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As the Director of the Department of Information, Evidence and Research at the World Health Organization (WHO), I am pleased to welcome the State of health inequality: Indonesia report.

At a time of unprecedented global momentum to improve health, the need to address inequalities in health is becoming increasingly apparent. Countries may report progress nationally in health services, outcomes or other aspects of the health sector; however, too often certain population subgroups are not part of the success story. These disadvantaged subgroups commonly include the people who are poor, uneducated or unemployed, those living in rural areas, children, adolescents and elderly. They may also be defined by the region where they live, the type of job that they hold, or their sex.

Understanding the state of health inequalities in countries is a key step in determining how to advance health equitably, and move towards achieving the goals and targets of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Data on health inequality should be an essential part of health programme design and execution.

The State of health inequality: Indonesia report demonstrates how the work of a committed group of stakeholders can advance efforts to understand and address health inequalities. As a key output of the group, this report reflects high-quality data and analysis techniques. It draws heavily on the expertise of a wide range of collaborators to present relevant applications of the findings, with an emphasis on priority setting and policy implications. Throughout, the report effectively visualizes data and provides concise summaries of findings.

Equally laudable as the findings presented here, is the process of capacity-building that led to the development of this report. Capacity-building for health inequality monitoring in Indonesia was facilitated by establishing a network of devoted stakeholders, whose continual efforts stand to further advance improvements in health inequality and strengthen health information systems that enable monitoring.

In my view, the State of health inequality: Indonesia report has the potential to benefit the country of Indonesia, and also serve as an example for other countries that are seeking to build national capacity for health inequality monitoring.

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Foreword

Equity provides a platform for focusing on those who are being left behind. With the advent of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we have a new global mandate before us. Equity is at the heart of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In pledging to achieve the SDGs, countries have committed to leave no one behind. SDG 3 focuses on ensuring healthy lives for all at all ages, positioning equity as a central issue in health, while SDG 10 calls for a reduction in inequality within and between countries to promote the inclusion and empowerment of all.

Beginning in April 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Indonesia Agency for Health Research and Development (IAHRD) and Badan Pusat Statistik (BPS, Statistics Indonesia), committed to strengthen Indonesia’s capacity for health inequality monitoring. This report places great emphasis on the state of health inequality in Indonesia across a wide selection of health topics and dimensions of inequality. It seeks to bring improvements to policies and activities to reduce health inequities.

Carrying forward the momentum of the SDGs, we need to focus on improving indicators, data sources and communication tools to best measure equity and progress. WHO remains fully committed to work hand in hand with its country partners to realize the recommendations of this report.

I would like to thank the Government of Indonesia and all partners who have contributed to developing this report. We appreciate the hard work and efforts from WHO headquarters, the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia and the WHO Country Office for Indonesia, as well as the inputs and suggestions received from the Ministry of Health, key health experts and our health development partners in the country. We will continue to work closely with them. A focus on equity is a powerful step towards better health, development, social justice and human rights.

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The continual improvement and strengthening of public health is a crucial aspect of development. Indonesia, across its rich and varied social, economic and geographical landscapes, faces unique challenges and opportunities in addressing the many factors that underlie public health. While some population subgroups have easy access to health services, health promotion activities and disease prevention initiatives, others are at a disadvantage. Monitoring health inequality in Indonesia is a fundamental part of improving the health status of those who are disadvantaged, and ensuring that Indonesia fulfils its commitment of “no one left behind”.

Monitoring health inequality entails measuring performance across many different indicators of health and the health sector. It also requires consideration of different types of population subgroups, and comparing how subgroups perform for selected health indicators. This report, State of health inequality: Indonesia, contains the results of a collaborative effort to measure health inequalities in Indonesia. The analyses in this report were made possible, in large part, by World Health Organization (WHO) health inequality monitoring tools, some of which were developed in conjunction with the preparation of this report. The groundwork for this report began in 2016, with support from WHO (headquarters, the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia and the WHO Country Office for Indonesia) in collaboration with the Indonesia Agency for Health Research and Development (IAHRD) and related programme units at the Ministry of Health, Badan Pusat Statistik (BPS, Statistics Indonesia), academic institutions, United Nations agencies and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The State of health inequality: Indonesia report aims to support evidence-based policy development to ultimately improve health status and work towards closing the gaps that exist between social, economic and geographically defined subgroups. The report draws on existing national data from RISKESDAS (Basic Health Research), the Indonesia Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) and SUSENAS (National Socioeconomic Survey) as well as report data from the Ministry of Health.

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<td>Association of Southeast Asian Nations</td>
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<td>BAPPENAS</td>
<td>National Development Planning Agency (Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional)</td>
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<td>BCG</td>
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<td>National Population and Family Planning Board (Badan Kependudukan dan Keluarga Berencana Nasional)</td>
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<td>Social Security Management Agency (Badan Penyelenggara Jaminan Sosial Kesehatan)</td>
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<td>Healthy Indonesia Programme with Family Approach (Program Indonesia Sehat Dengan Pendekatan Keluarga)</td>
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Executive summary

Between April 2016 and October 2017, a network of stakeholders in Indonesia committed to strengthen Indonesia’s capacity for health inequality monitoring. This report is a key product of that commitment, presenting the state of inequality in Indonesia across a wide selection of health topics and dimensions of inequality. The first of its kind in Indonesia, the aims of the report were: to quantify the magnitude of health inequalities across health topics and dimensions of inequality; based on this analysis, to identify priority areas for action and their policy implications; and to showcase the work of an emerging network of stakeholders that monitor health inequality in Indonesia.

The *State of health inequality: Indonesia* report covers 11 health topics, drawing data from about 53 health indicators, which were disaggregated by eight dimensions of inequality. Findings were derived from analysis of disaggregated data estimates and summary measures of health inequality. In consultation with subject matter experts, these findings were situated within the context of health in Indonesia, and presented alongside recommendations for how priorities and policies can be oriented for the reduction of health inequalities.

**Summary of findings by health topic**

**Public Health Development Index (PHDI):** The PHDI has been used as a health monitoring tool in Indonesia since 2008, and is primarily used to do high-level comparisons across subnational regions. The overall index is comprised of 30 indicators of community-based health services, outcomes and determinants, and topic-specific sub-indices are comprised of two to six indicators. Inequality between subnational regions was reported for all indices, but was particularly high for the noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) sub-index in terms of both absolute and relative inequality. The level of relative inequality was elevated for the health services provision sub-index, and the environmental health sub-index demonstrated elevated absolute inequality. Interventions should aim to strengthen community-based health services in underperforming subnational regions, where financial and technical supports should be accompanied by socially and culturally relevant policy approaches.

**Reproductive health:** Indonesia has implemented strategies that address aspects of reproductive health such as contraceptive use, family planning and fertility. Despite progress in some areas, the country faces diverse supply- and demand-side challenges when promoting the uptake of reproductive health services; certain issues such as female genital mutilation remain understudied. Our findings suggested that female genital mutilation was a high priority nationally, with elevated levels in certain subnational regions. High inequality across subnational regions was also reported for adolescent fertility rates. Education-related inequality was high for adolescent and total fertility rates, and for contraceptive prevalence – modern methods. Policy approaches should aim to build local capacity in poor-performing subnational regions to move forward on efforts to reduce female genital mutilation, and promote access and use of reproductive health services among disadvantaged populations.

**Maternal, newborn and child health:** Over the past decades, Indonesia has made progress in improving maternal, newborn and child health, however, ensuring that services are of high quality and reliably accessible to all remains a challenge. Indonesia has committed to several global and
national initiatives for maternal, newborn and child health, including the roll out of a national health insurance scheme. Socioeconomic inequalities were high in maternal, newborn and child health services, though national coverage values were mixed. Across the indicators included in this report (related to health service coverage, breastfeeding and other aspects of child and newborn health), the most pressing areas for action were: universal improvements in exclusive breastfeeding; and equity-oriented improvements in antenatal care coverage, births attended by skill health personnel, and postnatal care coverage for both mothers and newborns. All indicators had inequality by subnational region, pointing to the importance of concentrated efforts to build capacity in poor-performing subnational regions.

Childhood immunization: Childhood immunization is a key aspect of childhood disease prevention in Indonesia, and the Ministry of Health coordinates a number of programmes to increase coverage throughout the country. Complete basic immunization coverage was low nationally, and demonstrated large inequality, especially by subnational region and economic status. Coverage of immunizations delivered through multiple doses (DPT-HB and polio) tended to have lower coverage and higher levels of inequality than immunizations delivered as single doses (Bacille Calmette-Guérin/BCG and measles). Policies should aim to strengthen capacity in health systems of underperforming subnational regions, and promote return visits for subsequent vaccine doses until completion, with a focus on vulnerable population subgroups.

Child malnutrition: Although child malnutrition has garnered attention in Indonesia, progress remains insufficient to put the country on track for meeting global child malnutrition targets, and a double burden of malnutrition (overweight and undernutrition) is emerging. Undernutrition in children under 5 years demonstrated high national prevalence, and pronounced inequalities, especially by subnational region, economic status and mother’s education level. Thus, immediate action is required to address undernutrition, including approaches that are large scale, multisectoral and sustainable; longer-term initiatives should address the underlying determinants of child undernutrition. Proactive measures should be in place to avert increases in overweight prevalence.

Child mortality: Due to substantial improvements during the 1990s, Indonesia achieved the United Nations Millennium Development Goal 4 to reduce child mortality; however, recent progress has been hindered by stagnation of neonatal mortality. Alongside high national child mortality rates, large inequalities in child mortality were reported by economic status, subnational region, mother’s education level, place of residence and sex. Child mortality policies should aim to reduce mortality rates universally, with accelerated gains in disadvantaged subgroups. Diverse approaches across health and non-health sectors are recommended, and should be supported by adequate resources.

Infectious diseases: While several infectious disease rates have declined in Indonesia, their absolute burden remains high. Certain infectious disease control initiatives are still supported by donors (in addition to government support) and disease specific, with high-level coordination by the Ministry of Health. In the three infectious diseases indicators featured in this report (leprosy prevalence, malaria prevalence and tuberculosis prevalence), inequalities across subnational regions were elevated. Other forms of inequalities were reported where data were available, including higher tuberculosis prevalence in the elderly and in males, and higher malaria prevalence in rural areas, the poor and farmers/fishermen/labourers (as compared to their counterparts). Infectious disease control could be advanced through policies that target poor-performing regions, and strengthen health information systems (to enable improved surveillance and monitoring).
Environmental health: Indonesia currently has a number of environmental health programmes that are designed to promote better access to products, services and infrastructure, and/or provide education to encourage healthy hygiene and sanitation practices. Based on our findings, which considered household-level access to improved sanitation and improved drinking-water, environmental health was identified as a high priority health topic, with poor national performance and high levels of inequality. Socioeconomic and geographic inequalities were high, and vast differences were evident across subnational regions. Policies to improve environmental health should be coordinated across sectors, and expanded, with an emphasis on vulnerable population subgroups. Environmental health programmes should be supported by sufficient resources to ensure that they can be fully implemented and adequately monitored, including health inequality monitoring.

NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors: The Indonesian Ministry of Health has coordinated several initiatives to address the growing burden of NCDs and mental health issues in the country, including the National Policy and Strategy on NCDs, which emphasizes NCD surveillance, early detection and prevention. Our findings across indicators of morbidity, physiological risk factors and behavioural risk factors showed a highly unique and complex situation, as traditional forms of disadvantage were evident for some indicators (e.g. mental emotional disorders were higher in the poor and those with less education), but other indicators had mixed or opposite patterns (e.g. diabetes prevalence). The highest priority areas were: high rates of smoking among males; low fruit and vegetable consumption universally; high prevalence of hypertension in older adults; and large socioeconomic gaps in mental emotional disorder prevalence. Policies approaches should incorporate regular health inequality monitoring to ensure that improvements are realized in traditionally disadvantaged subgroups alongside the whole population.

Disability and injury: Indonesia has made a number of commitments to address disability and injury, with an emphasis on prevention-oriented programmes. Still, the country faces challenges, including stigmatization and discrimination of people living with disabilities or injuries. Inequalities in disability were reported, demonstrating a higher prevalence in the socioeconomically disadvantaged (the poor and less educated), the elderly, females and the unemployed. Injury prevalence was higher in children and adolescents, and in males. A two-pronged policy approach is warranted to strengthen prevention efforts (including road traffic safety) and to strengthen social protection policies (including inclusive education and employment opportunities for people with disabilities).

Health facility and personnel: The Government of Indonesia is currently undertaking a series of reforms to improve health facilities and personnel, as their supply and quality are fragmented across the country; that is, the legal standards and requirements for health facility and health personnel are not fully realized. Based on our findings, health facility indicators were a medium priority nationally, with moderate levels of geographic inequality. The health personnel indicators were a high priority: the national percentages of health centres with sufficient health personnel were low, and inequality across subnational regions was elevated, especially for dentists and midwives.

Understanding the state of health inequality

Cross-cutting examinations of health inequalities involved looking at patterns across health topics, according to classes of indicators, dimensions of inequality and shapes of inequality. These analyses revealed additional insights into the strengths and weaknesses of the health sector, policy implications and opportunities for intervention.
Patterns were observed across classes of health indicators, including health service coverage indicators, health behaviour indicators, and health status and outcomes indicators. Overall, health service coverage indicators were generally considered to be low to medium priority nationally, while inequalities in these indicators were assigned medium to high priority. Policies to improve health service coverage are warranted, and should emphasize the reduction of inequalities, especially in maternal and newborn health services and environmental health services. The national prevalence of health behaviour indicators tended to be high priority, and inequalities in these indicators ranged from low to high priority. As a result, remedial action should be universally oriented; for certain behaviours, such as female genital mutilation and male smoking, targeted action may be needed to achieve gains in disadvantaged subgroups. Health status and outcomes indicators related to neonatal and child health were mostly high priority, based on their national average; other indicators related to adolescents and adults showed variable national performance. For instance, disability and injury indicators were low nationally, while fertility indicators performed moderately. Infectious disease and NCD morbidity indicators tended to perform poorly. Inequalities in health status or outcomes indicators were generally medium to high priority, with indicators related to child malnutrition and mortality being mostly high priority. Policies should seek to accelerate progress among disadvantaged subgroups.

Health inequalities were observed, to varying extents, for the featured dimensions of inequality, which included economic status, education, occupation, employment status, age, sex, place of residence and subnational region. Data across subnational regions demonstrated persistent inequality by this dimension, which was evident across all health topics. The extent of inequality by subnational region was particularly pronounced in indicators related to health personnel and female genital mutilation. The low fruit and vegetable consumption indicator has lower subnational region inequality due to elevated prevalence of the indicator across all regions. In general, the eastern part of Indonesia tended to be disadvantaged; the poorest performing subnational regions were often those on the islands of Kalimantan, Papua and Sulawesi and the archipelago of Nusa Tenggara. Inequalities by economic status were prevalent, with the majority of indicators reporting better performance in richer subgroups. Wealth-related inequality tended to be elevated for health service coverage indicators, and was variable across health behaviour and health status and outcomes indicators. Characteristic shapes of inequality across wealth quintiles could be identified. The queuing (gradient) pattern was most common (seen in the environmental health indicators, certain child malnutrition and NCD, mental health and behavioural risk factors indicators, and others), followed by marginal exclusion (seen in several childhood immunization and child mortality indicators) and mass deprivation (seen in the injury prevalence indicator). Sex-related relative inequality was especially elevated in indicators of smoking and tuberculosis, where males reported higher prevalence than females. Health indicators with a moderate level of sex-related inequality sometimes showed males at a disadvantage (e.g. malaria prevalence and injury prevalence), and sometimes showed females at a disadvantage (e.g. mental emotional disorders, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and disability prevalence). Sex-related relative inequality was low for indicators of newborn and child health, childhood immunization and child malnutrition.

Moving forward

The widespread inequalities reported across health topics in this report call for increased attention to the reduction of inequalities in health in Indonesia. Building capacity for health inequality monitoring is one key step in improving the state of health inequality. Measuring and monitoring inequalities
across health topics and by different dimensions of inequality provide important inputs to identify priority areas for action, inform appropriate policy and programme approaches, and ultimately close the gap between subgroups. An important point of intervention is during the planning and review phases of health sector programmes, plans and practices – optimally, all health sector activities should be equity oriented. The findings of this report can serve as a platform to advance further engagement with decision-makers and implementers in both health and non-health sectors. For example, the report can be used to develop specific policy recommendations for each health topic.

The process of preparing data for this report revealed opportunities to strengthen health information systems in Indonesia, including: strengthening data collection systems; building capacity to perform analyses; instituting routine reporting of health inequality findings; and improving the application of health inequality findings into policies and programmes. The scope and quality of health inequality monitoring are linked to the state of national health information systems. Overall, health inequality monitoring should be institutionalized in Indonesia’s national health information system to provide high-quality, reliable evidence about health inequalities, and promote equity-oriented action to improve health among all Indonesians, leaving no one behind.

As an extension of the findings of this report, additional health inequality analyses are warranted, including exploring trends in inequality over time, and performing benchmarking with other countries that share similar characteristics. Expanded double disaggregation of health data is also recommended, which may entail further disaggregation of geographical data (e.g. to explore the health of the urban poor) or consideration of sex-specific data by other relevant dimensions of inequality (e.g. to explore socioeconomic-based health inequalities in men and women). Further quantitative and qualitative research should be conducted to address emergent questions such as: What are the root causes of health inequalities? Why do health inequalities persist? How can health inequalities be alleviated? Importantly, the network of stakeholders that convened to produce this report should be expanded to extend the reach of this work across diverse sectors and through different channels of influence.
Introduction

Health is clearly stated as an important objective in the Indonesian constitution, and achieving the highest possible level of health for all remains a major priority of national development plans and international commitments (1). Many groups of people in Indonesia, however, remain at a disadvantage when it comes to health. Throughout the country, there are inequalities in health service coverage, access to health care, and health-related behaviours, conditions and outcomes. These health inequalities are evident between provinces (2), and also across subgroups of people of different economic status, education levels, occupations, places of residence, age and sex (3). Addressing health inequalities is paramount, especially as Indonesia progresses towards implementing sustainable universal health coverage and meeting the targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

A comprehensive understanding of the nature of health inequalities leads the way to their reduction and mitigation. Health inequality monitoring draws on available data to quantify the extent of inequality, which helps to determine priority areas for action and develop policy responses. The process of health inequality monitoring can be thought of as a 5-step cycle, which includes: determining the scope of monitoring; obtaining necessary data; analysing data; reporting results; and implementing changes. At each step of the cycle, a unique set of skills, resources and expertise is required to ensure high-quality monitoring and serve the ultimate goals of identifying situations of inequality within a population, and taking action to move towards a more equitable society (4). Thus, health inequality monitoring across diverse health topics is a useful practice to support national health system planning and policy development.

The State of health inequality: Indonesia report is the product of a collaboration between a diverse network of stakeholders that, in various capacities, work to support improvements to the state of health inequality in Indonesia. The first of its kind in Indonesia, this report was undertaken to raise awareness of health inequalities, increase political will and encourage action across sectors. The report is directed at policy-makers, practitioners, researchers, academics, development agencies and civil society.

Aims

The overall aims of this report are:
- to quantify the magnitude of health inequalities across health topics and dimensions of inequality;
- based on this analysis, to identify priority areas for action and their policy implications; and
- to showcase the work of an emerging network of stakeholders that monitor health inequality in Indonesia.

Report outline and structure

The State of health inequality: Indonesia report covers 11 health topics and 53 health indicators, and considers inequalities across eight dimensions: economic status; education; occupation; employment status; age; sex; place of residence; and subnational region. Chapter 1 is an orientation to the general context of Indonesia, with brief descriptions of demographic and health trends, the political and development landscapes, and health sector organization, planning and key initiatives. Chapter 2 describes the methods used in the report, including indicator and dimension of
inequality definitions, data sources, data analysis and approach to reporting. Chapters 3–13 present the state of health inequality in 11 health topics, including background information, key findings, priority areas and policy implications. Each of these chapters also contains health indicator profiles, which feature graphical illustrations of inequalities shown across subgroups. The chapters focus on the following health topics: Chapter 3 presents the Public Health Development Index (PHDI) and several sub-indices; Chapter 4 addresses reproductive health; Chapter 5 addresses maternal, newborn and child health; Chapter 6 addresses childhood immunization; Chapter 7 addresses child malnutrition; Chapter 8 addresses child mortality; Chapter 9 addresses infectious diseases; Chapter 10 addresses environmental health; Chapter 11 addresses noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), mental health and behavioural risk factors; Chapter 12 addresses disability and injury; and Chapter 13 addresses health facility and personnel. Chapter 14 outlines various approaches for cross-cutting analyses of health inequalities across all topics, and presents preliminary findings of inequalities by classes of indicators, select dimensions of inequality and characteristic shapes of inequality. Chapter 15 concludes the report by summarizing the key findings, their overarching implications and the way forward.

