



Estimated population	2019	163,046,173
Women of reproductive age (aged 15-49)	2019	45,732,681
Adolescents (aged 10-19)	2019	30,882,112
Total fertility rate (births per woman)	2015-2020	2.05
Live births	2019	2,896,720
Pregnancies	2019	4,259,089
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	2018	74
Maternal mortality ratio (maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)	2017	173
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths within 28 days per 1,000 live births)	2018	17
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total births)	2019	24
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	2018	53%
Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (% using modern method)	2019	47%
Unmet need for family planning (% of women of reproductive age)	2019	9%
Caesarean section rate (% of live births)	2013-2016	31%
Coverage for 4+ antenatal care visits (% of live births)	2019	37%

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

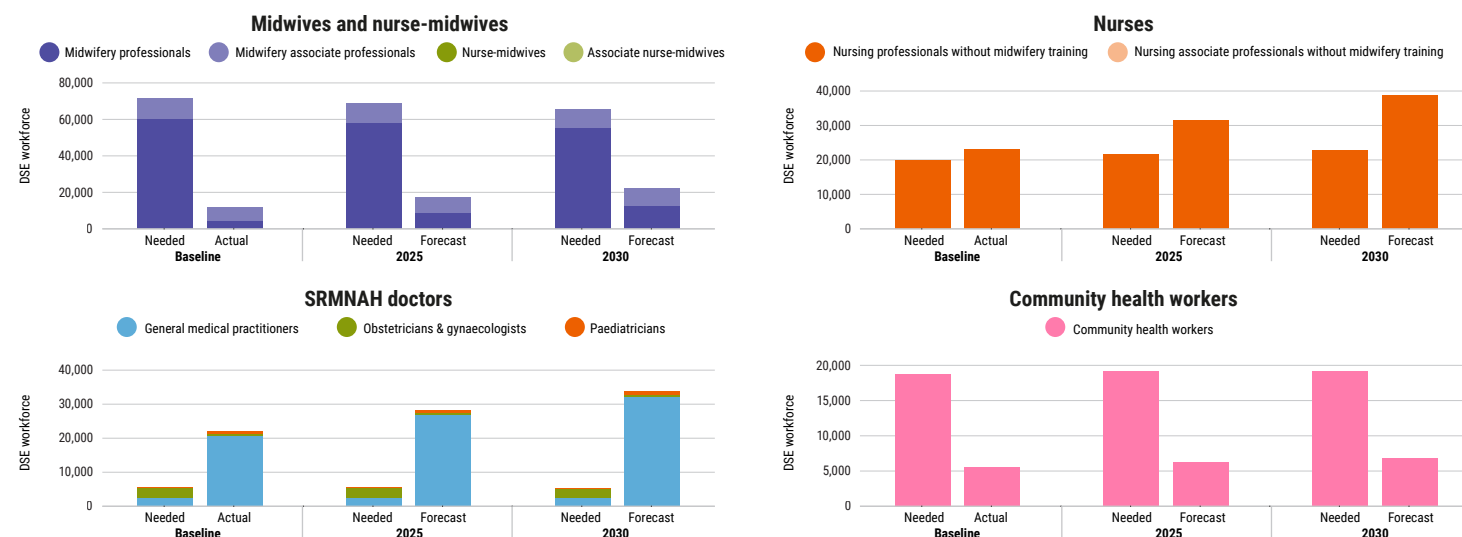
Map is an approximation of actual country borders.

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	4,396	100%	4,396	2018	1,206	0.3
Midwifery associate professionals	2019	7,202	100%	7,202	nr	nr	0.4
Midwives not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Nursing professionals	2019	52,259		31,355	2018	6,343	3.2
with midwifery training	2019	52,259	60%	31,355	nr	nr	3.2
without midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	2018	6,343	nr
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	2018	55,136	10%	5,514	nr	nr	3.4
Paramedical practitioners	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Medical assistants	2018	14,081	30%	4,224	nr	nr	0.9
General medical practitioners	2019	103,809	20%	20,762	nr	nr	6.4
Obstetricians & gynaecologists	2018	955	50%	478	nr	nr	0.1
Paediatricians	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Total SRMNAH workforce		237,838		73,931			14.6

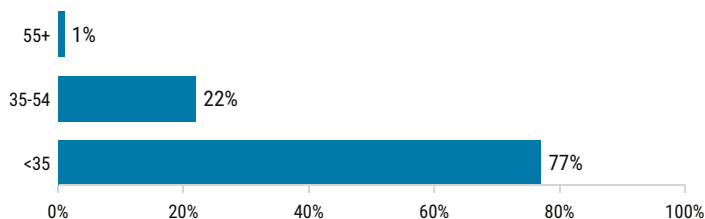
Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

PROJECTIONS TO 2030, DEDICATED SRMNAH EQUIVALENT (DSE) WORKFORCE



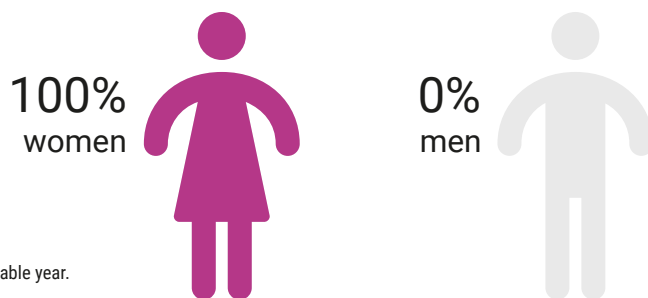
Source: SoWMy analysis, using NHWA data platform, accessed Dec-2020

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 only	Mother only	Mother only

	National MoH	Sub-national MoH	Regulatory authorities
Number of midwives in leadership roles in national MoH / sub-national MoH / regulatory authorities	0	15	dk

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)?	yes	no	no

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

% of midwifery educators who are midwives	17		
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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	no

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	no

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[§]



41%

SoWMy 2021



57%

2030



94%

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



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

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The health workers counted as 'nurses with midwifery training' received training in a limited number of midwifery competencies and do not meet international standards for midwifery. For modelling potential met need, they were treated in the same way as professional nurses, i.e. assuming that they spend 44% of their clinical time on SRMNAH care and that they are competent to deliver the same set of SRMNAH interventions as a professional nurse.

Before the direct-entry midwifery programme was launched, there was a 6-month bridging course to bring nurse-midwives up to the global standard of 18 months' post-nursing education. The bridging course is not currently running, but may run again in the future.

There was a recruitment freeze in 2019 owing to a dispute over licensing, which has since been resolved.

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