a child that was alive when it was born?* [note for the enumerator: even if the baby was only alive for several seconds]

A: yes / no / won't say

2) Always assess also **who attended the woman's delivery** – see guidance [here](#).

3) Consider assessing **who decided where the delivery will take place** by asking: *Who made the decision about where to deliver your youngest baby?*

4) The set of questions was adapted from UNICEF's Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey ([MICS](#)) questionnaire.

E-Questionnaire

- [XLS form for electronic data collection - indicator Delivery in a Health Facility](#)