Building capacity for health inequality monitoring in Indonesia

Stakeholders in Indonesia have committed to building national capacity for health inequality monitoring, with accelerated efforts beginning April 2016 (5). The impetus for this process stemmed from Indonesia’s participation in a health inequality monitoring workshop hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) in Jaipur, India, in 2014, during which participants were introduced to concepts and processes of health inequality monitoring and gained exposure to working with national datasets. Following this workshop, a number of stakeholders within Indonesia committed to partner with WHO and its trainer network to coordinate, expand and strengthen the country’s capacity for health inequality monitoring. This emerging collaboration includes stakeholders from: the Indonesia Agency for Health Research and Development (IAHRD) (the coordinating institution); other departments across the Ministry of Health (Center of Data and Information, Family Health Directorate, International Cooperation Bureau, and Sustainable Development Goals Secretariat); Statistics Indonesia (Badan Pusat Statistik/BPS); the Centre for Health Economics and Policy Studies, and the Center for Health Research, Universitas Indonesia; the Center for Health Policy and Management, University of Gajah Mada; the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Indonesia. Ongoing support and engagement was provided by the three levels of WHO (headquarters, the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia and the WHO Country Office for Indonesia).

Key milestones and timeline

In April 2016, Indonesia’s health inequality monitoring capacity-building process was officially launched in Jakarta with a WHO training workshop. At this workshop, stakeholders reiterated their commitment to the process and identified key activities and outputs, which included plans to produce Indonesia’s first comprehensive report about the state of inequality.

In the months that followed, stakeholders undertook the tasks of selecting relevant health indicators and dimensions of inequality, in conjunction with completing a data source mapping exercise. From May to August 2016, two technical meetings were hosted by IAHRD, Ministry of Health. Data were compiled from multiple sources as an initial preparation step for eventual upload into the newly
developed WHO Upload Database Edition of the Health Equity Assessment Toolkit (HEAT) software, known as HEAT Plus (6,7). From September to November 2016, IAHRD, with support from WHO, led the production of an extended database for analysis.

In November 2016, a WHO-led training workshop guided stakeholders through uploading and analysing data in HEAT Plus. As stakeholders gained proficiency with the new software, they offered feedback for its improvement. At this workshop, the outline for the State of health inequality: Indonesia report was refined; stakeholders identified other channels to disseminate results, including preparation of policy briefs as well as manuscripts for peer-reviewed publication in a special issue of Global Health Action. An interim technical meeting was held in February 2017 to chart progress on the report and the manuscripts, followed by a data clinic and paper write-up workshop in April 2017. A step-by-step manual for health inequality monitoring, an additional resource to support the practice of health inequality monitoring, was launched in July 2017.

References


1. Country context

Situated between the Indian and Pacific oceans, Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world. The country is comprised of 17,500 islands, including five main islands (Java/Madura, Kalimantan, Papua, Sulawesi and Sumatra) and four archipelagos (Bangka Belitung, Maluku, Bali-Nusa Tenggara and Riau). Administratively, Indonesia has 34 provinces (provinsi), including the Special Capital Region of Jakarta. Provinces are comprised of districts (kabupaten) and municipalities (kota); kabupaten and kota are subdivided into subdistricts, which are further divided into administrative villages (1) (Figure 1.1).

Demographic and health trends

Indonesia is the fourth most populated country, home to nearly 260 million people as of 2015, with projections of reaching over 295 million by 2030 (2). The Indonesian population is highly diverse ethnically, culturally and linguistically, with more than 700 distinct languages or dialects, and more than 300 ethnic groups. The population of Indonesia is currently undergoing demographic shifts. The annual rate of population growth has declined from 1.8% in 1990 to 1.2% in 2015 (2). The
**Table 1.1.** Trends in select demographic and health indicators, 1990–2015 (2–4)

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proportion of the population in old age is increasing (5.1% of the population is aged 65 years or more) (2). Urbanization in Indonesia is among the fastest in Asia: between 2010 and 2015, the urban population grew by an average of 2.7% per year, with more than half of the population residing in cities in 2015 (3) (Table 1.1).

Indicators of overall health status in Indonesia have improved significantly, with life expectancy at birth increasing from 66.3 years in 2000 to 69.1 years in 2015 (4). There were great improvements in infant and child mortality, however, improvements in maternal mortality were slower and remain high (5,6). Currently, maternal, newborn and child health are among the top health priorities in Indonesia. To this end, Indonesia has made a host of national commitments, such as expanding universal coverage of maternal health services (7) and strengthening childhood immunization programmes (8), as well as global commitments, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, which carry forward unfinished progress on maternal, newborn and child health from the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (9).

Patterns of disease epidemiology in Indonesia indicate an increasingly complex health situation (10). While communicable diseases remain a significant issue, NCDs are becoming more prevalent (11). In 2015, four of the top 10 leading causes of premature death were NCDs; five were communicable, maternal, neonatal and nutritional diseases, and one was injuries (12) (Figure 1.2). Neglected tropical diseases also constitute significant challenges within Indonesia, especially among the poor. The most widespread neglected tropical diseases in Indonesia include helminth infections such as soil-transmitted helminth infections and lymphatic filariasis, and neglected bacterial infections such as yaws and leptospirosis (13).
Figure 1.2. Causes of premature death in Indonesia, 2015 (12)

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Communicable, maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions
Noncommunicable diseases
Injuries

Political landscape and development

Indonesia has undergone sweeping changes to its political landscape since the late 1990s due to the formal process of decentralization. The country’s political transition away from authoritarianism through democratic and decentralized reforms began in 1999 with the passing of a law that relocated principal administrative powers from central to local governments (14). These changes have fundamentally impacted policy and decision-making processes internally, as well as internationally (15). Decentralization aimed to enhance responsiveness to local needs and promote a sustainable society; such outcomes have been realized to various extents across sectors. These aspirations, however, have been hindered by the varying levels of development, capacity and resources throughout the country, and the fragmentation of institutions and infrastructure (14,16).

Indonesia is emerging as a middle-income country and has experienced significant economic growth and an expanding middle class. For instance, the country’s human development index – a measure of life expectancy, schooling and national income – increased steadily between 1990 and 2015, from 0.528 to 0.689 (17).

The national development process in Indonesia is guided by a long-term development plan (spanning 2005–2025) developed by the National Development Planning Agency (Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional/ BAPPENAS). The main objectives of this plan include: establishing agriculture and mining as the primary products of the economy, with a globally competitive manufacturing sector and resilient service industry; increasing income per capita to US$ 6000 by 2025, with the proportion of poor people at 5% or less of the population; and reaching food self-sufficiency with nutritious food available for every household. Under this long-term plan, there is a series of four medium-term, 5-year plans (Rencana Pembangunan Jangka Menengah Nasional/RPJMN). Economic aspects of RPJMN-III (2015–2019) focus on infrastructure development and social assistance programmes targeting the poor, as well as pursuing economic growth alongside protecting natural resources and ecosystems.
Indonesia faces formidable challenges along its sustainable development path, particularly with regard to poverty and inequality. While poverty rates in Indonesia have fallen (the proportion of Indonesians living below the national poverty line decreased from 23.4% in 1999 to 11.3% in 2014), as of 2014, 29 million people lived below the national poverty line, with many millions more hovering just above (18). Interregional inequalities in Indonesia are growing, with considerable variation between districts and regions with regard to infrastructure, human resources, connectivity, etc. (19). The difficulties of addressing such inequalities are exacerbated by the uneven distribution of resources and services throughout the country, as well as the large and widespread nature of the Indonesian landmass and population.

Health sector overview

The current state of the health sector in Indonesia has been greatly shaped by the confluence of past and current political agendas and events, as well as transitions in governance structures (especially changes stemming from the decentralization process) (20). During the 1970s and 1980s, the Government of Indonesia prioritized the development of health-care infrastructure, with construction of thousands of health centres and hospitals. The national health system, Sistem Kesehatan Nasional (SKN), was initially instituted in 1982 (Ministry of Health Decree No. 99a/1982). SKN encompasses both private and public sectors, and provides guidance over the regulation of the health system, detailing health empowerment, financing and human resources management. SKN has been revised over the years to meet changing needs (20).

The Asian financial crisis of 1997 affected the Indonesian health sector, as public expenditures for health declined, driving up the prices of health services and resulting in worsened health status and increased levels of malnutrition in the population (20). This event demonstrated the potential merits of a health insurance programme (21). After the process of decentralization, which began in the late 1990s, local governments were assigned increased control over managing health facilities and personnel, as well as how to implement health policies and programmes, and how to allocate their budgets to meet the health needs of the community (14,22). In 2004, the central government introduced Law 40/2004, making it mandatory for local governments to provide health insurance for all citizens, and especially the poor. In 2009, Health Law 36/2009 required that at least 5% of the total budget of the central government, and 10% of the total budget of the local government, be allocated to the health sector (14). In response to high out-of-pocket payments, the system was advanced to a national health insurance scheme under Law 24/2011 administered by the Healthcare Social Security Management Agency (Badan Penyelenggara Jaminan Sosial Kesehatan/ BPJS Kesehatan), which is planned to roll out progressively, and achieve universal coverage by 2019 (14,21).

Health system organization

The health system in Indonesia centres around a primary health care model, which is provided through a continuum of care across administrative levels (11,23). At the village level, the provision of health-care services is community based, including integrated service posts (known as posyandu), village health posts (known as poskesdes), sub-health centres and mobile service units. These facilities offer the most basic primary health care services and provide referrals to other facilities.

Government health centres at the subdistrict level are known as puskesmas, which are particularly important at the community level as they serve as the gatekeeper for medical care as well as public health efforts. Puskesmas provide both curative and public health services, with a focus
on essential service areas: health promotion; disease control and prevention; maternal and child health, and family planning; community nutrition; and environmental health (including water and sanitation) (11). *Puskesmas* provide inpatient and/or outpatient facilities. In each subdistrict, at least one *puskesmas* should be headed by a health professional, and a set of essential health workers should be stationed at the *puskesmas* (including one or more doctor, dentist, nurse, midwife, public health promoter, sanitarian, lab analyst, nutritionist and pharmacist) (24).

Hospitals, administered at district, provincial or central levels, play an important role in receiving the referral cases from more local levels of the health system, such as *puskesmas*. Hospitals are the main providers of curative care and employ a wider range of health professionals and specialists. The scope of services provided at hospitals ranges from teaching hospitals in major cities to district level hospitals that provide basic services and refer complicated cases.

In addition to the public system, there is a range of private health providers that operate across all levels of care. These include networks of hospitals and clinics managed by not-for-profit and charitable organizations and for-profit providers. There is a growing number of private hospitals in Indonesia: between 2011 and 2013, the number of for-profit private hospitals increased from 238 to 599 (20). Some doctors and midwives engage in dual practice – that is, they have a role in a private clinic as well as a public facility.

### Health sector governance and planning

Health sector governance responsibilities span district, provincial and central governments (11). District governments are responsible for managing: district hospitals; the district public health network of *puskesmas*; and associated subdistrict facilities. Provincial governments are responsible for: managing provincial hospitals; providing technical oversight to provincial hospitals; providing technical and financing support to community-based health services and interventions; and monitoring and evaluation of district health services. They also coordinate cross-district health issues within the province. At the national level, tertiary (top-referral) hospitals provide the most advanced medical care. The central Ministry of Health is responsible for: managing certain tertiary and specialist hospitals; providing strategic direction for the health sector; setting health standards and regulations; and ensuring the availability of financial and human resources for health.

The health sector planning process in Indonesia combines top-down coordination with a strong tradition of bottom-up community participation (25,26). Thus, Indonesia has numerous, interrelated health sector plans, encompassing long-term, medium-term and annual plans, administered by central, provincial and district levels of governance. Notably, RPJMN-III – part of Indonesia’s national plan for development – specifies a number of medium-term health priorities for 2015–2019. These include 11 strategic issues, four major goals and 13 policy directions (Table 1.2). Over the course of the BAPPENAS long-term plan (2005–2025), the Ministry of Health aims to transition its services and programmes from curative/rehabilitative to promotive/preventive, as well as improve health service access and quality (27).
Table 1.2. Strategic issues, major goals and policy directions for Indonesia, as identified in RPJMN-III (2015–2019) (27,28)

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<td>2. To improve reproductive health and family planning</td>
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<td>5. Increase access to quality basic health services</td>
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<td>11. Strengthen management, research and development and health information</td>
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Health financing and social health insurance

Nationally, health spending in Indonesia has been increasing rapidly in recent years: over the last eight years overall spending has increased by 222% (11). Between 2010 and 2014, the increase in health spending per capita (5.4%) was greater than the increase in gross domestic product (GDP) per capita (4.3%) (29). Despite this increase, health spending as a proportion of GDP remains below the average of low- and middle-income countries, at 2.9% of GDP, and the private expenditure on health (62.2% of total expenditure on health) exceeds government expenditure (37.8% of total expenditure on health) (30). As of 2014, 46.9% of total expenditure on health was paid out of pocket (30).

The Government of Indonesia has administered a succession of social health insurance programmes to facilitate greater access to health services (11,21,31,32). In 1999, the Social Safety Net was established as a temporary measure in response
to the 1997 financial crisis. The national programme Askeskin became operational in 2005, and was rebranded as Jamkesmas in 2008. These schemes provided coverage of basic health care in puskesmas and hospitals for people considered poor or near poor (with some exceptions for certain expensive diagnostic treatments). Alongside these programmes, locally administered health insurance programmes (called Jamkesda) operated in some areas, offering expanded coverage or benefits. In 2014, Jamkesmas and other social insurance programmes were merged under a single-payer national insurance programme, Jaminan Kesehatan Nasional (JKN), which is administered by BPJS Kesehatan. The legal statutes governing the programme imply that others, including informal workers, clients of providers and those covered by district/provincial health insurance, will eventually be covered by the new scheme. Coverage is planned to be incrementally expanded to reach universality by 2019, and provide a comprehensive benefit package with minimal user fees or co-payments. Increased spending on health through JKN is focused on curative care services and health infrastructure, with less emphasis on public health and prevention.

**Health information systems**

Indonesia has a national health information system, Sistem Informasi Kesehatan Nasional (SIKNAS), which is linked with provincial health information systems and district-level health information systems, Sistem Informasi Kesehatan Daerah (SIKDA) (11). SIKNAS was developed per the Ministry of Health Decree No. 511/Menkes/SK/V/2002, and consists of six subsystems: health services; health financing; health workforce; medicines and medical devices; community empowerment; and health management. SIKDA arose from the Ministry of Health Decree No. 932/2002; since decentralization, these systems have become fragmented such that hospitals, districts and municipalities often have multiple systems that reflect various formats, software and datasets, and are of variable quality. The Centre for Data and Information (Pusat Data dan Informasi/PUSDATIN) in the Ministry of Health oversees the coordination of health information systems in Indonesia.

Vital registration in Indonesia is incomplete, though a variety of measures have been introduced to encourage improvements (11). A number of national health surveys, organized by IAHRD, supplement the incomplete vital registration system and collect a broader range of health information. These include: the National Health Indicator Survey (Survei Indikator Kesehatan Nasional/SIRKESNAS); Basic Health Research (Riset Kesehatan Dasar/RISKESDAS); and the Health Facility Survey (Riset Fasilitas Kesehatan/RIFASKES). Indonesia also uses the Sample Registration System for cause of death data. Additionally, Indonesia participates in the Demographic and Health Surveys programme (Survei Demografi dan Kesehatan Indonesia/SDKI) (33), which constitutes an important source of data for BPS.

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2. Methods

Health indicators

This report covers a total of 53 health indicators within 11 health topics (Table 2.1). Indicators were selected for inclusion in the report based on data availability, and relevance and importance to the health topic. Data about the health indicator were available nationally, and could be disaggregated by one or more dimensions of inequality. The relevance and importance of the indicator to the health topic was determined through consultations with Indonesian health experts in each topic. When selecting which indicators to include in the report, consideration was given to both the Indonesian context and global initiatives. For each health topic, diverse indicators were chosen to represent different aspects of the topic.

Detailed information about each indicator, including its description, definition and data source, is available in the chapter about the corresponding health topic. Many of the indicators featured in the report reflect standardized definitions; for example, child malnutrition and child mortality indicators have common definitions that are widely applied globally (1,2). For some indicators, definitions have been adapted for suitability within the Indonesian context, such as several NCD, mental health and behavioural risk factors indicators and environmental health indicators. Other indicators,

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<td>PHDI</td>
<td>PHDI (overall); reproductive and maternal health sub-index; newborn and child health sub-index; infectious diseases sub-index; environmental health sub-index; NCDs sub-index; health risk behaviour sub-index; health services provision sub-index</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reproductive health</td>
<td>contraceptive prevalence – modern methods; demand for family planning satisfied; adolescent fertility rate; total fertility rate; female genital mutilation</td>
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<td>Maternal, newborn and child health</td>
<td>antenatal care coverage – at least four visits; births attended by skilled health personnel; postnatal care coverage for mothers; postnatal care coverage for newborns; early initiation of breastfeeding; exclusive breastfeeding; vitamin A supplementation coverage; low birth weight prevalence</td>
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<tr>
<td>Childhood immunization</td>
<td>BCG immunization coverage; measles immunization coverage; DPT-HB immunization coverage; polio immunization coverage; complete basic immunization coverage</td>
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<td>Child malnutrition</td>
<td>stunting prevalence; underweight prevalence; wasting prevalence; overweight prevalence</td>
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<td>Child mortality</td>
<td>neonatal mortality; infant mortality; under-five mortality</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infectious diseases</td>
<td>leprosy prevalence; malaria prevalence; tuberculosis prevalence</td>
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<td>Environmental health</td>
<td>access to improved sanitation; access to improved drinking-water</td>
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<tr>
<td>NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors</td>
<td>diabetes mellitus prevalence; mental emotional disorders prevalence; hypertension prevalence; smoking prevalence (both sexes); smoking prevalence in females; smoking prevalence in males; low fruit and vegetable consumption prevalence</td>
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<td>Disability and injury</td>
<td>disability prevalence; injury prevalence</td>
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<tr>
<td>Health facility and personnel</td>
<td>subdistricts with a health centre; basic amenities readiness in puskesmas; health centres with sufficient number of dentists; health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners; health centres with sufficient number of midwives; health centres with sufficient number of nurses</td>
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such as the PHDI and sub-indices, were developed specifically for application in Indonesia (3,4).

For a complete list of health topics and indicators, including the corresponding data sources and dimensions of inequality for each indicator, see Appendix table 1.

**Dimensions of inequality**

Health inequalities were explored according to several dimensions of inequality, as per data availability. Namely, health indicator data were disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, employment status, place of residence, age, sex and/or subnational region. The categorization of each dimension of inequality is provided in Table 2.2. Note that some dimensions have alternate categorization across indicators, which may result in different numbers of subgroups.

Economic status was determined at the household level using a wealth index calculated based on the ownership of assets and housing characteristics. For indicators related to newborn and child health, childhood immunization, child malnutrition and child mortality, education level reflects the highest level obtained by the child’s mother. An overview of the dimensions of inequality that were explored for each health indicator can be found in Appendix table 1.

