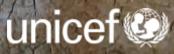
The Situation of Children and Women in Iraq

Highlights from the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 4 (MICS 4)

2011







Demographics

- Population of Iraq:33.4 million
- Children and Adolescents (0-18): 16.6 million (+/- 50% of Iragis)
- Children under 5: 5.6 million (1 in every 5 Iraqis)
- Adolescents and Youth: 6.7 million
- Poverty 23% of Iraq's population live on less than US \$2.2/day

Source: Ministry of Planning



MICS 4 in Iraq

- Household survey developed by UNICEF to assist developing countries improve the situation of children and women.
- This is the 4th MICS in Iraq. Previous MICS rounds were in 2006, 2000 and 1996.
- Largest ever survey in Iraq with 36,000 households interviewed.
- Only second survey in Iraq to collect data at a District level .
- All MICS fieldworkers were Government of Iraq and Kurdistan Region staff. 817 surveyors and supervisors collected data in Iraq's 118 districts
- Over 55,000 women in their reproductive age (15-49 years) were interviewed
- Data was collected in 2011



Comparison & Trends MICS 2006 – MICS 2011

Progress

- Good Progress in:
- Birth Registration (99%)
- Gender parity in Primary School (0.94)
- Registration and Attendance at Primary School (90%)
- Slight Progress in:
- Under 5 Child Mortality (very high mortality in 1st month and year of life)
- Immunization coverage (measles insufficient)
- Child labour

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Comparison & Trends MICS 2006 – MICS 2011 Stalling and Regress: Stalling in:

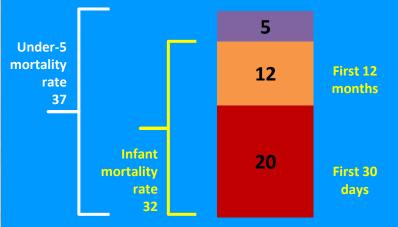
- Under-nutrition
- Low weight rate at birth
- Primary School completion on time
- Iodized salt consumption
- Attitude towards domestic violence and violent discipline

Regression in:

- Breastfeeding
- Treatment of Diarrhoea
- Treatment of Pneumonia
- Early Marriage



Child Mortality



37 Under-5 children die out of every 1000 live births

32 of those die before reaching her/his 1st birthday

Around 35.000 infants die every year

(based on the estimate of 1.1 million births/year. MoP)



Breastfeeding

Only 3 in 10 children are exclusively breastfed in the first month of life

But

Only 1 in 10 children are exclusively breastfed after three months of life



Nutrition

1 in 4 children experience stunted growth

(the irreversible outcome of chronic under-nutrition in the first years of life)

7% of children under 5 experience severe malnutrition (wasting)



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