Birth defects
An abnormality of body structure or function present since birth

What should we know: Facts

1. In 33 babies have birth defects

2. South-East Asia Region - 2nd highest prevalence of birth defects in the world

3. 3 million babies worldwide die every year, due to birth defects

What are we doing: WHO-SEARO

New Born Birth Defects NBBD-Surveillance

- 7 participating countries
- Ongoing data collection from over 110 hospitals in South-East Asia Region

What can you do: Follow the PACT

- Plan ahead
- Avoid harmful substances
- Choose a healthy lifestyle
- Talk to your doctor

World Birth Defects Day March 3