### Table 2.2. Dimensions of inequality and subgroup categorization

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<th>Subgroup categorization</th>
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<tr>
<td>Economic status</td>
<td>five subgroups: quintile 1 (poorest); quintile 2; quintile 3; quintile 4; and quintile 5 (richest)</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>six subgroups (used for most indicators): no education; incomplete primary school; primary school; junior high school; high school; and diploma or higher</td>
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<td>three subgroups (used for reproductive health and child mortality indicators): no education; primary school; and secondary school or higher</td>
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<tr>
<td>Occupation</td>
<td>five subgroups: employee; entrepreneur; farmer/fisherman/labourer; not working; and other</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employment status</td>
<td>two subgroups: not working and working</td>
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<tr>
<td>Place of residence</td>
<td>two subgroups: rural and urban</td>
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<tr>
<td>Age</td>
<td>three subgroups (all ages) (used for maternal, newborn and child health indicators): &lt;20 years; 20–34 years; and 35+ years</td>
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<td>six subgroups (0–59 months) (used for child malnutrition indicators): 0–5 months; 6–11 months; 12–23 months; 24–33 months; 36–47 months; and 48–59 months</td>
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<td>six subgroups (15+ years) (used for diabetes and tuberculosis prevalence): 15–24 years; 25–34 years; 35–44 years; 45–54 years; 55–64 years; and 65+ years</td>
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<td>seven subgroups (10+ years) (used for low fruit and vegetable consumption and smoking prevalence): 10–14 years; 15–24 years; 25–34 years; 35–44 years; 45–54 years; 55–64 years; and 65+ years</td>
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<td></td>
<td>seven subgroups (15+ years) (used for hypertension, malaria and mental emotional disorders prevalence: 15–24 years; 25–34 years; 35–44 years; 45–54 years; 55–64 years; 65–74 years; and 75+ years</td>
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<td>10 subgroups (all ages) (used for injury prevalence): &lt;1 year; 1–4 years; 5–14 years; 15–24 years; 25–34 years; 35–44 years; 45–54 years; 55–64 years; 65–74 years; and 75+ years</td>
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<td>11 subgroups (15+ years) (used for disability prevalence): 15–19 years; 20–24 years; 25–29 years; 30–34 years; 35–39 years; 40–44 years; 45–49 years; 50–54 years; 55–59 years; 60–64 years; and 65+ years</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sex</td>
<td>two subgroups: female and male</td>
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<tr>
<td>Subnational region</td>
<td>33/34 subgroups (used for most indicators): Aceh; Bali; Bangka Belitung Islands; Banten; Bengkulu; Central Java; Central Kalimantan; Central Sulawesi; DI Yogyakarta; DKI Jakarta; East Java; East Kalimantan; East Nusa Tenggara; Gorontalo; Jambi; Lampung; Maluku; North Kalimantan*; North Maluku; North Sulawesi; North Sumatra; Papua; Riau; Riau Islands; South Kalimantan; South Sulawesi; South Sumatra; Southeast Sulawesi; West Java; West Kalimantan; West Nusa Tenggara; West Papua; West Sulawesi; and West Sumatra</td>
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<td>three subgroups (used for tuberculosis prevalence): Java-Bali; Sumatra; and others</td>
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*The province North Kalimantan was created in 2012; thus, data for North Kalimantan are available from 2014.*
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Data sources

This report drew from various data sources that contain information about health indicators as well as dimensions of inequality in the Indonesian population (Table 2.3).

• The Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) is a large-scale, nationally representative household survey, administered on a routine basis using face-to-face interviews (5,6). The 2012 Indonesia DHS used a stratified, two-stage cluster sampling design (7). Interviews were conducted with women aged 15–49 years to obtain information about reproductive health and child mortality indicators used in this report.

• The 2011 RIFASKES was the source of data about basic amenities readiness in puskesmas indicator. RIFASKES was conducted by IAHRD, covering all public facilities administered at central provincial and district levels. Data collection techniques included interviews, observation and secondary sources. Three public health faculties at the University of Indonesia, Airlangga University and Hasanuddin University provided independent validation of the data (8).

• The 2013 RISKESDAS was a major data source for many health indicators featured in this report. This survey, coordinated by IAHRD, covers 300 000 households and is nationally representative. Data are collected at the household and individual level, and cover multiple health topics across 18 modules (9).

• Routine reports from 2015 were the data source for the leprosy prevalence indicator, as well as several indicators related to health facility and personnel. The routine reports used as data sources in this report are managed by the Ministry of Health Centre for Data and Information (data about leprosy prevalence and subdistricts with a health centre) and the National Board for Health Human Resources Development and Empowerment (data about health personnel sufficiency at health centres).

• The 2015 National Socioeconomic Survey (Survei Sosial Ekonomi Nasional/SUSENAS) was the data source for environmental health indicators, and provided data for the PHDI (overall) indicator. Conducted by BPS, SUSENAS is a multipurpose, nationally representative household survey that covers 300 000 households in all subdistricts of all provinces. Surveys consist of a core questionnaire about socioeconomic information, as well as modules that cover additional information, including health (10).

• Data about tuberculosis prevalence were derived from the 2014 Tuberculosis Prevalence Survey. The National Tuberculosis Prevalence Survey originated as a module of SUSENAS in 2004. In 2013–2014, the Tuberculosis Prevalence Survey was conducted in collaboration with the WHO Global Task Force on Tuberculosis Impact Measurement, and consists of questions plus chest x-ray, sputum culture and rapid molecular testing (9).

• The 2011 Village Potential Survey (Potensi Desa/PODES) provided data for part of the PHDI (overall) indicator. PODES obtains data at the village level about the potential and performance of health workforce and facilities. PODES includes data collected through interviews with leaders of villages and city block (11).
TABLE 2.3. DATA SOURCES AND CORRESPONDING HEALTH INDICATORS AND DIMENSIONS OF INEQUALITY

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<th>Data source</th>
<th>Health topic indicators</th>
<th>Dimension of inequality</th>
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<tr>
<td>Indonesia DHS 2012</td>
<td>Reproductive health: all indicators except female genital mutilation indicator</td>
<td>economic status, education (three subgroups), place of residence, sex, subnational region (33 subgroups)</td>
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<td>Child mortality: all indicators</td>
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<td>RIFASKES 2011</td>
<td>Health facility and personnel: basic amenities readiness in puskesmas indicator</td>
<td>place of residence, subnational region (33 subgroups)</td>
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<td>RISKESDAS 2013</td>
<td>PHDI: all indicators*</td>
<td>age (3, 6, 7, 10 or 11 subgroups), economic status, education (six subgroups), occupation, employment status, place of residence, sex, subnational region (33 subgroups)</td>
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<td>Reproductive health: female genital mutilation indicator</td>
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<td>Maternal, newborn and child health: all indicators</td>
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<td>Childhood immunization: all indicators</td>
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<td>Child malnutrition: all indicators</td>
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<td>Infectious diseases: malaria prevalence indicator</td>
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<td>NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors: all indicators</td>
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<td>Disability and injury: all indicators</td>
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<td>Routine reports 2015</td>
<td>Infectious diseases: leprosy prevalence indicator</td>
<td>subnational region (34 subgroups)</td>
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<td>Health facility and personnel: all indicators except basic amenities readiness in puskesmas indicator</td>
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<tr>
<td>SUSENAS 2015</td>
<td>Environmental health: all indicators</td>
<td>economic status, education (six subgroups), place of residence, subnational region (34 subgroups)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tuberculosis Prevalence Survey 2014</td>
<td>Infectious diseases: tuberculosis prevalence indicator</td>
<td>age (six subgroups), place of residence, sex, subnational region (three subgroups)</td>
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* The PHDI (overall) and the health services provision sub-index indicators also used data from PODES 2011.

Data analysis

Data analysis for this report relied on two general approaches: data disaggregation and summary measures of inequality (12,13). Data disaggregation involves looking beyond the national average of an indicator at the performance by subgroups (as per a given dimension of inequality). By examining disaggregated data, one can determine which subgroup (or subgroups) perform better, and which perform worse. In this report, disaggregated data were analysed for each health indicator according to all available dimensions of inequality.

Summary measures of inequality were applied as an efficient way to synthesize the findings that emerged from disaggregated data. Summary measures take into account data points from multiple subgroups, generating a single numerical figure that communicates the magnitude of inequality. A variety of summary measures were calculated to analyse data for this report (Table 2.4). This includes difference and ratio, which are simple measures of inequality that express inequality between two subgroups, and a number of complex measures, which take all subgroups into account (mean difference from mean, index of disparity, slope index of inequality and relative index of inequality). Appendix table 2 displays characteristics of health indicators that were taken into account when calculating summary measures, and Appendix table 3 shows characteristics of dimensions of inequality.
**Table 2.4. Overview of summary measures of inequality applied to calculate health inequalities**

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<th>Summary measure</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Application in report</th>
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<tr>
<td>Difference</td>
<td>Shows the absolute inequality between two subgroups: the mean value of a health indicator in one subgroup is subtracted from the mean value of that health indicator in another subgroup</td>
<td>All dimensions except age</td>
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<td>Ratio</td>
<td>Shows the relative inequality between two subgroups: the mean value of a health indicator in one subgroup is divided by the mean value of that health indicator in another subgroup</td>
<td>All dimensions except age</td>
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<td>Mean difference from mean</td>
<td>Shows the difference, on average, of each subgroup from the population mean</td>
<td>Non-ordered dimensions with more than two subgroups (occupation and subnational region)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Index of disparity</td>
<td>Shows the mean difference from mean measure (above) expressed as a percentage of the overall mean</td>
<td>Non-ordered dimensions with more than two subgroups (occupation and subnational region)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Slope index of inequality</td>
<td>Shows the absolute difference in predicted values of a health indicator between those that are the most advantaged (e.g. richest or most-educated subgroup) and those that are the most disadvantaged (e.g. the poorest or least-educated subgroup)</td>
<td>Ordered dimensions with more than two subgroups (economic status and education)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Relative index of inequality</td>
<td>Shows the relative difference in predicted values of a health indicator between those that are the most advantaged (e.g. richest or most-educated subgroup) and those that are the most disadvantaged (e.g. the poorest or least-educated subgroup)</td>
<td>Ordered dimensions with more than two subgroups (economic status and education)</td>
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HEAT Plus served as the primary platform to calculate summary measures of inequality (14). This software, the upload database edition of HEAT (15), is publicly available, and facilitates within-country health inequality analysis, including exploration of disaggregated data and the calculation of summary measures of inequality. For this report, the data were prepared according to the specific template for HEAT Plus, which requires disaggregated data estimates, as well as a number of other mandatory variables (16). These datasets were uploaded directly into the HEAT Plus software, which was used to calculate summary measures of inequality for this report. The explore inequality component of the software was used to view the data in tabular and graphical formats, and assess inequalities.

**Interpretation, assessing priorities and policy implications**

Following quantitative analyses, a complementary process was undertaken to understand the relevancy and application of the findings in the Indonesian context. A group of subject matter experts with expertise in various health topics and broad knowledge of the health system in Indonesia each assessed the importance of the findings within their area of expertise. Experts used a “traffic-light” system to assign priority levels to each indicator for the national average, difference value and ratio value. (A traffic light system assigns red in situations of high priority, yellow for medium priority and
green for low priority.) In some cases, the subject matter experts developed criteria to guide this assessment. When applicable and available, priority assignments took into consideration benchmarking (comparisons) of results with other settings and health topics, national and global priorities, and trends over time. Policy implications of the findings were developed through literature reviews of academic literature, health reports and grey literature, and through consultation with subject matter experts. The suggested implications of the report were further corroborated through wider consultation with policy-makers in Indonesia.

**Reporting**

This report adopted an audience-conscious approach to reporting, aiming to present health inequality analyses in a manner that is concise, easy to comprehend and relevant. Additionally, the conclusions of the report are presented in a way that is supported by high-quality evidence. A guiding template for reporting was developed and applied for each of the 11 health topics, integrating text, tables and figures. First, background information was provided about the topic and corresponding indicators, followed by specific descriptions of each of the indicators. Then, key findings across each dimension of inequality were presented, referencing simple measures of inequality to highlight the magnitude of inequality. (Supplementary tables S1–S4 show relevant summary measures of inequality – simple and complex – for each health indicator.) Next, the findings were situated within the current context by identifying priority areas and policy implications. Detailed information about each health indicator was added to the indicator profiles appended to each topic: these profiles display figures showing disaggregated data by all applicable dimensions of inequality, and provide additional technical information such as the data source, indicator definition and national average. Electronic data visuals accompany the report, allowing the reader to access and explore disaggregated data in an interactive format.

**References**


3. Public health development indices

The development of health indicator indices for high-level monitoring offers a concise way to summarize progress in community-based health services across one or more health topics. The PHDI has been used as one of the health monitoring tools in Indonesia since it was first initiated in 2008. In 2010, the Indonesian Ministry of Health released a decree establishing the PHDI to compare and monitor health across districts and provinces (1798/Menkes/SKI/XII/2010). The PHDI combines indicators of several community-based health services, outcomes and determinants in a single metric; indicators were selected based on their simplicity, ease of measurement, credibility and timeliness. Taken together, the indicators that comprise the PHDI collectively demonstrate the impact of health development, and serve as a reference for current and forthcoming health development programmes (1).

The index was designed to be used for ranking districts by their level of public health development progress, thereby serving as an advocacy and accountability tool for the Ministry of Health. For instance, a 2012 Ministry of Health Decree (027/Tahun/2012) called for mentoring for districts that reported low PHDI scores and high rates of poverty. As a result, a 2013 Ministry of Health Decree (220/Menkes/SK/VI/2013) delegated mentoring responsibilities across Ministry of Health units (echelon 1).

The PHDI was developed through a consultative process that involved experts within IAHRD, as well as other stakeholders across various programmes, sectors and professional organizations. Alternate versions and iterations of the PHDI and related sub-indices have been developed, tested and improved over time (2). For example, the 2007 PHDI, calculated based on 24 indicators, was revised in 2013 to include 30 indicators, which were divided into seven sub-indices.

Public health development indices indicators

The index indicators featured in this chapter are composite indicators, composed of several health indicators related to a common topic. The overall PHDI is comprised of 30 indicators across multiple health topics, whereas each of the seven sub-indices is comprised of two to six indicators related to the specific topic. The higher the index number, the better the performance in that health topic. Note that the indices account for indicators where progress is measured in opposite directions, that is, rescaling was applied for disease prevalence (where a lower value is desirable) to have the same direction as service coverage (where a higher value is desirable).

A total of 30 individual indicators comprise the eight indices in this chapter (Table 3.1). Each of these 30 indicators was assigned a weight of 3, 4 or 5 based on their impact on health status, urgency, difficulty to overcome and population exposure. Weights were assigned based on experts’ consensus. The index values in this report, originally scaled from 0–1, were multiplied by 100 and expressed as percentage.
Table 3.1. Public health development indices indicators

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<td>PHDI (overall)</td>
<td>Index covers 30 indicators of public health development, expressed as a percentage Note: the 30 indicators reflect: use of long-term methods of contraception; antenatal care coverage; chronic malnutrition among women; underweight prevalence; stunting prevalence; obesity prevalence; monthly growth monitoring of children; complete basic immunization coverage; postnatal care coverage for newborns; pneumonia — all ages; diarrhoea among children aged 5 years or less; acute respiratory infections among children aged 5 years or less; access to improved drinking-water; access to improved sanitation; hypertension prevalence; injury prevalence; diabetes mellitus prevalence; mental health; central obesity; dental and mouth problem prevalence; daily smoking behaviour; hand washing behaviour; open defecation; physical inactivity; proper tooth brushing; institutional delivery; proportion of villages with sufficient number of health posts; midwife sufficiency; medical doctor sufficiency; health insurance ownership</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reproductive and maternal health sub-index</td>
<td>Sub-index covers three indicators of reproductive and maternal health, expressed as a percentage Note: the three indicators reflect: use of long-term methods of contraception; antenatal care coverage; chronic malnutrition among women</td>
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<td>Newborn and child health sub-index</td>
<td>Sub-index covers six indicators of newborn and child health, expressed as a percentage Note: the six indicators reflect: underweight prevalence; stunting prevalence; obesity prevalence; monthly growth monitoring of children; complete basic immunization coverage; postnatal care coverage for newborns</td>
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<tr>
<td>Infectious diseases sub-index</td>
<td>Sub-index covers three indicators of infectious diseases, expressed as a percentage Note: the three indicators reflect: pneumonia — all ages; diarrhoea among children aged 5 years or less; acute respiratory infections among children aged 5 years or less</td>
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<tr>
<td>Environmental health sub-index</td>
<td>Sub-index covers two indicators of environmental health, expressed as a percentage Note: the two indicators reflect: access to improved drinking-water; access to improved sanitation</td>
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<td>NCDs sub-index</td>
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Key findings

**National average:** The national average of the PHDI was 54.0%. Among the sub-indices, the infectious diseases sub-index had the highest national average (75.1%), followed by the NCDs sub-index (62.7%), the newborn and child health sub-index (61.1%), the environmental health sub-index (54.3%) and the reproductive and maternal health sub-index (47.6%). The sub-indices with the lowest national averages were the health services provision sub-index (38.1%) and the health risk behaviour sub-index (36.5%).

**Subnational region:** Inequalities according to subnational region were variable. The PHDI demonstrated an absolute difference of 21.1 percentage points between the best-performing region (Bali, 65.0%) and the worst-performing region (Papua, 43.9%). The sub-indices with
the highest absolute inequality were the NCDs sub-index (60.0 percentage points, ranging from 15.6% in South Sulawesi to 75.6% in Lampung) and the environmental health sub-index (58.3 percentage points, ranging from 25.0% in Papua to 83.3% in DKI Jakarta). The NCDs sub-index revealed six subnational regions that performed very poorly (under 30%). The infectious diseases sub-index and the health services provision sub-index had absolute inequality of 50.8 percentage points and 48.2 percentage points, respectively. In four subnational regions, the health services provision sub-index was less than 20%; the worst-performing region was South Kalimantan at 14.1%. Absolute inequality in the other three sub-indices were 38.9 percentage points for reproductive and maternal health, 29.6 percentage points for health risk behaviour and 15.2 percentage points for newborn and child health.

The subnational regions that tended to perform well (i.e. in the top five subnational regions for at least four of the seven sub-indices) included Bali, DI Yogyakarta and DKI Jakarta. Subnational regions that tended to perform poorly across the sub-indices were South Kalimantan (among the bottom five subnational regions for six of the seven indicators), as well as Central Kalimantan and Gorontalo (among the bottom five subnational regions for four of the seven indicators). Both West Kalimantan and West Sulawesi were among the top-performing subnational regions for the health risk behaviour sub-index, but were among the bottom-performing subnational regions for the newborn and child health sub-index. Subnational regions that had high scores on the infectious diseases sub-index often tended to score highly on the NCDs sub-index; conversely, subnational regions that scored poorly on the infectious diseases sub-index often also scored poorly on the NCDs sub-index. The same pattern was evident for the reproductive and maternal health sub-index and the health services provision sub-index.

**Priority areas**

Overall, the PHDI indicated that significant inequality existed between subnational regions; in general, subnational regions in the eastern part of the country tended to perform poorly. Across the seven sub-indices, the lowest national estimates were reported for health risk behaviours and health services provisions. Elevated inequality constituted high priority assignments for: NCDs; environmental health; infectious diseases; and health services provision. The remaining sub-indices were considered medium priority: reproductive and maternal health; health risk behaviour; and newborn and child health.

In a few cases, certain subnational regions reported estimates that were very low, suggesting that actions to seek improvements in those health topics in those regions should be pursued urgently. Health services provision strengthening should be prioritized in Central Kalimantan, Central Sulawesi, North Maluku and South Kalimantan. For NCDs, Central Sulawesi, East Kalimantan, Gorontalo, North Sulawesi, South Kalimantan and South Sulawesi represent the subnational regions with the most pressing need for improvement.

**Policy implications**

Interventions to strengthen community health should include a special focus on eastern parts of Indonesia, where subnational regions tended to perform poorly. Financial and technical supports should be accompanied by social and cultural approaches that promote behavioural change and leadership at the community level. Innovative health interventions should be explored, such as programme mentorship, and investing in infrastructure to improve access to transportation, communication systems, and high-quality education.
NCDs and environmental health were the two sub-indices with the highest absolute subnational inequality, suggesting a need for behaviour changes to increase uptake of prevention-based health measures. Additionally, cross-sectoral collaborations and advocacy efforts should be strengthened to galvanize support for improvement from stakeholders in health and non-health sectors, and develop harmonized approaches across central to local levels of government.

The PHDI and sub-indices were developed to make use of sources of national data about health and serve as advocacy tools that promote the reduction of inequalities within the country. The overall strengthening of the health information system in Indonesia has the potential to benefit these indices by expanding the breadth and quality of community-level health data that are collected, and enhancing the technical capacity for data analyses and application through tools such as the PHDI.

**Indicator profiles**

In the following pages, Figures 3.1–3.8 illustrate disaggregated data by applicable and available dimensions of inequality. Supplementary tables S1-S4 contain relevant simple and complex summary measures.
Figure 3.1. PHDI (overall), disaggregated by subnational region

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Data source: PODES 2011, RISKESDAS 2013

Definition: Calculation: The index is based on 30 indicators, which were normalized to have a common direction of prevalence and weighted with 3, 4 or 5.

