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**Trends in Children’s Use of Insecticide-treated Nets (ITN)**
*Children under 5 who slept under an ITN the night before the survey*

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<td>Value</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>60</td>
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**Children in households with at least 1 ITN**

**All children**

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**29% of children under 5 had fever in the 2 weeks before the survey.**

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**Diagnosis and Treatment of Fever in Children**

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<th>Children under 5 with fever* who:</th>
<th>92</th>
<th>67</th>
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<td>Sought treatment or advice</td>
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<td>Had blood taken from a finger or heel stick for testing</td>
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<td>Any Artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT)</td>
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<th>Number interviewed</th>
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<td>Households</td>
<td>29,361</td>
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<td>Women 15-49</td>
<td>24,562</td>
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<td>Men 15-54</td>
<td>7,478</td>
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**Trends in Childhood Mortality**
Deaths per 1,000 live births for the five-year period before the survey

**Trends in Childhood Vaccinations**
Percent of children age 12-23 months who received:
- 1 dose BCG: 98%
- 3 doses DPT-HepB-Hib: 93%
- 3 doses of polio: 81%
- 1 dose measles: 91%
- All basic vaccinations: 76%
- Polio at birth: 72%
- 3 doses pneumococcal: 89%
- 2 doses rotavirus: 91%
- All age appropriate vaccinations: 51%

**Children’s Nutritional Status by Residence**
Percent of under 5 who are:
- Stunted (too short for age): 37%
- Wasted (too thin for height): 3%
- Underweight (too thin for age): 3%

**Breastfeeding Status**
Percent distribution of children under six months

**Trends in Diarrhoea Treatment**
Percent of children under 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks before the survey who received
- Oral rehydration therapy: 20%
- No treatment: 80%

**Prevelance of Anaemia among Children**
Percent of children age 6-59 months with:
- Any anaemia: 63%
- Mild anaemia: 27%
- Moderate anaemia: 34%
- Severe anaemia: 2%

78% of children under five with symptoms of acute respiratory infection in the 2 weeks before the survey sought advice or treatment.