



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	216,565,317
Women of reproductive age (aged 15-49)	2019	54,257,491
Adolescents (aged 10-19)	2019	44,914,765
Total fertility rate (births per woman)	2015-2020	3.55
Live births	2019	6,008,560
Pregnancies	2019	8,834,472
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	2016	46
Maternal mortality ratio (maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)	2017	140
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths within 28 days per 1,000 live births)	2018	42
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total births)	2019	31
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	2018	69%
Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (% using modern method)	2019	18%
Unmet need for family planning (% of women of reproductive age)	2019	12%
Caesarean section rate (% of live births)	2007-2013	14%
Coverage for 4+ antenatal care visits (% of live births)	2018	51%

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

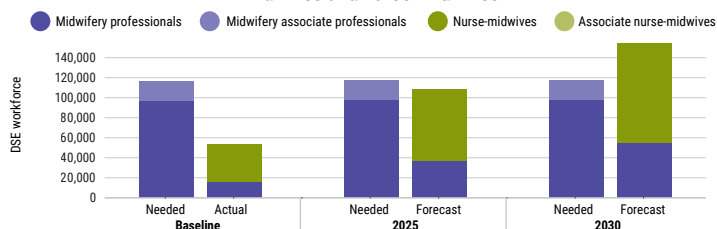
FULL SRMNAH WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY

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	2019	16,069	100%	16,069	2018	6,019	0.7
Midwifery associate professionals	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Midwives not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Nursing professionals	2019	88,571		48,885	2018	5,600	4.1
with midwifery training	2019	61,964	60%	37,178	nr	nr	2.9
without midwifery training	2019	26,607	44%	11,707	2018	5,600	1.2
Nursing associate professionals	nr	nr		nr	nr	nr	nr
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Nurses not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Community health workers	2019	18,009	10%	1,801	nr	nr	0.8
Paramedical practitioners	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Medical assistants	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
General medical practitioners	2019	194,265	20%	38,853	nr	nr	9
Obstetricians & gynaecologists	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Paediatricians	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Total SRMNAH workforce		316,914		105,608			14.6

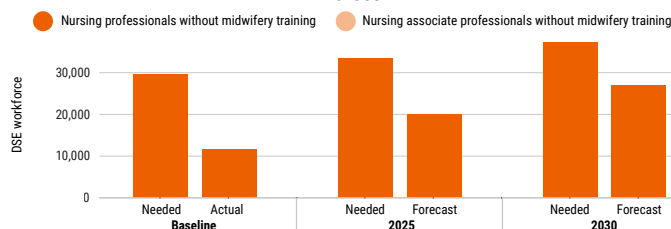
Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

PROJECTIONS TO 2030, DEDICATED SRMNAH EQUIVALENT (DSE) WORKFORCE

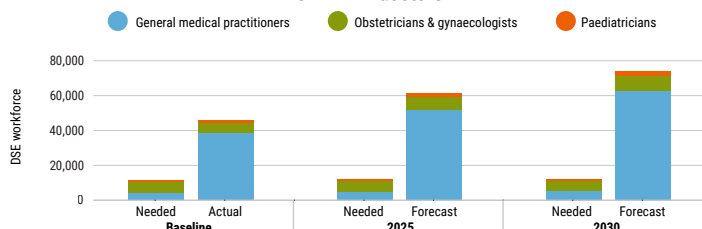
Midwives and nurse-midwives



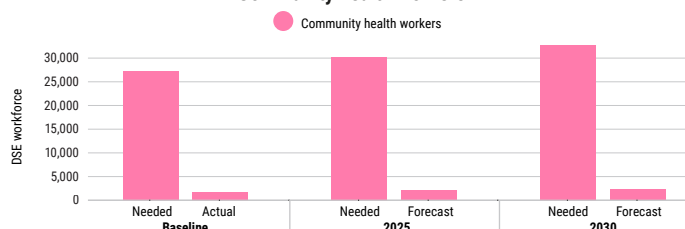
Nurses



SRMNAH doctors

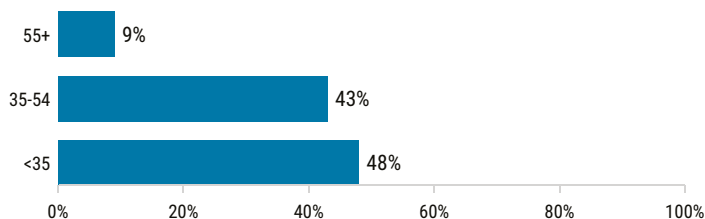


Community health workers



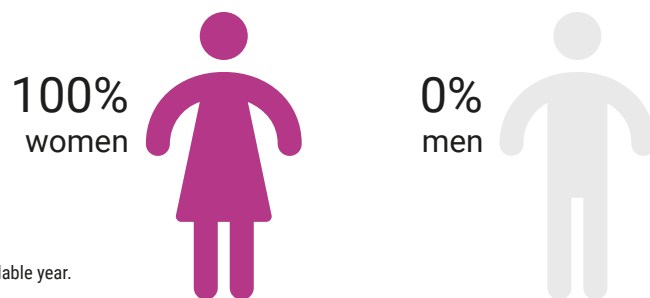
Source: SoWMy analysis, using NHWA data platform, accessed Dec-2020

Age distribution



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

Gender distribution



ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Policy environment

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

Number of midwives in leadership roles in national MoH / sub-national MoH / regulatory authorities	National MoH	Sub-national MoH	Regulatory authorities
	0	0	0

Education

National policy / guideline on education of midwifery care providers based on ICM competencies? *	
	no

Midwifery education pathway (direct entry / post-nursing / combined)?	Direct entry	Post-nursing	Combined
	yes	yes	no

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

% of midwifery educators who are midwives	
	90

Regulation

National policy sets a competency framework for maternal and/or newborn care? *	
	no

National policy on regulation of midwifery care providers based on ICM competencies? *	
	no

Regulatory body for midwifery practice?	
	nr

Is licensing compulsory prior to practise? / Is there periodic relicensing? / Is continuing professional development a requirement for relicensing?	License compulsory	Periodic relicensing	Continuing development requirement
	nr	nr	nr

Association

Is there a professional association specifically for midwives? Is there another professional association open to midwives?	Association specifically for midwives	Other 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[§]



42%

SoWMy 2021



61%

2030



100%

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



2030 supply is **moderately below** capacity to employ

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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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