National average = 54.0%
3. Public health development indices

Reproductive and maternal health sub-index

**Data source**
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**
Calculation: The sub-index is based on three indicators, which were normalized to have a common direction of prevalence and weighted with 3, 4 or 5

**National average**
47.6%

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**Figure 3.2.** Reproductive and maternal health sub-index, disaggregated by subnational region
### Newborn and child health sub-index

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#### Figure 3.3. Newborn and child health sub-index, disaggregated by subnational region

![Graph showing newborn and child health sub-index for various regions in Indonesia, with estimates ranging from 58.1% to 71.7% and a national average of 61.1%](image-url)
### Infectious diseases sub-index

**Data source**  
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**  
Calculation: The sub-index is based on three indicators, which were normalized to have a common direction of prevalence and weighted with 3, 4 or 5

**National average**  
75.1%

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**Figure 3.4.** Infectious diseases sub-index, disaggregated by subnational region

![Figure 3.4. Infectious diseases sub-index, disaggregated by subnational region](image-url)
Environmental health sub-index

**Data source**
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**
Calculation: The sub-index is based on two indicators, which were normalized to have a common direction of prevalence and weighted with 3, 4 or 5

**National average**
54.3%

Figure 3.5. Environmental health sub-index, disaggregated by subnational region
### NCDs sub-index

**Data source**: RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**: Calculation: The sub-index is based on six indicators, which were normalized to have a common direction of prevalence and weighted with 3, 4 or 5

**National average**: 62.7%

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**Figure 3.6.** NCDs sub-index, disaggregated by subnational region

[Bar chart showing NCDs sub-index for various regions]
Figure 3.7. Health risk behaviour sub-index, disaggregated by subnational region
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**Figure 3.8.** Health services provision sub-index, disaggregated by subnational region
4. Reproductive health

Since the late 1960s and the introduction of the National Population and Family Planning Board (Badan Kependudukan dan Keluarga Berencana Nasional/BKKBN), reproductive health initiatives in Indonesia have largely focused on increasing access to contraception and decreasing overall fertility. Over the 1970s to the early 2000s, the country experienced remarkable gains in contraceptive use and declining fertility rates, which have been attributed to diverse supply- and demand-side approaches to promote family planning (1).

At the London Summit on Family Planning in 2012, the Government of Indonesia expressed its renewed intention to reinvigorate family planning – including allocating financial resources, improving the quality of human resources and working to increase demand (2) – and committed to the global Family Planning 2020 initiative (3). The country has focused on decreasing its total fertility rate through initiatives to increase contraceptive prevalence rate, lower drop-out, increase long-term family planning contraceptive methods and lower unmet need of family planning (3). In 2014, the country expanded its family planning programme, providing free access to family planning services and contraception across all 33 provinces (4), in coordination with the introduction of JKN (5). In 2016, BKKBN introduced a campaign, Kampung KB, which is multisectoral by design and targeted to reach vulnerable populations, including: poor communities in isolated areas; densely populated urban areas; fishing villages; slums; and disadvantaged subnational regions (6). Despite progress, the country continues to face challenges related to: commodity supply systems of contraceptives; staffing to delivery family planning; competency among midwives; community knowledge and understanding; and culture (7).

Although there has been growing awareness of the topic internationally, female genital mutilation in Indonesia remains understudied (8) despite the practice being common in certain communities (9). The medicalization of female genital mutilation in Indonesia is not uncommon (10). Through its adoption of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Plan of Action on the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Government of Indonesia has committed to address female genital mutilation (11).

Reproductive health indicators

This report covers five reproductive health indicators (Table 4.1), which represent diverse aspects of reproductive health service coverage, impacts and risk factors/behaviours. The definitions adopted for these indicators concur with standardized global definitions. The two indicators that pertain to family planning services are considered to be favourable indicators, as higher coverage demonstrates success. The adolescent fertility rate is one subset of age-specific fertility rates, which are the basis for the calculation of total fertility rate. Regarding total fertility rate, BKKBN has set an official target of 2.1 births per woman by 2025 (12). For the female genital mutilation indicator, a lower percentage is desirable.
Table 4.1. Reproductive health indicators

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| Contraceptive prevalence – modern methods     | Percentage of women aged 15–49 years, married or in-union, who are currently using, or whose sexual partner is using, at least one modern method of contraception  
Modern methods of contraception include: female and male sterilization; oral hormonal pills; intrauterine device; male condom; injectables; implant (including Norplant); vaginal barrier methods; female condom; and emergency contraception |
| Demand for family planning satisfied          | Percentage of women aged 15–49 years, married or in-union, who are currently using any method of contraception, among those in need of contraception  
Women in need of contraception include those who are fecund but report wanting to space their next birth or stop childbearing altogether |
| Adolescent fertility rate                     | Annual number of births to women aged 15–19 years, per 1000 women in that age group                                                                                                                        |
| Total fertility rate                          | 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 rates of age-specific fertility |
| Female genital mutilation                     | Percentage of girls aged 0–11 years who have undergone any form of female genital mutilation/cutting  
Female genital mutilation, also called female genital cutting or female circumcision, comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons |

Key findings

National average: The indicator of modern contraceptive prevalence had a national average of 57.9%, and 88.6% of women reported demand for family planning satisfied. The adolescent fertility rate in Indonesia was 46.9 births per 1000 women aged 15–19 years, and the total fertility rate was 2.5 births per woman. The overall percentage of girls that have undergone female genital mutilation was 51.2%.

Economic status: Modern contraceptive prevalence and demand for family planning satisfied indicators both demonstrated no economic gradient. For instance, 53.0% of women in the poorest quintile and 55.4% of women in the richest quintile reported using modern methods of contraception. Similarly, economic inequality in the demand for family planning satisfied indicator was low, with coverage ranging from 84.8% in quintile 1 to 90.3% in quintile 3 and 87.9% in quintile 5. For the adolescent fertility indicator, the rate decreased in a gradient fashion from the poorest to the richest quintile, displaying markedly higher rates in quintile 1: the adolescent fertility rate in quintile 1 (91.0 births per 1000 women) was 1.5 times higher than the rate in quintile 2 (60.1 births per 1000 women) and 6.1 times higher than the rate in quintile 5 (15.0 births per 1000 women). Similarly, there was a considerable drop in total fertility rate between quintile 1 (3.2 births per woman) and quintile 2 (2.6 births per woman); in quintile 5, the rate was 2.2 births per woman. Female genital mutilation was higher among women of richer quintiles: the percentage ranged from 43.0% in quintile 1 to 53.2% in quintile 4.

Education: For both the modern contraceptive prevalence indicator and the demand for family planning satisfied indicator, the percentage in the primary school subgroup was about the same as in the secondary school or higher subgroup (difference of less than 2 percentage points). The no education subgroup reported lower prevalence, especially for the modern contraception indicator where use was 41.8% in the least educated and 57.7% in the most educated. Fertility rates were variable across education subgroups, with both indicators reporting highest fertility in the primary
Adolescent fertility rate was 113.4 births per 1000 women in the primary school subgroup, and 34.3 births per 1000 women in the secondary school or higher subgroup. Total fertility rate reached a maximum of 2.8 births per woman in the primary school subgroup. Data disaggregated by education were not available for female genital mutilation.

**Place of residence:** The modern contraceptive prevalence and demand for family satisfied indicators did not demonstrate place of residence inequality, reporting a difference of less than 2 percentage points between urban and rural areas. The two fertility indicators were both higher in rural than urban areas; the adolescent fertility rate was twice as high in rural than urban areas, while the total fertility rate was 2.7 births per woman in rural areas and 2.4 births per woman in urban areas. Female genital mutilation was higher in urban (53.5%) than rural (45.1%) areas.

**Subnational region:** All indicators showed inequality by subnational region. For both the modern contraception and demand for family planning satisfied indicators, Papua performed considerably worse than other regions, reporting prevalence that was more than 35 percentage points below the national average. Regions that performed poorly for modern contraceptive prevalence also tended to report high total fertility rates (namely, East Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, Papua and West Papua). These four regions, as well as West Sulawesi, reported total fertility rates of at least 3.5 births per woman. In 11 regions, the total fertility rate was 2.5 births per woman or less, including DKI Jakarta, where the rate reached the national target of 2.1 births per woman. The adolescent fertility rate spanned from 19.7 births per 1000 women in DKI Jakarta to 95.1 births per 1000 women in Central Kalimantan. Female genital mutilation ranged from 2.6% in East Nusa Tenggara to 83.2% in Gorontalo. Four regions reported female genital mutilation to be 10% or less, and six reported percentages in excess of 70%.

**Priority areas**

Overall, the results suggest that the highest priority reproductive health indicators were female genital mutilation (high priority) and modern contraceptive prevalence, adolescent fertility rate, and total fertility rate (medium priority). Due to its higher national average and lower levels of inequality, demand for family planning satisfied is generally considered a low priority indicator (although there was substantially poorer performance in the subnational region of Papua, for this and the modern contraception indicators). Ongoing monitoring is required to ensure that the demand for family planning satisfied indicator remains high, especially across vulnerable subgroups.

Strong subnational region inequality was reported for female genital mutilation and adolescent fertility rates. For each of these indicators, a number of regions performed very poorly, while other regions performed significantly better. Underperforming regions should be prioritized to improve these aspects of reproductive health.

Women with low levels of education constitute a reproductive health priority, especially with regard to the use of modern contraception and rates of adolescent fertility. Adolescent fertility rates were elevated in the no education and primary school subgroups, relative to the secondary school or higher subgroup; disadvantage among those in rural areas and those in the poorest quintile was also prevalent. The predominant form of inequality with regard to total fertility rates was economic based. Female genital mutilation did not appear to correspond with established socioeconomic patterns of vulnerability; expanded inequality analyses are warranted to explore additional dimensions of inequality, including religion and sociocultural values.
Policy implications

The Government of Indonesia is following up on various commitments to enhance reproductive health, increasingly, with a focus on vulnerable populations. The findings of this report serve as an evidence basis to strengthen and refine proposed approaches, lending an understanding of how subgroups within the population experience different aspects of reproductive health and where regional inequalities exist. For instance, low prevalence of modern contraception and high total fertility in East Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, Papua and West Papua warrant targeted policy action that encourages local capacity-building.

To date, national policies in Indonesia have not fully addressed female genital mutilation, despite the short- and long-term implications of the practice on reproductive and sexual health (13). WHO and other United Nations agencies have urged countries to take measures to reduce female genital mutilation, including steps to halt the medicalization of female genital mutilation (14). In Indonesia, additional research is required to learn more about the specifics of the practice, including the role of sociocultural determinants (9). Elimination of the practice requires collaboration between government and leaders of communities, civil societies and faith-based organizations, as well as international organizations in advocating its eradication. National policies and strategies should be strengthened to bring about improvements, especially in regions where the practice is most prevalent.

The socioeconomic and subnational region inequalities in adolescent fertility rate call for approaches to enhance adolescent reproductive health among the disadvantaged. The reproductive health needs of Indonesian adolescents have changed rapidly over the past decades, and policies should be revamped accordingly (15). For instance, providing comprehensive reproductive health education as part of school curricula and extracurricular activities (e.g. scouting), provision of adolescent-friendly health centres, and establishing reproductive health education and counselling for premarital couples are strategies that show promise for adoption throughout the country (16). Additionally, reproductive health programmes should be made accessible for hard-to-reach populations, including people with disabilities and people in prison.

Family planning policies and programmes in Indonesia should strive to ensure that underserved subgroups are reached through integrating reproductive health services at the community level, including close collaboration with community leaders and stakeholders (7). Extending the types and availability of reproductive health services covered under JKN should be considered as part of the progress towards universal health coverage.

Indicator profiles

In the following indicator profiles, Figures 4.1–4.10 illustrate disaggregated data by applicable and available dimensions of inequality. Supplementary tables S1–S4 contain relevant simple and complex summary measures.

Interactive visuals

Electronic visualization components accompany this report, enabling interactive data exploration. To access interactive visuals:

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References


4. Reproductive health

Figure 4.1. Contraceptive prevalence – modern methods, disaggregated by economic status, education and place of residence

Figure 4.2. Contraceptive prevalence – modern methods, disaggregated by subnational region
Demand for family planning satisfied

**Data source**: DHS 2012

**Definition**: Numerator: Number of women aged 15–49 who are fecund and are married or in-union and need contraception, who use any kind of contraceptive (modern or traditional)

Denominator: Number of women aged 15–49 who are fecund and are married or in-union and need contraception

**National average**: 88.6%

**Figure 4.3.** Demand for family planning satisfied, disaggregated by economic status, education and place of residence

**Figure 4.4.** Demand for family planning satisfied, disaggregated by subnational region
**Adolescent fertility rate**

**Data source**  
DHS 2012

**Definition**  
Numerator: Number of births that occurred in the 1–36 months prior to the survey, to women aged 15–19 years at the time of the birth  
Denominator: Number of women-years of exposure in the 1–36 months prior to the survey of women aged 15–19 years

**National average** 46.9 births per 1000 women aged 15–19 years

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**Figure 4.5.** Adolescent fertility rate, disaggregated by economic status, education and place of residence

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**Figure 4.6.** Adolescent fertility rate, disaggregated by subnational region

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**Total fertility rate**

**Data source**  
DHS 2012

**Definition**  
Calculation: Sum of the age-specific fertility rates for all women, multiplied by five (age-specific fertility rates are those for the seven 5-year age groups from 15–19 to 45–49)

**National average**  
2.5 births per woman

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**Figure 4.7.** Total fertility rate, disaggregated by economic status, education and place of residence

**Figure 4.8.** Total fertility rate, disaggregated by subnational region
Female genital mutilation

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013
Definition: Numerator: Number of girls aged 0–11 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting
Denominator: Number of girls and women aged 0–11 years
National average: 51.2%

Figure 4.9. Female genital mutilation, disaggregated by economic status and place of residence

Figure 4.10. Female genital mutilation, disaggregated by subnational region
5. Maternal, newborn and child health

Globally, maternal, newborn and child health was a major focus of the Millennium Development Goals, and remains part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Global initiatives such as the Every Woman Every Child movement – which encompasses the WHO Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030) (1) and the WHO Every Newborn Action Plan (2) – support government leadership and promote action by policy-makers and programme managers to improve maternal, newborn and child health.

While Indonesia made progress in improving child health (e.g. evidenced by reductions in the under-five mortality rate), the country still has room for advancement, particularly in the area of maternal and newborn health (3). To this end, the Indonesia Newborn Action Plan 2014–2025, endorsed by the Ministry of Health in October 2014, supports provincial and district health authorities in addressing newborn health within the broader context of maternal, perinatal and neonatal health. The Plan has been costed at the national level, and specifies targets for newborn mortality and stillborn reduction; subnational newborn health plans were also developed (2,4). The Government of Indonesia continues to roll out JKN, which aims to achieve universal coverage by 2019, including access to maternal, newborn and child health services (5).

In Indonesia, maternal, newborn and child health services are provided by primary health care facilities (private or public) (6). Since the 1980s, Indonesia has made strides in scaling up access to midwives – who are responsible for a large portion of maternal, newborn and child health services – with aims to have a skilled birth attendant in every village and enable greater access to facility delivery. Rapid expansion of maternal, newborn and child health services, however, have resulted in low quality of health worker training, and some facilities lack the capacity to handle complications that arise during delivery (7). Many women lack access to obstetric emergency centres with basic or comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care. Since 2004, the Maternal and child health handbook has been used as a resource to promote service provision according to uniform practices and standards, and to enable recordkeeping.

Maternal, newborn and child health indicators

This chapter covers eight indicators of maternal, newborn and child health (Table 5.1). Four of these indicators capture the coverage of health services for women and/or newborns: antenatal care coverage (at least four visits); births attended by skilled health personnel; postnatal care coverage for mothers; and postnatal care coverage for newborns. Three indicators capture other aspects of newborn and child health, including: early initiation of breastfeeding; exclusive breastfeeding; and vitamin A supplementation coverage. One indicator – low birth weight prevalence – is an anthropometric measurement. All indicators are measured as percentages. With the exception of low birth weight prevalence – where lower prevalence is desirable – higher percentages of other indicators mark a desired situation of higher health service coverage or better newborn and child health.

The health services featured in this chapter demonstrate a continuum of care through the antenatal period, child birth and the postnatal
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These services are guaranteed to all women and newborns in Indonesia, as outlined in the Ministry of Health Decree PMK No. 97/2014 on pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, labour and postpartum health services (8). The indicators related to breastfeeding and vitamin A supplementation adopt standardized definitions; early and exclusive breastfeeding and vitamin A supplementation are recommended by WHO and UNICEF to promote newborn and child health (9). The low birth weight indicator adopts the standard WHO definition, and is caused by intrauterine growth restriction and/or prematurity; it reflects wider conditions, including long-term maternal nutritional status, ill health, hard work and poor health care during pregnancy (9).

### Table 5.1. Maternal, newborn and child health indicators

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<td>Births attended by skilled health personnel</td>
<td>Percentage of women aged 10–54 years who gave birth during the specified time period and were attended during delivery by skilled health personnel. Note: skilled health personnel include obstetricians/gynecologists, general practitioners, nurses and midwives. This indicator reflects women who gave birth between 1 January 2011 and the date surveyed.</td>
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<td>Postnatal care coverage for mothers</td>
<td>Percentage of women aged 10–54 years who gave birth during the specified time period and received postnatal care within three hours to three days after delivery. This indicator reflects women who gave birth between 1 January 2011 and the date surveyed.</td>
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<td>Postnatal care coverage for newborns</td>
<td>Percentage of newborns born during the specified time period who received postnatal care within 6–48 hours after birth. This indicator reflects the survey responses of women aged 10–54 years who had a child aged 5 years or less at the time of survey.</td>
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<td>Early initiation of breastfeeding</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 0–23 months who had early initiation of breastfeeding. Note: early initiation of breastfeeding takes place within one hour of birth.</td>
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<td>Percentage of children aged 0–5 months who received only breastmilk in the feeding practice 24 hours prior to the survey.</td>
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<td>Vitamin A supplementation coverage</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 6–59 months who received a vitamin A supplement within the six months prior to the survey.</td>
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<td>Low birth weight prevalence</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 0–59 months who had a birth weight of less than 2500 grams.</td>
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### Key findings

**National average:** National coverage of maternal and newborn health services was lowest for the antenatal care indicator (70.4%), followed by postnatal care for newborns (71.3%) and postnatal care for mothers (78.1%); 87.6% of births were attended by skilled health personnel. While 65.5% of newborns had early initiation of breastfeeding, 44.1% of children aged 0–5 months were exclusively breastfed. Nationally, 75.5% of children received a vitamin A supplement. Low birth weight was reported for 10.2% of children.

**Economic status:** All of the four maternal and newborn health service indicators reported a
gradient pattern of increasing coverage across wealth quintiles. The difference between the richest and poorest was most pronounced for the skilled birth attendance indicator (34.4 percentage points). For all four indicators, the poorest quintile lagged substantially behind other quintiles. For instance, the poorest reported only 47.8% coverage of four antenatal care visits, and 49.9% coverage of postnatal care for newborns. The two breastfeeding indicators demonstrated mixed patterns across quintiles: while early initiation of breastfeeding was highest in the richest quintile (69.2%), the exclusive breastfeeding indicator was highest in the poorest quintile (51.4%). Vitamin A supplementation was lowest in the poorest quintile (65.2%). Low birth weight was most prevalent among the poorest (13.4%), and decreased in a step-wise fashion to a minimum of 8.2% in the richest.

**Education:** Data across six education subgroups demonstrated a gradient pattern for the four maternal and newborn health service indicators. The coverage of four antenatal care visits was 38.8 percentage points higher in the most-educated subgroup (85.1%) than the least-educated subgroup (46.3%); similarly, the difference between the most and least educated also exceeded 30 percentage points for the skilled birth attendance and postnatal care for newborns indicators. For postnatal care for newborns, the largest increase in coverage was between the primary school subgroup (65.2%) and the junior high school subgroup (73.9%). Early initiation of breastfeeding increased from a minimum of 57.4% in the no education subgroup over the next three subgroups, whereas exclusive breastfeeding was lowest in the most-educated subgroup (36.2%), with no clear pattern across other subgroups. Vitamin A supplementation increased from 66.8% in the least-educated subgroup by a margin of 11.7 percentage points to a maximum of 78.5% in the most-educated subgroup. The prevalence of low birth weight was 5.3 percentage points higher in the least-educated subgroup than the most-educated subgroup.

**Occupation:** Data disaggregated by occupation were available for three maternal, newborn and child health indicators. For the antenatal care, births attended by skilled health personnel, and postnatal care for mothers indicators, coverage was lowest in the farmer/fisherman/labourer subgroup and highest in the employee subgroup, followed by the entrepreneur subgroup. Antenatal care demonstrated the largest gap, with a difference of 25.7 percentage points between coverage in the farmer/fisherman/labourer subgroup (57.1%) and coverage in the employee subgroup (82.8%).

**Employment status:** Early initiation of breastfeeding was similar among the working subgroup (66.8%) and the not working subgroup (64.7%).

**Age:** The antenatal care, skilled birth attendance and postnatal care for mothers indicators were disaggregated by the age of the woman. Antenatal care coverage was higher in women aged 20–34 years (72.4%) than women less than 20 years (62.3%) or more than 35 years (64.9%). For births attended by skilled health personnel and postnatal care for mothers indicators, the subgroup aged less than 20 years reported lower coverage than the two older subgroups by a margin of about 5 percentage points.

