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**Women Empowerment**

- **Employment & Earnings:**
  - 3 out of 5 currently married women age 15-49 were employed in the 12 months before the survey. The majority of those employed are paid in cash only (75%).
  - Of the currently married women age 15-49 with cash earnings...
    - 54% jointly decide with their husbands how their own earnings are used.
    - 43% decide on their own how their earnings are used.

- **Asset Ownership:**
  - 32% Women who own a house, either alone and/or jointly with someone else.
  - 12% Women who own land, either alone and/or jointly with someone else.

- **Decision Making:**
  - 85% Currently married women who participate in decisions regarding their own health care, major household purchases, and visits to her relatives or family.
Spousal violence collected in the National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) are of women who have experienced any of the specified acts of physical, sexual, or emotional violence committed by their current husband/partner (if currently married) or most recent husband/partner (if formerly married), ever and in the 12 months preceding the survey.

PREVALENCE OF SPOUSAL VIOLENCE

1 out of 4 ever-married women age 15–49 have experienced any form of physical, sexual, or emotional violence by their current or most recent husband/partner. Women are more likely to have experienced emotional violence (20%) than physical violence (11%) or sexual violence (4%).

EXPERIENCE OF SPOUSAL VIOLENCE

Among ever-married women age 15–49 in the 12 months preceding the survey...

11% Ever experienced physical violence
4% Ever experienced sexual violence

Trends
Percentage of ever-married women who reported to have experienced spousal violence, by their current or most recent husband/partner

NDHS 2008 29
NDHS 2013 26
NDHS 2017 24

SPOUSAL VIOLENCE BY REGION

Percentage of ever-married women age 15–49 who have ever experienced physical, sexual, or emotional violence committed by their any husband/partner in the past 12 months

CARAGA 38%
ARMM 4%

MARITAL CONTROL BY HUSBAND

9% of ever-married women age 15–49 reported that their current or most recent husband/partner had ever exhibited three or more specific types of the following controlling behaviors:
- jealous or angry if she talks to other men
- frequently accuses her of being unfaithful
- does not permit her to meet her female friends
- tries to limit her contact with her family
- insists on knowing where she is at all times

HELP SEEKING-BEHAVIOR

1 out of 3 women who have experienced physical or sexual violence sought help to stop the violence
Among women who have experienced physical or sexual violence and sought help, the most common source of help is their own family (65%), followed by friends (18%) and neighbors (10%).
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Fertility

Total Fertility Rate (TFR) is defined as the total number of births a woman would have by the end of her childbearing period if she were to pass through those years bearing children at the currently observed Age-Specific Fertility Rates (ASFR).

2.7 children per woman (for three years preceding the survey)

Trends in Fertility

The TFR has declined steadily over time, from 4.1 children per woman in 1993 to 2.7 children per woman in 2017.

Teenage Pregnancy and Motherhood among Women age 15-19

9% have begun childbearing
7% have had a live birth
2% are pregnant with their first child
2% had sexual intercourse before age 15

The percentage of young women age 15-19 who have begun childbearing is higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

Family Planning

Information on fertility preferences can help family planning program planners assess the desire for children, the extent of mistimed and unwanted pregnancies, and the demand for contraception to space or limit births.

54% More than half of currently married women age 15-49 use a method of contraception

Trends in current use of contraception among currently married women age 15-49

Commonly Used Family Planning Methods

Currently Married Women age 15-49

Sexually active unmarried women age 15-49

Pill
Withdrawal
Female Sterilization
Male Condom
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**Mother's Health**

Health care services during pregnancy and childbirth and after delivery care are important for the survival and well-being of both the mother and the infant.

**Trends in Antenatal Care (ANC) Coverage**

Percentage of women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years before the survey (for the most recent birth)

- Received any ANC from skilled provider
  - 85 in 1993
  - 86 in 1998
  - 88 in 2003
  - 91 in 2008
  - 94 in 2013
  - 95 in 2017
- Had 4+ ANC visits
  - 55 in 1993
  - 64 in 1998
  - 70 in 2003
  - 70 in 2008
  - 70 in 2013
  - 71 in 2017
- Had ANC in first trimester
  - 43 in 1993
  - 51 in 1998
  - 53 in 2003
  - 54 in 2008
  - 54 in 2013
  - 52 in 2017

**Mom's Bestfriend during Delivery**

Assistance received during giving birth

- 49% assisted by DOCTORS
- 30% assisted by MIDWIVES
- 5% assisted by NURSES

**Where do PREGNANT WOMEN go?**

Percentage of live births delivered in a health facility and at home in the 5 years before the survey

- 72 in 1993
- 66 in 1998
- 61 in 2003
- 56 in 2008
- 61 in 2013
- 78 in 2017

**Baby's Best SHOT**

Universal immunization of children against common vaccine-preventable diseases is crucial to reducing infant and child morbidity and mortality.

**Children age 12-23 months**

- 70 PERCENT received all basic vaccination with at least one dose of BCG vaccine, three doses of DPT-containing vaccine, three doses of polio vaccine (IPV or OPV), one dose of measles-containing vaccine (measles or MMR)

**61 PERCENT** received all age-appropriate vaccination with:

- two BCG, HepB (birth dose), three doses of DPT, three doses of HepB (excluding birth dose), three doses of Hib, three doses of OPV or IPV, and one dose of measles or MMR

**Vaccination Coverage**

**Breastfeeding**

**Breastfeeding is important**

- 93% EVER breastfed infants and young children

**Breastfeeding should be timely**

- 57% newborn infants who started breastfeeding within 1 hour after birth

**Breast milk**

**Breast milk is nutritious**

Breast milk contains all of the nutrients needed by an infant in the first 6 months of life and is an uncontaminated and safe nutritional source. It is recommended that infants be exclusively breastfed in the first 6 months of their life; that is, they should be given nothing but breast milk.

**85% INFANTS age 0-5 months who are currently breastfeeding**

**66% YOUNG CHILDREN age 12-15 months who are currently breastfeeding**

*Among last-born children who were born in the 2 years preceding the survey*