**Sex:** Sex disaggregated data were reported for postnatal care coverage for newborns, early initiation of breastfeeding, vitamin A supplementation and low birth weight prevalence. Sex inequality was low: the female–male difference did not exceed 2 percentage points for any of these indicators.

**Place of residence:** The four maternal and newborn health service indicators demonstrated lower prevalence in rural than urban areas. The urban–rural difference was largest in the antenatal care indicator (14.3 percentage points) and the skilled birth attendance indicator (12.4 percentage points); this difference amounted to 9.9 percentage points for postnatal care for newborns,
and 6.9 percentage points for postnatal care for mothers. In other indicators, place of residence inequality was variable. Exclusive breastfeeding was higher in urban areas (47.8%) than rural areas (40.5%), while early initiation of breastfeeding demonstrated no place of residence inequality. For vitamin A supplementation and low birth weight indicators, urban–rural inequality was minimal.

**Subnational region:** All indicators reported inequalities across subnational regions. The four maternal and newborn health service indicators all had a gap of at least 40 percentage points between the best- and worst-performing regions; the difference was a maximum of 44.4 percentage points for antenatal care coverage, which was 85.5% in DI Yogyakarta and 41.1% in Maluku. Four subnational regions (Maluku, North Maluku, Papua and West Papua) reported antenatal care coverage of less than 50%; these same four subnational regions also had less than 50% postnatal care coverage for newborns. Bali and DI Yogyakarta were consistently among the top five subnational regions with the highest level of maternal and newborn health service coverage. While early initiation of breastfeeding indicators spanned 29.2 percentage points from the worst-performing to the best-performing subnational region, exclusive breastfeeding demonstrated a gap of 45.3 percentage points. In four subnational regions – Bangka Belitung Islands, Gorontalo, North Sumatra and Riau – the prevalence of exclusive breastfeeding was less than 30%. The gap in coverage of vitamin A supplementation was 36.9 percentage points between the best- and worst-performing subnational regions. North Sumatra and Papua reported low coverage, at 52.3% and 53.1%, respectively. Low birth weight prevalence spanned from 7.2% in the best-performing subnational region to 16.9% in Central Sulawesi: an absolute difference of 9.7 percentage points.

**Priority areas**

Overall, the most urgent priority areas suggested by the maternal, newborn and child health indicators in this report call for universal improvements in exclusive breastfeeding, as well as improvements with an equity focus for antenatal care, births attended by skill health personnel and postnatal care for both mothers and newborns.

Based on low national average, the exclusive breastfeeding indicator was identified as a high priority in Indonesia. Medium-priority indicators were early initiation of breastfeeding, antenatal care coverage, postnatal care coverage for mothers and postnatal care coverage for newborns. The national averages of the other three indicators – births attended by skill health personnel, vitamin A supplementation coverage and low birth weight prevalence – suggested that they are of low priority. Priority assignments based on inequality were as follows: all maternal and newborn health service indicators were high priority (antenatal care, skilled birth attendance, postnatal care for mothers and postnatal care for newborns); prevalence of low birth weight was medium priority; and the two breastfeeding indicators (early initiation of breastfeeding and exclusive breastfeeding) and the vitamin A supplementation indicator were low priority.

Socioeconomic inequalities in maternal, newborn and child health services were particularly pressing. Gradients according to economic status and education were evident, and require attention; additionally, the farmer/fisherman/labourer and rural subgroups were disadvantaged. Inequalities by subnational region revealed that certain regions were highly disadvantaged, especially in terms of maternal, newborn and child health services. For instance, Maluku, North Maluku, Papua and West Papua performed poorly for both antenatal care coverage and postnatal care coverage for newborns.
Policy implications

Ongoing efforts to advance maternal, newborn and child health can benefit from improving health service coverage among socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroups and disadvantaged subnational regions. This may require dedicated resources to alleviate financial and other barriers that prevent health service usage. Priority packages of maternal, newborn and child health interventions should be delivered and made available at the community level, where appropriate, with appropriate health worker skill assignments and adequate referral mechanisms.

Health system requirements for maternal, newborn and child health should be strengthened, including human resources, commodities and supplies, health infrastructure, information and accountability, and critical gaps should be addressed. Furthermore, quality control of programmes and services should be strengthened. For instance, shortcomings in the numbers and/or distribution of skilled health personnel should be reconciled through approaches that accelerate health worker production, retention and motivation. Task shifting should be considered, such as delegation of life-saving procedures to mid-level health providers, or training community health workers to provide postnatal care visits at home.

Additionally, efforts are warranted to enhance the quality of maternal, newborn and child health services, especially in disadvantaged subnational regions. For example, national standards and guidelines should be developed and enforced across all health facilities, ensuring that adequate resources are available to train, supervise and motivate staff. Accreditation and certification mechanisms need to be strengthened for training institutions and health workers, and reviewed periodically, since staffing and other factors at facilities can change over time. Midwifery curriculum used by various training schools should be standardized and a mechanism for ensuring consistency in the quality of training should be developed.

Indonesia has demonstrated the importance of exclusive breastfeeding, including Health Law 36/2009 article 128 that calls for every baby to be exclusively breastfed or given donor breastmilk for the first 6 months of life. This measure, however, has not had widespread success, due to the poor implementation of the law and the promotion of breastmilk substitutes by formula companies (10). Policy-makers may consider supplementary action, such as campaigns to increase the awareness of the importance of breastfeeding, and programmes oriented towards breastfeeding promotion and support; health worker training may be warranted, especially in poor-performing subnational regions.

Indicator profiles

In the following pages, Figures 5.1–5.16 illustrate disaggregated data by applicable and available dimensions of inequality. Supplementary tables S1–S4 contain relevant simple and complex summary measures.

Interactive visuals

Electronic visualization components accompany this report, enabling interactive data exploration. To access interactive visuals:

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References


Antenatal care coverage – at least four visits

**Data source**
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**
Numerator: Number of women aged 10–54 years who gave birth during the specified time period and attended at least four antenatal care visits during pregnancy
Denominator: Number of women aged 10–54 years who gave birth during the specified time period

**National average**
70.4%

**Figure 5.1.** Antenatal care coverage – at least four visits, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age and place of residence

**Figure 5.2.** Antenatal care coverage – at least four visits, disaggregated by subnational region
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Data source  RISKESDAS 2013

Definition  Numerator: Number of women aged 10–54 years who gave birth during the specified time period and were attended during delivery by skilled health personnel
Denominator: Number of women aged 10–54 years who gave birth during the specified time period

National average  87.6%

Figure 5.3. Births attended by skilled health personnel, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age and place of residence

Figure 5.4. Births attended by skilled health personnel, disaggregated by subnational region

(National average = 87.6)
**Postnatal care coverage for mothers**

**Data source**
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**
Numerator: Number of women aged 10–54 years who gave birth during the specified time period and received postnatal care within three hours to three days after delivery
Denominator: Number of women aged 10–54 years who gave birth during the specified time period

**National average** 78.1%

**Figure 5.5.** Postnatal care coverage for mothers, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age and place of residence

**Figure 5.6.** Postnatal care coverage for mothers, disaggregated by subnational region
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Postnatal care coverage for newborns

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition: Numerator: Number of children aged 5 years or less at the time of survey who received postnatal care within 6–48 hours after birth
Denominator: Number of children aged 5 years or less at the time of survey

National average: 71.3%

**Figure 5.7.** Postnatal care coverage for newborns, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

**Figure 5.8.** Postnatal care coverage for newborns, disaggregated by subnational region
Early initiation of breastfeeding

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition:
Numerator: Number of children aged 0–23 months at the time of survey who had early initiation of breastfeeding
Denominator: Number of children aged 0–23 months at the time of survey

National average: 65.5%

Figure 5.9. Early initiation of breastfeeding, disaggregated by economic status, education, employment status, sex and place of residence

Figure 5.10. Early initiation of breastfeeding, disaggregated by subnational region
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Exclusive breastfeeding

Data source RISKESDAS 2013

Definition Numerator: Number of children aged 0–5 months who received only breastmilk in the feeding practice 24 hours prior to the survey
Denominator: Number of children aged 0–5 months

National average 44.1%

Figure 5.11. Exclusive breastfeeding, disaggregated by economic status, education and place of residence

Figure 5.12. Exclusive breastfeeding, disaggregated by subnational region
**Vitamin A supplementation coverage**

**Data source**
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**
Numerator: Number of children aged 6–59 months who received a vitamin A supplement within the six months prior to the survey
Denominator: Number of children aged 6–59 months

**National average** 75.5%

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**Figure 5.13.** Vitamin A supplementation coverage, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

**Figure 5.14.** Vitamin A supplementation coverage, disaggregated by subnational region
Low birth weight prevalence

**Data source**
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**
Numerator: Number of children aged 0–59 months who had a birth weight of less than 2500 grams
Denominator: Number of children aged 0–59 months

**National average**
10.2%

**Figure 5.15.** Low birth weight prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

**Figure 5.16.** Low birth weight prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region
6. Childhood immunization

Indonesia adopted the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness strategy in 1997, demonstrating a strong commitment to child health through improving access and quality of key child health services \(^{(1,2)}\). Over 1990–2015, the country made significant progress towards Millennium Development Goal 4 (to reduce child mortality), though improvements were not realized universally \(^{(3)}\). One of the main strategies of Goal 4 was the rapid scale-up of key interventions, including the strengthening and expansion of childhood immunization programmes \(^{(4)}\).

The WHO Expanded Programme on Immunization was launched in Indonesia in 1977, and the country currently has a comprehensive multiyear plan for immunization, covering 2015–2019 \(^{(5)}\). Basic immunization for children is indicated as part of the minimum standard health services for districts and provinces, as specified in the 2016 Ministry of Health Decree No. 43. Furthermore, the complete basic immunization for children is included in the Healthy Indonesia Programme with Family Approach (Program Indonesia Sehat Dengan Pendekatan Keluarga/PIS-DPK), a recent programme to promote health through primary health centres. Beyond supporting the routine immunization programme, the Ministry of Health coordinates a number of programmes that aim to increase immunization coverage, including: Backlog Fighting; National Immunization Week; Catch up Campaigns; Sustained Outreach Strategy (SOS) for drop-out follow-up; and Outbreak Response Immunization \(^{(6,7)}\).

District health offices are primarily responsible for the management and delivery of immunization programmes in Indonesia, which are typically delivered through primary health centres \((pu{s}k{e}mas)\) and their networks (though the programmes can also be accessed through private providers) \(^{(8)}\). All districts have updated plans that include activities to increase immunization coverage \(^{(5)}\). The Ministry of Health is responsible for vaccine procurement and supply and cold-chain management, and also provides technical assistance and oversight \(^{(8,9)}\). The success of the programmes have been hampered by geographical disparities, limited resources of outreach activities and difficulties in cold-chain maintenance in vaccines; negative perceptions of immunization side-effects and suspicion of *haram* ingredients persist \(^{(8,10)}\).

**Childhood immunization indicators**

Five childhood immunization indicators were included in this report (Table 6.1). These indicators correspond with standard global indicators of immunization, and include vaccines that are part of Indonesia’s national immunization schedule. The Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) and measles indicators capture receipt of a single dose, while the DPT-HB and polio indicators capture receipt of multiple doses; the complete basic immunization indicator covers multiple types of vaccines. According to Indonesia’s immunization schedule: BCG is administered at 1 month of age; hepatitis B is administered within 24 hours after birth; DPT-HB is administered at 2 months, 3 months, 4 months and 18 months; measles and rubella is administered at 9 months, 18 months and class 1; and polio is administered at 1 month, 2 months, 3 months and 4 months. Beyond their measure of immunization coverage, immunization indicators can serve as proxy indications of health service access, especially when vaccines are administered through routine systems.
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<td>Percentage of children aged 12–23 months who have received one dose of measles vaccine</td>
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<tr>
<td>DPT-HB immunization coverage</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 12–23 months who have received three doses of: DPT-HB vaccine; or DPT-HB-Hib vaccine</td>
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<td>Polio immunization coverage</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 12–23 months who have received four doses of oral polio vaccine</td>
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<td>Complete basic immunization coverage</td>
<td>Percentage of children aged 12–23 months who have received: one dose of hepatitis B vaccine within seven days of birth (HB-0); one dose of BCG vaccine; three doses of DPT-HB or DPT-HB-Hib vaccine; one dose of measles vaccine; and four doses of oral polio vaccine</td>
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### Key findings

**National average:** Of the five childhood immunization indicators, the complete basic immunization indicator had the lowest national average coverage (59.2%). The highest national average coverage was reported for the two indicators that capture a single vaccine dose (BCG at 87.6% and measles at 82.1%), followed by polio (77.0%) and DPT-HB (75.6%).

**Economic status:** All indicators reported a gradient across all quintiles, which was most pronounced in the case of the complete basic immunization indicator. A marginal exclusion pattern was observed in all indicators, whereby quintile 1 performed much worse than the other quintiles: coverage in quintile 1 was at least 10 percentage points lower than in quintile 2. For the complete basic immunization indicator, coverage was 39.5% in quintile 1, and reached a maximum of 67.8% coverage in quintile 5. For the DPT-HB indicator, quintiles 2-5 all reported coverage of at least 70% and for polio, quintiles 2-5 all reported coverage of over 75%. For the measles indicator, quintiles 2-5 all had coverage of at least 80% and for BCG, quintiles 2-5 had coverage of over 85%.

**Education:** Education subgroups are based on the highest level attained by the child’s mother. For each indicator, the levels of coverage in the no education and incomplete primary school subgroups were about the same (less than 2 percentage points difference); apart from these two subgroups, a gradient was evident across all other education subgroups in all indicators. The BCG indicator had the smallest absolute gap between the most- and least-educated subgroups (15.6 percentage points), and the level of BCG coverage exceeded 90% in the three most-educated subgroups (junior high school, high school and diploma/higher). For the complete basic immunization indicator, coverage in all subgroups was below 75%; coverage was around 50% for the no education subgroup (52.2%) and incomplete primary school subgroup (51.6%).

**Sex:** In all five indicators, the level of coverage was about the same in females and males (less than 2 percentage points difference).

**Place of residence:** All indicators demonstrated place of residence inequality, with higher coverage in urban than rural areas. In absolute terms, the largest gap was reported for the complete basic immunization indicator (10.8 percentage points); the smallest gap was reported for the measles indicator (4.1 percentage points).
Subnational region: Overall, the worst-performing regions across the five childhood immunization indicators – Aceh, Maluku and Papua – were consistently among the bottom five of the 33 subnational regions. Bali, Central Java, DI Yogyakarta and Gorontalo were consistently among the five best-performing regions.

The indicators with the largest gaps between the best- and worst-performing regions were DPT-HB (54.3 percentage points) and complete basic immunization (53.9 percentage points). The BCG indicator had the smallest gap between the best- and worst-performing regions, at 39.4 percentage points.

For BCG and measles, the indicators with the highest national coverage, 27 and 18 regions reported coverage of at least 80%, respectively, and 12 and eight regions reported coverage of at least 90%, respectively. For each DPT-HB and polio indicators, 12 regions reported coverage of at least 80%; three regions had DPT-HB coverage of over 90% and two regions had polio coverage of over 90%. For the complete basic immunization indicator, three regions had coverage exceeding 80% and none were over 90%; 15 regions had coverage of 50% or less, including two regions that had less than 30% coverage.

Priority areas

The most pressing priority areas for childhood immunization indicators include: improving overall coverage of complete basic immunization; addressing poor performance in certain subnational regions; and increasing coverage among the poorest 20%. Additionally, lower levels of immunization coverage were reported among subgroups with lower education levels and subgroups in rural areas.

Unsurprisingly, the worst-performing indicator was complete basic immunization, as it reflects performance across all other indicators combined. Due to its low overall coverage, it is considered a high priority indicator. The multiple dose indicators (DPT-HB and polio) are considered medium priority; the single dose indicators (BCG and measles), which had national averages in excess of 80%, are considered low priority.

Inequality according to subnational regions indicated an urgent need for attention. In particular, in two regions (Maluku and Papua), fewer than one in three children had received complete basic immunization. Geographical inequalities in coverage of multiple dose indicators (DPT-HB and polio) are also considered a priority, given that coverage in the best-performing region was at least twice as high as in the poorest.

Analysis of data disaggregated by economic status suggests a general need to improve the situation in the poorest 20%, especially in terms of complete basic immunization coverage, but also the polio indicator.

Inequalities by education status demonstrated a gradient, however, the two least-educated subgroups were equally disadvantaged. Place of residence inequality was most pronounced in the complete basic immunization indicator.

Further inequality analyses are warranted within subnational regions to identify priority subgroups at local levels (i.e. through double disaggregation).

Policy implications

Policies at national and subnational levels should be oriented to address low levels of complete basic immunization, taking into account geographical inequalities between subnational regions and inequalities on the basis of economic status, education and place of residence. Subnational regions have variable levels of capacity to navigate the complexity of health systems, which affect budgetary management, programme monitoring.
and evaluation, and overall facility efficiency \((10,11)\). National reporting about immunization could be strengthened by integrating private sector Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) data.

Immunization coverage may be improved through efforts aimed to build local capacity in poor-performing regions, emphasizing strategies to strengthen immunization delivery. For instance, investing in village health posts, which provide promotive and preventive health services, have been shown to improve immunization coverage in Indonesia \((10)\). The use of peer training of health workers by experienced health workers has also benefited immunization coverage in underperforming regions of Indonesia \((12)\). Other strategies may build on efforts proven successful in other settings: bringing immunizations closer to communities; using information dissemination to increase vaccination demand; changing practices at fixed sites; and using innovative management practices \((13)\). Additionally, high staff turnover at health posts should be minimized.

The lower coverage of multiple dose indicators relative to single dose indicators indicates that policies should aim to reduce the rate of immunization non-completion; that is, policies should promote return visits for subsequent vaccine doses until completion. Non-completion rates have been shown to vary across population subgroups and according to sociocultural contexts; health education efforts that are highly tailored to local contexts may help to increase coverage among vulnerable population subgroups \((14)\). Efforts are warranted to foster community awareness on timely and full doses of vaccinations.

**Indicator profiles**

In the following pages, Figures 6.1–6.10 illustrate disaggregated data by applicable and available dimensions of inequality. Supplementary tables S1–S4 contain relevant simple and complex summary measures.

### References


**6. Childhood immunization**

**BCG immunization coverage**

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**Figure 6.1.** BCG immunization coverage, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

**Figure 6.2.** BCG immunization coverage, disaggregated by subnational region
**Measles immunization coverage**

**Data source**  
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**  
Numerator: Number of children aged 12–23 months who have received one dose of measles vaccine  
Denominator: Number of children aged 12–23 months

**National average**  
82.1%

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**Figure 6.3.** Measles immunization coverage, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

**Figure 6.4.** Measles immunization coverage, disaggregated by subnational region
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DPT-HB immunization coverage

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition: Numerator: Number of children aged 12–23 months who have received: three doses of DPT-HB vaccine; or DPT-HB-Hib vaccine
Denominator: Number of children aged 12–23 months

National average: 75.6%

Figure 6.5. DPT-HB immunization coverage, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

Figure 6.6. DPT-HB immunization coverage, disaggregated by subnational region
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Figure 6.7. Polio immunization coverage, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

Figure 6.8. Polio immunization coverage, disaggregated by subnational region

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition:
- Numerator: Number of children aged 12–23 months who have received four doses of oral polio vaccine
- Denominator: Number of children aged 12–23 months

National average: 77.0%
6. Childhood immunization

**Complete basic immunization coverage**

**Data source**
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**
Numerator: Number of children aged 12–23 months who have received: one dose of hepatitis B vaccine within seven days of birth (HB-0); one dose of BCG vaccine; three doses of DPT-HB or DPT-HB-Hib vaccine; one dose of measles vaccine; and four doses of oral polio vaccine
Denominator: Number of children aged 12–23 months

**National average**
59.2%

**Figure 6.9.** Complete basic immunization coverage, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

**Figure 6.10.** Complete basic immunization coverage, disaggregated by subnational region

National average = 59.2%
7. Child malnutrition

Child malnutrition is a longstanding and persistent health problem in Indonesia. The high rates of stunting, underweight and wasting among children under 5 years have not improved over the last decade, and Indonesia faces a double burden of malnutrition with increasing prevalence of overweight children (1). Despite growing awareness of and attention to issues of child malnutrition (including expanded financial commitments by the Government of Indonesia (2)), the country is not on track to meet any of the six 2025 global nutrition targets endorsed by the World Health Assembly as part of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016–2025 (1,3).

Globally, Indonesia is involved in child nutrition collaborations and initiatives. For example, it is one of nine countries in the Lead Group of the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement, a global collaboration to strengthen political commitments and accountability for improved nutrition (4). A 2013 Presidential Decree (No. 42/2013) established a legal platform for this movement in Indonesia, which is led by the Minister of Coordination and supported by a central coordinating task force at the national level (5,6). In 2012, the Government of Indonesia launched the First 1000 Days of Life Movement (1000 Hari Pertama Kehidupan), which adopts a multisector and multistakeholder approach to reduce stunting and undernutrition in Indonesia (6). Indonesia endorsed the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action (adopted by the Second International Conference on Nutrition in November 2014) (7), and has committed to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a target to end all forms of child malnutrition (8).

Nationally, Indonesia has a coherent policy and legal framework that supports improvements in child nutrition through coordinated action across different sectors. The National Action Plan on Food and Nutrition (2015–2019) provides a common results framework, including a common monitoring and evaluation approach. This framework, which aligns with the 2015–2019 National Medium Term Development Plan (Presidential Decree No. 2/2015), was developed by the Ministry of National Development Planning, and is being rolled out across all provinces (2). The Ministry of Agriculture, through Decree No. 15/2013, endorses food diversification and local food development efforts (9). Indonesia has a number of “nutrition-sensitive” social protection programmes that integrate objectives to improve nutrition alongside promoting other aspects of socioeconomic well-being (10).

Nutrition-related information and services are provided at the community level at integrated health service posts (posyandu), which are staffed by local health cadres; health centres (puskesmas) also deliver programming and services related to community nutrition (11).

**Child malnutrition indicators**

This report features four indicators of malnutrition in children aged 5 years or less: stunting prevalence; underweight prevalence; wasting prevalence; and overweight prevalence (Table 7.1). The indicator definitions applied in this report are standardized definitions across global initiatives (12). All indicators reflect anthropometric measurements (namely, height and weight); overweight, stunting and underweight indicators also take age into account. Measurements are referenced against WHO Child Growth Standards (13).

These child growth indicators are important markers of nutritional status and health in populations (12).
Stunting, underweight and wasting are considered indicators of undernutrition. Whereas stunting results from longer-term growth restriction and deprivations from the prenatal period and childhood, wasting is the result of recurrent acute deprivation of nutrition. Underweight prevalence can reflect wasting, acute weight loss and/or stunting. Nutritional imbalances during childhood have implications for long-term health. Being overweight as a child is associated with obesity in adolescence and adulthood, which increases the likelihood of experiencing various short-term and long-term diseases and risk factors. Children who are stunted are at greater risk for illness and death, and may have delayed mental development. Underweight also increases mortality risk, especially among those who are severely underweight. Wasting impairs the immune system, increasing susceptibility to infectious diseases as well as their severity.

### Key findings

**National average:** Of the four child malnutrition indicators featured in this report, stunting had the highest national average (37.2%), followed by underweight (19.3%). Among children aged 5 years or less, 12.1% met the criteria for wasting, and 4.5% were overweight.

**Economic status:** The stunting and underweight indicators demonstrated clear gradient patterns across quintiles, with step-wise declines in stunting/underweight percentages as economic status increased. For stunting, the absolute difference between the poorest (48.4%) and the richest (29.0%) was 19.4 percentage points. For underweight, the gap between the poorest (27.2%) and richest (13.7%) spanned 13.5 percentage points. Wasting prevalence differed by 3.5 percentage points across quintiles, and was highest in the poorest quintile (14.1%) and lowest in the richest quintile (10.6%). Overweight prevalence did not demonstrate a clear pattern according to economic status.

**Education:** Education subgroups are based on the highest level attained by the child’s mother. Disaggregated data across the six education subgroups revealed substantial inequality between the least- and most-educated subgroups in stunting (14.1 percentage points difference) and underweight prevalence (10.9 percentage points difference). Stunting was markedly lower in the most-educated subgroup (27.6%) than the three subgroups with

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primary school or lower (each had prevalence of more than 40%), whereas underweight prevalence showed a gradient pattern, from 24.0% in the no education subgroup, to 13.1% in the diploma/higher subgroup. Wasting prevalence was higher in the least-educated subgroup (13.5%) than the most-educated subgroup (10.8%) by a margin of 2.7 percentage points. Overweight prevalence was highest in the most-educated subgroup (7.0%).

**Employment status:** Inequality by employment status was not evident in any of the four malnutrition indicators.

**Age:** Age disaggregated data were available for six subgroups, and demonstrated different patterns for each indicator. Stunting prevalence peaked at age 24–35 months (41.9%) and was lowest at age 0–5 months (25.1%). Underweight prevalence increased incrementally from 0–5 months of age (10.7%), and levelled off at 24–35 months of age (22.0%). Wasting prevalence was highest at 6–11 months (14.1%) and then declined with age, reaching 10.7% at age 48–59 months. Overweight prevalence was highest during the first 5 months of life (6.0%), and lowest at age 24–35 months (3.7%).

**Sex:** In all indicators, sex-related inequality was minimal, with an absolute difference of less than 2 percentage points between males and females.

**Place of residence:** Rural areas had higher stunting and underweight prevalence than urban areas. The rural–urban difference amounted to 9.6 percentage points for the stunting indicator, and 5.6 percentage points for the underweight indicator. For both wasting and overweight indicators, the absolute difference between rural and urban areas was less than 2 percentage points.

**Subnational region:** Absolute inequality across subnational regions was most pronounced for the stunting indicator, where the prevalence in the best-performing region (Riau Islands, 26.3%) was 25.4 percentage points lower than the prevalence in the worst-performing region (East Nusa Tenggara, 51.7%). Underweight prevalence had a gap of 19.3 percentage points between Bali (13.0%) and East Nusa Tenggara (32.3%). A larger percentage of children under 5 years in West Kalimantan were wasted (18.7%) than in any other subnational region; Bali reported wasting prevalence of 8.8%, which was 9.9 percentage points lower. West Papua was consistently among the five worst-performing subnational regions for stunting, underweight and wasting indicators. Overweight prevalence showed an absolute difference of 5.6 percentage points across subnational regions, with the highest prevalence in Bengkulu (8.1%).

### Priority areas

Overall, high national rates of stunting, underweight and wasting in children under 5 years constitute an urgent and high priority. According to the WHO child malnutrition cut-off values for public health significance, national stunting has “high prevalence”, underweight has “medium prevalence” and wasting is “serious” (12). Even in the best-performing subgroups, the prevalence of these indicators did not reach an acceptable or low level. National overweight prevalence in children aged 5 years or less is considered a low priority, as are inequalities in this indicator. Ongoing monitoring is warranted to ensure that the national prevalence of overweight children remains low, especially among vulnerable subgroups and subnational regions.

Inequalities across stunting, underweight and wasting indicators are considered high priority, as disadvantaged subgroups across the selected dimensions of inequality tended to perform even worse than advantaged subgroups. Inequalities in the stunting and underweight indicators were particularly large for economic status and education level. In general, gradient patterns of inequality were reported. Stunting disaggregation by education subgroups, however, revealed consistently high prevalence across multiple subgroups with low
levels of education. Stunting and underweight prevalence were also high among children in rural areas.

All four indicators demonstrated inequality by subnational region. For each of the three indicators of undernutrition, several subnational regions reported prevalence that qualified as “very high prevalence” or “critical” (12). Along with other poor-performing subnational regions, priority should be given to West Papua, where stunting, underweight and wasting were considered very high or critical.

Policy implications

While Indonesia has demonstrated a commitment to reducing child malnutrition, gains have been largely unrealized and the situation remains urgent, especially regarding undernutrition. The findings of this chapter support the need for large-scale and sustained responses, recognizing that food security and malnutrition are multidimensional issues that require comprehensive, multisector and multidisciplinary approaches. In addition to tackling immediate needs, initiatives should address underlying determinants of nutrition, which may entail collaboration across sectors such as health, agriculture, social safety nets, early child development, education, water and sanitation, and others (14,15). Policies and programmes outside of the health sector have great potential to impact on nutritional outcomes through means such as improved targeting, integrating nutrition-specific goals and actions, and empowering women.

The patterns of inequality described in this chapter serve to indicate where concentrated efforts may be required to accelerate gains among the most disadvantaged. For instance, capacity-building in poor-performing regions should aim to enhance the quality and administration of nutritional programmes. Nutrition initiatives that are administered centrally should account for local contexts, including geography, local governance, socio-economic status, demography and level of educational attainment (1). Socioeconomic inequalities in stunting and underweight prevalence call for increased attention to the economically and educationally disadvantaged through policies that combine universal and targeted approaches.

Regular evaluation and monitoring of child nutrition initiatives are warranted to indicate how resources can be efficiently and effectively used to promote accountability, and to ensure that improvements are achieved in an equitable manner. In particular, the evaluation of multisectoral programmes should be strengthened, including the integration of nutrition-related measurements.

Although the burden of undernutrition was found to be most pressing, policies should not neglect the emerging issue of children being overweight. The Strategic Action Plan to Reduce the Double Burden of Malnutrition in the South-East Asia Region 2016–2025 acknowledges that health systems of countries in the region have been designed to address persistent undernutrition, and calls for protective measures to mitigate trends of rising overweight and obesity (16). Moving forward, Indonesia should consider strengthening policies that: ensure nutrition policy-making is free from conflicts of interest; support enhanced accessibility of health foods; and foster healthy food environments in settings where children spend time, such as preschools and boarding schools.
Indicator profiles

In the following pages, Figures 7.1–7.8 illustrate disaggregated data by applicable and available dimensions of inequality. Supplementary tables S1–S4 contain relevant simple and complex summary measures.

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Stunting prevalence coverage

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition: Numerator: Number of children aged 5 years or less who are stunted
Denominator: Number of children aged 5 years or less

National average: 37.2%

Figure 7.1. Stunting prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, employment status, age, sex and place of residence

Figure 7.2. Stunting prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region
Figure 7.3. Underweight prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, employment status, age, sex and place of residence

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National average = 19.3%

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition:
- Numerator: Number of children aged 5 years or less who are underweight
- Denominator: Number of children aged 5 years or less

Figure 7.4. Underweight prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region

National average = 19.3%
7. Child malnutrition

Wasting prevalence

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition: Numerator: Number of children aged 5 years or less who are wasted
Denominator: Number of children aged 5 years or less

National average: 12.1%

Figure 7.5. Wasting prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, employment status, age, sex and place of residence

Figure 7.6. Wasting prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition: Numerator: Number of children aged 5 years or less who are wasted
Denominator: Number of children aged 5 years or less

National average = 12.1%
**Figure 7.7.** Overweight prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, employment status, age, sex and place of residence

**Figure 7.8.** Overweight prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region
8. Child mortality

Over the last 30 years, there has been a steep decline in child mortality in Indonesia, despite persistent and sometimes increasing inequality (1). Indonesia was one of 24 low- and lower-middle-income countries that achieved the target for Millennium Development Goal 4: to reduce the under-five mortality rate by at least two thirds between 1990 and 2015 (2). Substantial progress was made during the 1990s, due in part to cost-effective initiatives such as expanded immunization programmes, exclusive breastfeeding and quick diagnosis and treatment of common childhood illnesses (2). Since that time, however, reductions in child mortality have been slower due to stagnated progress on reducing neonatal deaths (1). As a result, neonatal mortality accounts for an increasing proportion of infant and under-five mortality (1,3).

In 2015, the leading causes of child mortality during the first month of life in Indonesia included: preterm birth complications; intrapartum-related events; congenital abnormalities; and sepsis/meningitis (4). The leading causes of child mortality in Indonesia during 1–59 months of age were pneumonia, other disorders (such as causes originating during the first month, cancer, severe malnutrition, etc.), injury and diarrhoea (4).

A number of government-supported initiatives within Indonesia have contributed to the reduction of child mortality. For example, universal maternal health coverage (introduced in Indonesia in 2011–2013) had implications for neonatal care services (5). The national programme Jampersal, launched in 2011, provided maternity care to pregnant women who are not covered by other insurance schemes (the poor and near-poor). Jampersal emphasizes institutional delivery, though it also covers antenatal care, delivery care, postpartum care for mother and newborn, and family planning (6). The country has expanded the reach of basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care - for example, through Pelayanan Obstetri dan Neonatal Esensial Dasar (PONED) puskemas and Pelayanan Obstetrik dan Neonatal Emergensif (PONEK) hospitals (5). The programme Nusantara Sehat supports capacity-building among rural health-care providers (7,8). In 2010, the joint regulation between the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Health called for collaborative efforts to strengthen mortality and cause of death reporting (9).

Child mortality indicators

This report features three child mortality indicators, reflecting the probability of a child dying during the neonatal period, infancy and before age 5 (Table 8.1). The definitions used in this report are

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<td>Under-five mortality</td>
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consistent with those applied by WHO (10). Child mortality indicators are commonly used to measure the health of a population, and are influenced by: presence/absence of a universal health-care system; economic status and level of education; fertility rates; level of health literacy; and other factors (3). Neonatal mortality is thought to be a good proxy indicator for the strength of health systems (1).

Key findings

National average: The national rate of neonatal mortality was 19.7 deaths per 1000 live births and infant mortality was 33.4 deaths per 1000 live births. Under-five mortality, which encompasses deaths during neonatal and infant periods, was 42.4 deaths per 1000 live births.

Economic status: The three indicators each demonstrated economic-related inequality, with lowest mortality in the richest quintile, and highest mortality in the poorest quintile. Mortality rates in the poorest quintile were about three times higher than mortality rates in the richest quintile (poorest to richest ratios were 3.0 for neonatal mortality, 3.1 for infant mortality and 3.2 for under-five mortality. In all indicators, the mortality rate declined substantially between quintiles 1 and 2; mortality rates were similar in quintiles 2 and 3. The mortality rate in the poorest quintile was 28.3 deaths per 1000 live births for neonatal mortality, 52.0 deaths per 1000 live births for infant mortality and 69.7 deaths per 1000 live births for under-five mortality.

Education: Education subgroups are based on the highest level attained by the child’s mother. Across the three education subgroups, mortality rate declined in a step-wise fashion as education level increased. The most pronounced relative inequality was reported in under-five mortality, where the rate in the no education subgroup (97.7 deaths per 1000 live births) was 3.3 times higher than the rate in the secondary school or higher subgroup (29.2 deaths per 1000 live births).

Sex: Sex disaggregated data demonstrated higher mortality rates in males than females. Neonatal mortality was 1.5 times higher in males (23.7 deaths per 1000 live births) than females (15.5 deaths per 1000 live births); infant mortality rates differed by a factor of 1.4, and under-five mortality rates differed by a factor of 1.3.

Place of residence: Mortality rates were consistently about 1.5 times higher in rural areas than urban areas: both neonatal and infant mortality indicators were 1.6 times higher in rural areas, and under-five mortality was 1.5 times higher in rural areas. Under-five mortality rates differed by 18.0 deaths per 1000 live births between rural (51.3 deaths per 1000 live births) and urban (33.2 deaths per 1000 live births) areas.

Subnational region: Disaggregated data were not reported for six subnational regions due to low sample size. Overall, the three mortality indicators demonstrated regional inequalities. For all indicators, East Kalimantan, DKI Jakarta and Riau were consistently among the five regions with the lowest mortality rates; Papua and West Nusa Tenggara were among the five regions with the highest mortality rates. Neonatal mortality ranged from 12.1 deaths per 1000 live births in East Kalimantan to 33.7 deaths per 1000 live births in West Nusa Tenggara. Infant mortality was 2.7 times higher in the worst-performing region (58.1 deaths per 1000 live births in Central Sulawesi) than the best-performing region (21.6 deaths per 1000 live births in East Kalimantan); three regions had mortality rates above 55 deaths per 1000 live births. Under-five mortality was particularly high in Papua (116.2 deaths per 1000 live births); the rate was 4.2 times higher than in the best-performing region of Riau (27.4 deaths per 1000 live births).
Priority areas

Overall, child mortality is a high priority health topic in Indonesia. The three indicators each had an elevated national rate, and reported high levels of inequality according to the five dimensions of inequality (economic status, education, sex, place of residence, and subnational region). (Note, however, that some sex-based inequality may be due to biological reasons.) In terms of subnational regions, Papua and West Nusa Tenggara performed worst, with an alarmingly high under-five mortality rate in Papua. The development and implementation of strategies to reduce child mortality (overall, and with an emphasis on disadvantaged populations) should be prioritized.

Socioeconomic inequalities in child mortality demonstrated conventional forms of disadvantage, with the highest child mortality rates reported by the poorest, least-educated and rural subgroups. Indicators demonstrated different patterns of inequality across economic status and education subgroups. For neonatal mortality, the richest and most-educated subgroups tended to perform substantially better than all others. For infant mortality and under-five indicators, mortality rates were especially elevated in the poorest quintile relative to the four other quintiles, and steep gradients were reported across education subgroups.

Policy implications

Interventions that have been proven effective for the reduction of child mortality (11) should be scaled up in an equity-oriented fashion (with early and accelerated gains in disadvantaged populations) and made available to all. Child mortality is affected by multiple, cross-cutting aspects of the health system, as well as wider social, cultural and environmental determinants. Thus, diverse approaches are required to achieve and sustain improvements. Political and financial investments are needed to strengthen health systems, ensuring that adequate human resources, facilities, training/capacity and other resources are in place; the distribution, implementation and quality of health services also warrant attention (1). Additional research should be undertaken to better understand factors outside of the health system that affect child mortality.

Recognizing that the determinants of child mortality vary by setting, previous research has suggested that improving access to health care and creating opportunities for female education are promising interventions to reduce infant mortality in Indonesia (3). As much as possible, Indonesia should ensure that child mortality policies are evidence based and setting specific. In some cases, expanding the evidence basis for policy-making at the subnational level may benefit the impact and reach of child mortality programmes. Action to reduce the high under-five mortality rate in Papua, for example, should identify and address relevant determinants within the province.

Indonesia’s movement towards universal health care is an important initiative to promote equitable access to health services (3,5). While there have been efforts to increase access to key interventions (e.g. institutional delivery), referral systems do not always function smoothly, and training and adherence to protocols may be inadequate (5). Health inequality monitoring of existing policies and programmes should be done regularly to assess trends in inequality over time and identify where and how changes may need to be implemented.
Indicator profiles

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**Neonatal mortality**

**Data source**  
DHS 2012

**Definition**  
Numerator: Deaths at age 0–28 days  
Denominator: Number of live births

**National average**  
19.7 deaths per 1000 live births

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**Figure 8.1.** Neonatal mortality, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

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National average = 19.7
Infant mortality

Data source: DHS 2012
Definition: Numerator: Deaths at age 0–11 months
Denominator: Number of live births
National average: 33.4 deaths per 1000 live births

Figure 8.3. Infant mortality, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

Figure 8.4. Infant mortality, disaggregated by subnational region
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Under-five mortality

Data source  
DHS 2012

Definition  
Numerator: Deaths at age 0–5 years  
Denominator: Number of live births

National average  
42.4 deaths per 1000 live births

Figure 8.5. Under-five mortality, disaggregated by economic status, education, sex and place of residence

Figure 8.6. Under-five mortality, disaggregated by subnational region
9. Infectious diseases

Although the rates of several infectious diseases have declined in recent years, the absolute burden of infectious diseases in Indonesia remains high. The Ministry of Health, under the Directorate General of Disease Control and Environmental Health, leads infectious disease control. The Directorate for Communicable Disease Control focuses on infectious diseases, including tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, diarrhoea and other abdominal infections, acute respiratory infections, leprosy and frambusia. The central government works with provincial and district health offices. Puskesmas provide curative and public health services for infectious diseases, which is one of their six priority areas (1).

Infectious diseases prevention and control efforts in Indonesia have been primarily delivered through donor-funded, vertical programming, with coordination by the Ministry of Health. For instance, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is a major supporter of both malaria and tuberculosis control programmes in Indonesia (2). The Malaria Elimination Programme in Indonesia is described in the 2009 Ministry of Health Decree No. 293/Menkes/SK/IV/2009, which specifies the roles of different levels of government, as well as roles for health personnel, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, community-based organizations, donor organizations and others (3,4). The country established a four-stage approach to eliminating malaria, including targets for all health service facilities to have the capacity for malaria examination by 2010, Indonesia to enter the pre-elimination stage in 2020 and Indonesia to be free of malaria transmission in 2030 (5). The National Tuberculosis Control Strategy (2010–2014) coordinated and scaled-up efforts to: expand and improve the quality of short-course chemotherapy service (Directly Observed Treatment, Short Course, or DOTS (6)); manage multidrug resistant tuberculosis, paediatric tuberculosis and cases of combined tuberculosis/HIV, and the needs of the poor and other vulnerable groups; engage with public and private providers to implement international standards; and empower tuberculosis patients and affected communities (7). Districts and cities are the centres of tuberculosis programme management (funds, facilities and infrastructure), with coordinating roles for the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Health, as well as provincial tuberculosis focal points (1). Other neglected or lower-profile infectious diseases, such as leprosy, have received less attention from global donors. Indonesia integrated leprosy control into puskesmas health services as early as 1969, and issued its second strategic plan of the National Leprosy Control Programme in 2011 (8). Still, policies for leprosy management vary across subnational regions (9).

Infectious diseases indicators

This report covers three infectious diseases: leprosy; malaria; and tuberculosis (Table 9.1). Indonesia constitutes a large share of the global burden of all three diseases (10–12). The Ministry of Health has identified malaria and tuberculosis as key priorities of the infectious disease prevention programme. The current National Strategic Plan, spanning 2015–2019, includes targets to reduce the prevalence of tuberculosis and to increase the number of malaria-free districts (13). The leprosy indicator adopted in this report pertains to the whole population; the malaria and tuberculosis indicators apply to the population aged 15 years or more. The scale of measurement of each indicator was selected in accordance with established conventions, and/or to ease interpretation: leprosy prevalence is presented per 10 000; malaria prevalence is presented per 100; and tuberculosis prevalence is presented per 100 000.
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#### Key findings

**National average:** Leprosy prevalence in Indonesia is 0.8 per 10 000 people. Of those aged 15 years or more, malaria was reported by 1.1% and tuberculosis was diagnosed in 759.1 per 100 000 people.

**Economic status:** Data by economic status were available for the malaria indicator. Malaria prevalence in quintile 1 (2.1%) was 1.8 times as prevalent as in quintile 2 (1.2%) and 2.6 times as prevalent in quintiles 4 and 5 (0.8% in each).

**Education:** Malaria data were available across six education subgroups. Prevalence was 0.1 percentage points higher in the four subgroups with the least education (1.2% in each), relative to the group with high school (1.1%). The subgroup with the highest level of education reported prevalence of 0.9%.

**Occupation:** Malaria prevalence demonstrated some variation by occupation. The farmer/fisherman/labourer subgroup reported the highest malaria prevalence (1.6%) and the employee subgroup reported the lowest (0.9%).

**Age:** Age was grouped as seven subgroups for the malaria indicator, and six subgroups for the tuberculosis indicator. Malaria prevalence was highest in those aged 35–44 years (1.3%), and declined to 0.8% in those aged 75 years or more. Tuberculosis prevalence was much higher in those aged 65 years or more (1581.7 per 100 000) than those aged 15–24 years (360.8 per 100 000). The largest increases were reported between the subgroups aged 15–24 years and 25–34 years (by a factor or 2.1), and between the subgroups aged 55–64 years and 65 years or more (by a factor of 1.5).

**Sex:** For both malaria and tuberculosis, prevalence was higher in males than females. Malaria prevalence in males was 1.3% and 1.0% in females. Tuberculosis prevalence was 2.4 times higher in males (1082.7 per 100 000) than in females (460.6 per 100 000).

**Place of residence:** While malaria prevalence was 1.8 times higher in rural (1.4%) than urban (0.8%) areas, the tuberculosis indicator showed the opposite pattern, with 1.3 times higher prevalence in urban (845.8 per 100 000) than rural (674.2 per 100 000) areas.

**Subnational region:** The number of subnational regions subgroups applied to each indicator differed: leprosy prevalence is shown across 34 subgroups; malaria prevalence across 33 subgroups; and tuberculosis across three subgroups. All indicators demonstrated considerable variation across subnational regions. Leprosy prevalence differed by a factor of 110.0 between the subnational region with the highest prevalence (10.7 per 10 000 in West Papua) and the regions with the lowest prevalence (0.1 per 10 000 in Bengkulu, Lampung.

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### Table 9.1. Infectious diseases indicators

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<td>Leprosy diagnosis was based on health facility reports of old and new cases</td>
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<tr>
<td>Malaria prevalence</td>
<td>Prevalence of malaria among people aged 15 years or more (per 100)</td>
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<td>Malaria diagnosis was based on self-report during an interview</td>
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<td>Tuberculosis prevalence</td>
<td>Prevalence of tuberculosis among people aged 15 years or more (per 100 000)</td>
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<td>Tuberculosis diagnosis was based on bacteriology confirmation</td>
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and West Kalimantan). Three subnational regions (North Maluku, Papua and West Papua) reported leprosy prevalence greater than 5 per 10 000. Malaria prevalence was highest in Papua (11.4%), and East Nusa Tenggara and West Papua (7.7% in each). Several subgroups reported very low malaria prevalence, including six subgroups with 0.4% or less. Tuberculosis prevalence was 1.5 times higher in Sumatra (913.1 per 100 000) than in Java-Bali (593.1 per 100 000); the subgroup of other regions reported an average of 842.1 cases per 100 000.

Priority areas

Tuberculosis and malaria were identified as high priority based on elevated national prevalence; leprosy constitutes a medium priority. All three indicators showed large inequalities across subnational regions, suggesting that efforts should be directed to realize improvements in infectious diseases in poor-performing regions. In particular, leprosy prevalence was elevated in West Papua, and malaria prevalence was elevated in East Nusa Tenggara, Papua and West Papua. Results across three subnational region subgroups suggested that tuberculosis prevalence was elevated in the Sumatra subgroup; more detailed studies at the level of subnational regions are warranted.

Tuberculosis and malaria initiatives should account for higher prevalence in vulnerable populations. Tuberculosis was higher in the elderly and males, whereas malaria was higher in rural areas and among the poor and farmers/fishermen/labourers. Efforts to enable exploration of leprosy and tuberculosis by socioeconomic dimensions of inequality should be prioritized.

Policy implications

Infectious disease policies in Indonesia should better target poor-performing regions. More specific case studies may need to be conducted to better understand the diverse factors that underlie high infectious disease prevalence in certain regions (e.g. related to living conditions, environmental factors, health systems, governance capacity, etc.). In some areas, substantial capacity-building efforts may be required. (Prior to the late 1990s, infectious disease control was centralized; following the country’s decentralization process, however, variable capacity across regions may have exacerbated inequalities (1).)

The high prevalence of tuberculosis and malaria calls for renewed prevention and control efforts, with a focus on enhancing sustainability, effectiveness and reach. To this end, adequate technical, financial and human investments should be secured, especially for disadvantaged regions and subgroups. Currently, tuberculosis programming in Indonesia faces a number of management and technical challenges. Policies should be revisited to address issues such as limited government resources, a lack of synergy among stakeholders, suboptimal early detection strategies, underreporting and challenges in adopting new diagnostic tools and treatments (14). Malaria prevention efforts may be strengthened by: improving malaria diagnostic accuracy; promoting better access to treatment centres in disadvantaged areas; advancing and adopting vector control strategies; and strengthening malaria surveillance to support early warning, outbreak management and post-outbreak management (5).

Health information systems should be strengthened to enable robust health inequality monitoring. For leprosy and tuberculosis indicators, limited data availability precluded monitoring of key dimensions of inequality, including economic status and education; additionally, sex and place of residence disaggregation was not possible for leprosy.

Indicator profiles

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dimensions of inequality. Supplementary tables S1–S4 contain relevant simple and complex summary measures.

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References


**Leprosy prevalence**

**Data source**  
Routine reports 2015

**Definition**  
Numerator: Number of leprosy cases at all ages  
Denominator: Population (all ages)

**National average**  
0.8 per 10 000

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**Figure 9.1.** Leprosy prevalence disaggregated by subnational region

[Diagram showing leprosy prevalence rates by subnational region, with data points for each region.]
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Malaria prevalence

**Data source**  
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**  
Numerator: Number of people with malaria aged 15 years or more  
Denominator: Number of people aged 15 years or more

**National average**  
1.1%

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**Figure 9.2.** Malaria prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and place of residence

**Figure 9.3.** Malaria prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region
**Tuberculosis prevalence**

**Data source**  
TB Prevalence Survey 2014

**Definition**  
Numerator: Number of tuberculosis cases among people aged 15 years or more  
Denominator: Number of people aged 15 years or more

**National average**  
759.1 per 100 000

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**Figure 9.4.** Tuberculosis prevalence, disaggregated by age, sex and place of residence

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<th>Male</th>
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<td>15-24 yrs</td>
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<td>460.6</td>
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<td>25-34 yrs</td>
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<td>65+ yrs</td>
<td>1,581.7</td>
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**Figure 9.5.** Tuberculosis prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region

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<th>Estimate (cases per 100 000 population)</th>
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<td>Java-Bali</td>
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<td>Others</td>
<td>842.1</td>
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<td>Sumatra</td>
<td>913.1</td>
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National average = 759.1
10. Environmental health

Environmental health priorities in Indonesia have shifted over the past decades (1). The 1970s focused on improved agricultural and irrigation practices, motivated by a need to address food shortages in light of an increasing population. In the 1980s, efforts to develop water supply infrastructure expanded, and community ownership, demand-responsive approaches were introduced. During the 1990s, the Dublin-Rio Principles brought international awareness to diverse issues associated with water use, including the importance of local-level decision-making (2). To this end, Indonesia currently demonstrates a strong commitment towards environmental health, including a host of community- and institution-based initiatives introduced during the 2000s to improve sanitation and access to safe water supplies (3,4).

Since the decentralization process in the 1990s, local governments have increasing responsibilities and authority over environmental health matters, with the central government primarily responsible for providing technical assistance (1). Environmental health roles and responsibilities cut across different sectors and levels of governance (5). At the national level, the Ministry of Public Works is responsible for ensuring a clean water supply and infrastructure, and the Ministry of Health oversees aspects of community knowledge and behaviours. Provincial governments coordinate actions across districts, while environmental health sections of district health offices are responsible for preparing, developing and implementing technical training. Nongovernmental organizations and the health sector also have roles in delivering environmental health programming.

Environmental health programmes and policies in Indonesia focus on developing supply side components (improving access to products, services and infrastructure) and/or demand creation (providing education about hygiene, discouraging open defecation practices and encouraging the use of improved sanitation facilities) (4,6). Programmes such as the Water & Sanitation for Low Income Communities Project and the Community-Led Total Sanitation approach have contributed to increased access to clean source drinking-water and basic sanitation in the country (3).

The development aims of this sector also encompass improving general welfare through sustainable management of the water supply and environmental sanitation. For example, the Community-Led Total Sanitation approach aims to inspire and empower rural communities to stop open defecation and start using sanitary toilets, without offering external subsidies. The Ministry of Health has adopted this approach to change hygiene and sanitary behaviour as an aspect of environmental health programmes in all districts in Indonesia; this approach is part of the national strategy towards universal coverage of safe water and sanitation (7).

Environmental health indicators

This report focuses on water and sanitation aspects of environmental health, drawing on two indicators: access to improved sanitation; and access to improved drinking-water (Table 10.1) (8). Higher levels of coverage are indicative of success. Note that the indicator definitions adopted for this report have been altered from global definitions for greater relevance within the Indonesian context. The use of improved sanitation indicator applied in this report allows for shared toilet facilities. The access to improved drinking-water indicator includes an additional specification of protected spring being a distance of at least 10 metres from the septic tank absorption field. Note that data disaggregated by education reflect the highest level attained by the head of the household.
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<td>Access to improved sanitation</td>
<td>Percentage of households that have access to improved sanitation if they use: private or shared toilet facilities with flush or pour flush to a piped sewer system, septic tank, or pit latrine; ventilated improved pit latrine; pit latrine with slab; or composting toilet</td>
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<td>Access to improved drinking-water</td>
<td>Percentage of households that use any of the following types of drinking-water sources: piped water; tube well or borehole; protected well; protected spring with a distance of at least 10 metres from the septic tank absorption field; or rain water collection</td>
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### Key findings

National average: Overall, 62.1% of Indonesian households had access to improved sanitation, while 71.0% of households had access to improved drinking-water.

**Economic status:** Both indicators demonstrated a gradient across wealth quintiles; the gradient was steeper for the improved sanitation indicator. The percentage of households with access to improved sanitation was 40.2 percentage points higher in quintile 5 (83.5%) than quintile 1 (43.3%). Access to improved drinking-water also improved in a gradient pattern across quintiles, with a rich-poor gap of 25.9 percentage points. The most marked increase in access to improved drinking-water across quintiles was reported between quintile 4 (73.2%) and quintile 5 (84.9%).

**Education:** Inequality according to education demonstrated a gradient pattern, similar to that of economic status. Across the six education subgroups, access to improved sanitation reported a gap of 46.9 percentage points, with high coverage in the subgroup with the highest level of education (87.4%). Access to improved drinking-water ranged from 58.9% in the least educated to 89.3% in the most educated: a gap of 30.4 percentage points.

**Place of residence:** The two indicators each reported a worse situation in rural than urban areas. For the improved sanitation indicator, access of households in urban areas (76.4%) was 1.6 times greater than access of households in rural areas (47.8%). For the improved drinking-water indicator, household access in urban (81.3%) and rural areas (60.6%) differed by a factor of 1.3.

**Subnational region:** Certain subnational regions tended to perform better or worse in terms of environmental health. Bali, DI Yogyakarta and DKI Jakarta were among the five best-performing regions in both environmental health indicators, whereas Bengkulu and Papua were consistently among the bottom five regions. Access to improved sanitation was lowest in East Nusa Tenggara (23.9%), and exceeded 80% in four regions. In 24 of the 34 subnational regions, between 60% and 80% of households had access to improved drinking-water; access spanned from 41.1% in Bengkulu to 93.4% in DKI Jakarta.

**Priority areas**

The indicators reported here suggest that environmental health is a critical priority area in Indonesia, with overall poor national performance.
and high inequality. The low percentage of households with access to improved sanitation is considered a high priority; the low level of access to improved drinking-water constitutes a medium priority. Socioeconomic and geographic inequalities (absolute and relative) were evident across the two indicators, and are considered high priority. The poor performance in the Bengkulu and Papua regions suggests the need for follow-up research to determine priority subgroups within the regions, and to better understand how environmental health can be improved in an equitable manner. Similarly, other poor-performing regions should be prioritized to address low access to improved sanitation (especially East Nusa Tenggara, but also Central Kalimantan and West Kalimantan, where coverage was less than 40%).

**Policy implications**

Approaches to improve environmental health in Indonesia should be strengthened and expanded, especially among the poor, less educated and rural populations, and in poor-performing regions. Policies to increase access to improved sanitation should take into account the different needs of rural and urban populations, and programmes should be developed and implemented within local contexts. The Water & Sanitation for Low Income Communities Project is an example of an initiative that helps disadvantaged communities in remote areas to meet their water and basic sanitation needs. The Community-Led Total Sanitation approach uses monitoring and supervision awards to recognize successful districts. Aspects of supply- and demand-side initiatives that have shown success in better-performing regions should be adapted for scale-up in poor-performing regions and across the country (6).

Capacity-building that occurs through community-based approaches should integrate equity considerations. Indonesia can benefit from the lessons and progression of community-led total sanitation programmes in other countries, which have emphasized health promotion campaigns and/or subsidies to poor households (9). Policies should be supported by adequate financial and human resources to ensure their full implementation and, where applicable, monitoring and evaluation efforts should be expanded to track health inequalities. Coordination across sectors and between stakeholders (governmental and nongovernmental) should be promoted to ensure that programmes and policies are synergized and equity oriented.

**Indicator profiles**

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Access to improved sanitation

Data source
SUSENAS 2015

Definition
Numerator: Number of households that have access to improved sanitation
Denominator: Number of households

National average 62.1%

Figure 10.1. Access to improved sanitation, disaggregated by economic status, education and place of residence

Figure 10.2. Access to improved sanitation, disaggregated by subnational region
Access to improved drinking-water

Data source: SUSENAS 2015

Definition:
Numerator: Number of households that use improved water sources (piped water, tube well or borehole, protected well, protected spring with a distance of at least 10 metres from the septic tank absorption field, or rain water collection)
Denominator: Number of households

National average: 71.0%

Figure 10.3. Access to improved drinking-water, disaggregated by economic status, education and place of residence

Figure 10.4. Access to improved drinking-water, disaggregated by subnational region
11. NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors

Since the late 1990s, there has been growing recognition by the Government of Indonesia about the importance of addressing NCDs, mental health and NCD risk factors. In particular, the Ministry of Health, responsible for health promotion activities, has played a prominent role in raising awareness and rolling out initiatives across the country, as well as coordinating and streamlining programmes across different sectors. For instance, following the introduction of the WHO STEPwise approach to Surveillance (STEPS) in 1998–1999 (1), IAHRD organized a pilot across workplace settings in Depok, West Java. In 2000–2001, IAHRD, together with WHO, expanded the initiative, integrating a community-based NCD risk factor component from 2001 to 2006 that was successful in improving behavioural NCD risk factors (2,3).

In 2003, a national policy and strategy on NCDs was established by the Centre for Health Promotion in collaboration with Medical Services, IAHRD, Sport Health, and the Centre for Disease Control and Environmental Health (2,4); as of 2006, it is under the auspices of the Directorate General of Disease Control and Environmental Health. The policy primarily focuses on five major NCDs: heart disease; stroke; diabetes mellitus; cancer; and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The NCD strategy adopts a community-based approach centred on risk factor reduction; it covers surveillance, early detection and prevention, health care and financing systems. A major component of the strategy is Posbindu, a community integrated programme that works across schools, workplaces and residences to address NCD risk factors (5).

The Ministry of Health has also made strides in quantifying and/or prompting action surrounding mental health issues such as mental emotion disorders (e.g. depression and anxiety), severe mental health problems (e.g. psychosis), and suicide and self-harm. The Ministry of Health Strategic Plan for 2015–2019 has prioritized the strengthening of community-based programmes to prevent and improve mental health problems, with key roles for primary health care alongside community participatory approaches (6).

In recent years, the Ministry of Health has redoubled efforts to address NCD and behaviour risk factors, with a focus on diabetes mellitus and hypertension (to make progress towards targets for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets set out in the Ministry of Health Strategic Plan). In 2016, the Ministry of Health launched a National Action Plan on the Control and Prevention of NCDs, including GERMAS and PIS-DPK programmes. GERMAS (“community movement”) aims to increase physical activity, promote a healthy lifestyle and strengthen disease prevention and early detection; PIS-DPK (“family approach for healthy Indonesia”) supports smoking reduction, mental health awareness and hypertension management. Indonesia has taken regulatory action to curb tobacco use, including: excise taxes on cigarettes; strict advertising and sponsorship regulations; packaging and labelling requirements; and smoke-free public places (5).

NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors indicators

This chapter covers seven indicators related to the topic of NCDs, mental health and behavioural
risk factors, which include indicators of morbidity (diabetes mellitus prevalence and mental emotional disorders prevalence), a physiological risk factor (hypertension prevalence) and behavioural risk factors (smoking prevalence and low fruit and vegetable consumption) (Table 11.1). The age thresholds for the indicators were determined for the context of Indonesia, and therefore may differ from indicators applied in other contexts. The prevalence of diabetes mellitus and mental emotional disorders were measured among people aged 15 years or more. Hypertension was measured among people aged 18 years or more. A suite of three indicators looked at current smoking prevalence in people aged 10 years or more, in females, males and both sexes combined. Prevalence of low fruit and vegetable consumption was also measured in people aged 10 years or more. For all indicators, lower values are desirable.

Key findings

National average: The national prevalence was similar for the two indicators of morbidity: diabetes mellitus prevalence was 6.6%; and mental emotional disorders prevalence was 6.4%. The prevalence of hypertension was 25.8%. Smoking prevalence in both sexes was 29.3%, with a higher prevalence in males (56.7%) than females (1.9%). Low fruit and vegetable consumption was widespread (96.7%).
**Economic status:** Across economic status subgroups, diabetes mellitus prevalence varied by 2.0 percentage points, with highest prevalence in quintile 5 (7.8%) and lowest prevalence in quintiles 1 and 2 (5.8%). The mental emotional disorders indicator showed an opposite pattern across subgroups, where the richer performed better than the poorer: coverage was lowest in the richest quintile (4.3%), and increased in a gradient pattern, reaching a maximum of 8.1% in the poorest quintile. For the hypertension indicator, there was no apparent pattern across subgroups; prevalence differed by 2.1 percentage points between the best-performing subgroup (25.1% in quintile 4) and the worst-performing subgroup (27.2% in quintile 2). The current smoking indicators all showed lowest prevalence in quintile 5 (e.g. 24.3% for both sexes), and highest prevalence in quintile 1 (e.g. 32.3% for both sexes). In females, current smoking was 2.4 times more prevalent in the poorest than the richest; in males, current smoking was 1.3 times higher in the poorest than the richest. The prevalence of low fruit and vegetable consumption was high across all subgroups, with a margin of 3.4 percentage points between the poorest (98.2%) and the richest (94.8%).

**Education:** The prevalence of diabetes mellitus showed no clear pattern across the six education subgroups; prevalence was highest in the no education subgroup (11.2%), and lowest among those with medium levels of education (4.7% in both junior high and high school subgroups). A gradient pattern of mental emotional disorders was evident: prevalence among the least educated (12.5%) was 4.5 times higher than prevalence among the most educated (2.8%). For hypertension prevalence, the no education subgroup reported prevalence of 42.0%, and prevalence declined with increasing levels of education until reaching a minimum of 18.6% in the best-performing subgroup (high school). The prevalence of smoking in both sexes did not demonstrate a clear pattern according to education level. In females, however, smoking prevalence was elevated in the no education subgroup (4.2%), which was 1.9 times as high as the prevalence in the incomplete primary school subgroup (2.2%) and 4.2 times as high as in the diploma or higher subgroup (1.0%). In males, smoking prevalence was highest in subgroups with medium levels of education – primary school (59.3%), junior high (60.9%) and high school (62.0%). Low fruit and vegetable consumption was high across all education subgroups.

**Occupation:** Indicators demonstrated variation across occupation subgroups. For diabetes mellitus, mental emotional disorder and hypertension, the employee subgroup tended to perform best, while the worst performing were those classified as other (for diabetes mellitus) or not working (for mental emotional disorders and hypertension). Inequality was elevated for mental emotional disorders, as prevalence was 2.2 times higher in those not working (8.4%) than in employees (3.9%). Smoking prevalence was highest in those who worked as farmers/fishermen/labourers, in both females (2.8%) and males (75.5%). For the smoking indicator, including both sexes, the prevalence of smoking among farmers/fishermen/labourers (51.3%) was 41.5 percentage points higher than prevalence of smoking among those not working (9.9%). In males only, smoking prevalence was 26.6% among those not working.

**Age:** Diabetes mellitus prevalence increased from young to old age, with prevalence reaching a maximum of 14.3% in the subgroup aged 65 years or more. Mental emotional disorders remained between 5% and 8% in the subgroups spanning 15–64 years, and then increased markedly in the 65–74 years subgroup (11.2%) and the 75 years or more subgroup (17.6%). Hypertension prevalence increased with age: prevalence in the 15–24 years subgroup was 8.7%, whereas prevalence in the 75 years or more subgroup was 63.8%. Current smoking (both sexes) became much more prevalent after the age of 15 (higher than 25%) than at ages 10–14 years (1.4%). Between the ages of 25 and 64, smoking prevalence was 34%
or higher. Current smoking in females increased with age, from 0.1% in the 10-14 years subgroup to 4.4% in the 65 years or more subgroup. The prevalence was similar across the 45-54 and 55-64 years subgroups, at 3.4% to 3.6%, respectively. In males, smoking prevalence was at a maximum in the 25-34 years subgroup (73.6%), and then decreased with increasing age. At age 65 years or more, smoking prevalence in males was 54.5%. Low fruit and vegetable consumption was prevalent at all ages, with prevalence of at least 96% in each of the seven subgroups.

**Sex:** Diabetes mellitus, mental emotional disorders and hypertension were more common in females than males. Smoking was more prevalent in males than females. Low fruit and vegetable consumption demonstrated no sex-based inequality, as it was equally high in females and males.

**Place of residence:** For most of the indicators (diabetes mellitus, mental emotional disorders, hypertension, low fruit and vegetable consumption, and current smoking in females), the level of absolute inequality between urban and rural subgroups was less than 2 percentage points. Current smoking in both sexes had a difference of 2.1 percentage points between rural (30.4%) and urban areas (28.3%), and current smoking in males had a difference of 4.1 percentage points (58.8% in rural areas and 54.6% in urban areas).

**Subnational region:** Inequalities between subnational regions were evident in mental emotional disorders. While Jambi and Lampung reported prevalence of less than 2%, prevalence in Central Sulawesi reached 11.9%. For the hypertension indicator, the worst-performing regions were Bangka Belitung Islands (30.9%) and South Kalimantan (30.8%), and the best-performing region was Papua (16.8%). For smoking (both sexes), the difference in prevalence between the best-performing region (Papua, 21.9%) and worst-performing region (West Java, 32.7%) was 10.8 percentage points. For smoking in females, six regions reported prevalence of 1% or less, and one region reported prevalence of over 4% (Papua, 4.7%). In males, three regions had smoking prevalence of over 60%: Gorontalo; West Java; and West Nusa Tenggara.

**Priority areas**

Based on the indicators and dimensions of inequality included in this report, the highest priority areas in NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors include: lowering smoking prevalence among males (especially those in certain occupations); improving low fruit and vegetable consumption universally; addressing high prevalence of hypertension in older adults; and reducing socioeconomic gaps in mental emotional disorders prevalence. High priority indicators, based on national averages include: hypertension; low fruit and vegetable consumption; and smoking (generally, and among males); while diabetes mellitus and mental emotional disorders constitute medium priorities. In terms of inequality, mental emotional disorders is a high priority area, and hypertension and smoking are medium priorities. A higher prevalence of smoking was reported among males than females, indicating that actions to curb smoking in males – and discourage further adoption by females – should be prioritized. The farmer/fisherman/labourer occupation subgroup was at an increased risk, and inequalities across male age groups revealed that prevalence initially increased during adolescence, and was high throughout adulthood.

Low fruit and vegetable consumption was reported across all subgroups for all inequality dimensions, indicating a need for wide-scale, universal improvement. More detailed studies should adopt sensitive measures to explore dietary patterns and their determinants in closer detail.

The findings regarding hypertension indicated that the condition is particularly problematic in...
older adults, as well as those with lower levels of education, and in certain regions. Mental health inequalities showed elevated prevalence of mental health disorders in the poorest, the least educated, females, the elderly, and some subnational regions, including Central Sulawesi.

Policy implications

Indonesia faces a unique and complex situation with regard to NCDs, mental health conditions and behavioural risk factors. In some cases, indicators demonstrated traditional socioeconomic patterns of inequality, with disadvantage among the poorer and those with lower levels of education (e.g. mental emotional disorders); however, in other cases, inequality showed mixed or opposite patterns across subgroups (e.g. diabetes prevalence), or demonstrated equal prevalence across subgroups (e.g. low fruit and vegetable consumption). In general, and especially where a socioeconomic gradient was reported, policies should be equity oriented to promote sustained gains among disadvantaged subgroups.

As Indonesia continues to take action to improve upon NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors, regular inequality monitoring should be done to ensure that subgroups that are traditionally disadvantaged improve alongside the whole population. For instance, efforts to promote increased fruit and vegetable consumption across the whole population should be accompanied by monitoring to ensure that improvements are realized in an equitable manner, promoting early gains among disadvantaged subgroups. Initiatives for smoking cessation in males should also discourage smoking in females and among females that are poorer and less educated; though smoking prevalence was low among females, higher levels were reported in these subgroups. For hypertension, a physiological risk factor, there was no economic inequality, however, poorer subgroups may be at higher risk of developing co-morbidities, having premature deaths or facing consequences of lower economic productivity (e.g. due to lower access to high quality health services). As a result, the government may face higher costs of medications through universal health coverage mechanisms.

Given that NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors may be greatly influenced by broader choices, conditions and environments outside of the health domain, policies across multiple sectors should be coordinated and aligned to promote the health of the population (7). In Indonesia, NCD policy and strategies have been directed towards greater harmonization with nongovernment entities at national and district levels, however, the implementation progress was varied in different districts depending on the district capacity and awareness. For example, the poor performance of some occupation types may indicate opportunities for a targeted intervention in collaboration with industry, workplace settings, community groups or professional bodies. In addition, policies that aim to prevent the adoption of behavioural risk factors by adolescents should be expanded and made more comprehensive, heeding lessons learned in other settings (8). Further research focused on adolescents is warranted to explore the factors and determinants surrounding the onset of NCDs, mental health problems and NCD risk factors.

Resources should be designated to ensure that policies and programmes can be fully implemented in all regions; resources should be of equal quality across socioeconomic and demographic subgroups, and aim to reach those with highest needs. Follow-up studies in poorly performing regions can help to identify where capacity-building is required. NCD screening and diagnostic capacities, for instance, have been found to be lower in some areas of the country that have higher NCD prevalence (5).
Indicator profiles

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Diabetes mellitus prevalence

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013
Definition: Numerator: Number of people aged 15 years or more with diabetes mellitus
Denominator: Number of people aged 15 years or more
National average: 6.6%

Figure 11.1. Diabetes mellitus prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and place of residence
Figure 11.2. Mental emotional disorders prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and place of residence

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Figure 11.3. Mental emotional disorders prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region

National average = 6.4
### Figure 11.4. Hypertension prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and place of residence

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<td>15-24 years</td>
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<td>Incomplete primary school</td>
<td>Engineer</td>
<td>25-34 years</td>
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<td>Quintile 3</td>
<td>Primary school</td>
<td>Entrepreneur</td>
<td>35-44 years</td>
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<td>Quintile 4</td>
<td>Junior high school</td>
<td>Farmer / fisherman / labourer</td>
<td>45-54 years</td>
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<td>Urban</td>
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<td>Quintile 5 (richest)</td>
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<td>55-64 years</td>
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**National average** = 25.8%

Figure 11.5. Hypertension prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region

**National average** = 25.8%
**Figure 11.6.** Smoking prevalence (both sexes), disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and place of residence

**Figure 11.7.** Smoking prevalence (both sexes), disaggregated by subnational region
Figure 11.8. Smoking prevalence in females, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age and place of residence.

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Figure 11.9. Smoking prevalence in females, disaggregated by subnational region.

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013
Definition: Numerator: Number of females aged 10 years or more who daily or occasionally smoked during the last month
Denominator: Number of females aged 10 years or more
National average: 1.9%
Smoking prevalence in males

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition:
Numerator: Number of males aged 10 years or more who daily or occasionally smoked during the last month
Denominator: Number of males aged 10 years or more

National average: 56.7%

Figure 11.10. Smoking prevalence in males, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age and place of residence

Figure 11.11. Smoking prevalence in males, disaggregated by subnational region
11. NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors

Low fruit and vegetable consumption prevalence

Data source: RISKESDAS 2013

Definition:
Numerator: Number of people aged 10 years or more with fruit and/or vegetable consumption of less than five servings per day
Denominator: Number of people aged 10 years or more

National average: 96.7%

Figure 11.12. Low fruit and vegetable consumption, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and place of residence

Figure 11.13. Low fruit and vegetable consumption, disaggregated by subnational region
12. Disability and injury

The Government of Indonesia recognizes that disabilities and injuries have complex and wide-ranging impacts on the health and well-being of the population. Disability is increasingly viewed less as a medical condition and more as a human rights issue; it is linked to injuries, both as a risk factor for injury and a result of injury. Causes of injury in Indonesia are diverse, including fires, falls, violence, drowning, conflict, natural disasters and road traffic accidents. Road traffic injuries are a particular concern in Indonesia, with significant increases in recent years (1).

The government has introduced a number of laws, policies and programmes that address disability and injury. Since the 1970s, community-based rehabilitation programmes have aimed to expand community resources, and engage families and communities in the empowerment of people with disabilities (2). Legislation passed in 1997 (Law No. 4) guarantees equal rights and opportunities for people with disabilities, and obliges government and society to provide rehabilitation, social assistance and social welfare (3). In 2007, Indonesia ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (4) and, in 2011, Law No. 19 was enacted, which reaffirmed Indonesia’s commitment to the rights outlined in the Convention (5).

In 2004, five government ministries (namely, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Police, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Settlement and Infrastructure) jointly issued a decree on measures to control traffic accidents (6). Subsequently, a number of prevention-oriented programmes have rolled out across the country (7). For example, the Global Road Safety is a multisector campaign that targets high school students, emphasizing the use of helmets and training the students in emergency first response (6). The Early Warning of Road Traffic Injury programme includes increased surveillance measures during holidays. In 2010, representatives from provincial health offices, the Department of Transportation and regional police gathered in Yogyakarta for a national meeting on violence, injury and disability to strengthen networking and partnerships at national and subnational levels. Following the adoption of United Nations Resolution No. 64/255 on improving global road safety, Indonesia launched the Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020) (8).

Despite strong commitments from the government, Indonesia faces challenges in disability and injury prevention and control. Organizational restructuring in the Ministry of Health in 2016 moved disability and injury prevention programmes into a smaller unit with fewer resources. Some laws and programmes have not been fully or consistently implemented (9). Furthermore, stigmatization and discrimination of people with disabilities or injuries may hamper efforts to create enabling environments.

Disability and injury indicators

Two indicators are featured in this chapter, covering disability prevalence and injury prevalence (Table 12.1). The disability indicator draws from an assessment instrument (the second edition of the WHO Disability Assessment Schedule) linked to the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (10). It reflects an individual’s ability to function (self-evaluated on a scale from 1 to 5) across different domains. The injury indicator is linked to events that occurred within the last 12 months that affected ability to function. (Note that the severity of the injury was not specified.) For both indicators, lower prevalence is desirable.
Table 12.1. Disability and injury indicators

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| Disability prevalence | Prevalence of disability among people aged 15 years or more  
Disability was determined through an interview based on the 12-item WHO Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0, which covers the following domains: standing for 30 minutes; taking care of household responsibilities; learning new tasks; joining in community activities; degree of emotional effect of health problems; concentrating for 10 minutes; walking long distances (1 kilometre); washing one's entire body; getting dressed; interacting with new people; maintaining friendships; and performing daily work  
Disability was defined as having a score of 3 or higher on a scale from 1 (no difficulty) to 5 (severe difficulty or inability to do the activity), for at least one domain |
| Injury prevalence | Prevalence of injuries during the last 12 months  
Injury was determined through an interview, and was defined as an event that resulted in difficulty in performing daily activities |

Key findings

National average: National disability prevalence was 11.0% among those aged 15 years or more, whereas national injury prevalence was 8.2% among the total population.

Economic status: Across wealth quintiles, the richest reported the lowest prevalence for both disability (8.3%) and injury (7.5%). Disability prevalence demonstrated a gradient pattern across quintiles, which had a maximum of 15.2% in the poorest; the rich-poor difference was 6.9 percentage points. Injury prevalence showed no apparent pattern across quintiles, with highest prevalence in quintile 4 (8.7%).

Education: Education-related inequality was demonstrated across six subgroups. Disability was 4.6 times higher in the least-educated subgroup (29.8%) than the most-educated subgroup (6.4%). The prevalence of disability decreased as education level increased. Likewise, injury prevalence was lowest in the most-educated subgroup (6.2%); prevalence in the no education subgroup (8.6%) was 1.4 times as high.

Occupation: Disability prevalence was variable across occupation subgroups, ranging from 6.0% in employees to 14.4% in those not working; a gap of 8.4 percentage points. Injury prevalence did not demonstrate inequality by occupation, with less than 1 percentage point difference between subgroups.

Age: The lowest disability prevalence was reported in the 15–19 years subgroup (5.6%), with incremental increases across all other age groupings. The most marked increase occurred between the 60–64 years subgroup (22.0%) and the 65+ years subgroup (41.3%). The injury indicator, which captured all ages, showed highest prevalence at 15–24 years (11.7%), followed by 5–14 years (9.7%). Apart from the first year of life (where injury prevalence was 1.9%), the prevalence of injury was lowest in mid- to late adulthood (6.4%–6.9% in subgroups spanning age 35 to 74 years).

Sex: Disability was more prevalent in females (12.8%) than males (9.2%), whereas injuries were more prevalent in males (10.1%) than females (6.4%).

Place of residence: The two indicators each showed little difference in rural and urban areas (less than 1 percentage point difference).
Subnational region: Across subnational regions, disability prevalence was 5.2 times higher in the worst-performing region (South Sulawesi, 23.8%) than the best-performing region (West Papua, 4.6%). Out of the 33 regions included in the analysis, five reported disability prevalence above 15%. Injury prevalence differed across subnational regions by a factor of 2.8. Prevalence was highest in South Sulawesi (12.8%), followed by DI Yogyakarta (12.4%) and East Nusa Tenggara (12.1%); the best-performing subnational regions were Jambi (4.5%) and Lampung and South Sumatra (4.6% in each).

Priority areas

Overall, national levels of disability and injury prevalence suggest that the topic is of low priority in Indonesia. Addressing inequalities in disability and injury prevalence is a medium priority. Findings from these data indicate that priority in this health topic should be assigned to: reducing high prevalence of disability among those with no education and among the elderly; and improving the situation in South Sulawesi (the worst-performing region for both indicators) and East Nusa Tenggara (among the bottom five regions for both indicators). In addition, elevated injury prevalence among children and adolescents warrants attention.

Inequality in disability reflected conventional forms of disadvantage: gradient patterns of inequality were reported with high prevalence among the poor, those with lower education, and the elderly. Females and the unemployed also demonstrated higher disability prevalence. Injuries were more common among males, and in age groups spanning 5–24 years.

Policy implications

Disability was more prevalent in socioeconomically disadvantaged people, and injury was more prevalent in younger age groups and males. Further research, including longitudinal studies, is needed to better understand these associations and the context surrounding disability and injury prevention and management in Indonesia. Meanwhile, social protection policies should include efforts to make education and employment more inclusive for people with disabilities. This may entail: improving transportation options; leading disability-sensitive teacher training and curriculum development; raising awareness about disability-related misconceptions; introducing vocational training programmes; and promoting a rights-based approach to employment (9).

Many of the prevention-based policies surrounding disability and injuries in Indonesia have been developed in a multisectoral fashion, necessitating coordination and synergy across multiple stakeholders. While this is considered a strength, it also brings certain challenges, as programmes require strong high-level support across sectors and ministries. Policy-makers and planners should ensure that adequate human and financial resources are available, and that stakeholder roles are clearly articulated and formalized (11). Under the Ministry of Health, moving disability and injury prevention and control into NCD programmes is an avenue for effective action, as these health topics are closely related. To address regional inequalities, pilot projects and early programme implementation should consider targeting poor-performing regions such as East Nusa Tenggara and South Sulawesi.

Given that traffic accidents are a major cause of disability and injury in Indonesia, road safety policies and their implementation should be strengthened. This may include building capacities at the provincial levels, strengthening implementation of regulations (including use of child restraints, speed limits and seat belt usage) and increasing scientific and human capital to address current and emerging challenges (7).
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Indicator profiles

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**Figure 12.1.** Disability prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and place of residence

**Figure 12.2.** Disability prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region

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**Disability prevalence**

**Data source** RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**
- Numerator: Number of people aged 15 years or more who have a disability (scored 3 or higher on at least one domain)
- Denominator: Number of people aged 15 years or more

**National average** 11.0%
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**Data source**  
RISKESDAS 2013

**Definition**  
Numerator: Number of people who had an injury in the past 12 months  
Denominator: Population (all ages)

**National average**  
8.2%

**Figure 12.3.** Injury prevalence, disaggregated by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and place of residence

**Figure 12.4.** Injury prevalence, disaggregated by subnational region
13. Health facility and personnel

The delivery of health care in Indonesia relies on a network of health facilities and personnel (1). Health facilities are defined as places or tools used to provide promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care, such as community health-care centres (puskesmas) and hospitals. According to the types of services available, health facilities are classified as primary, secondary or tertiary. Both central and local administrative bodies have responsibilities to ensure that health facilities are accessible, and that facilities are working to improve and/or maintain the status of public health, as specified in Law 36/2009 (2). Puskesmas, administered at the subdistrict level, are key providers of primary health care, with a focus on promotive and preventive efforts. Puskesmas across the country are variable in the services they provide and the health personnel they employ. They hold obligations to work alongside districts and municipalities to promote healthy subdistricts, as outlined in the Ministry of Health Decree No. 75/2014 (3).

The main types of health personnel in Indonesia include midwives, nurses, physicians and dentists, each of whom have a clearly defined scope of practice, and are registered by professional associations. (Doctors and dentists are registered by the Indonesian Medical Council, while other health professions are registered by the Indonesian Health Personnel Assembly (1). To ensure adequate health personnel in rural areas, certain professions require trainees to work for a few years in remote areas to obtain their professional licenses (4,5).

Indonesia faces a number of challenges related to health personnel, including: insufficient supply of health personnel; poor quality training and care; lack of oversight and licensing, especially in the private health sector; and difficulties planning, recruiting and retaining health personnel (5). While Indonesia has realized increases in absolute numbers of health personnel, health worker ratios remain below WHO recommendations and geographical disparities exist (6). The central government is undertaking reforms to improve health facility and personnel. The Indonesia Human Resources for Health Development Plan (2011–2025) outlines a comprehensive direction and strategy for improvements across 13 categories of the health workforce (6). The Plan also aims to improve community access to health services by increasing the number of community health centres and further developing hospitals. In recent years, the government has moved to convert health personnel on central and local contracts into permanent civil servants (7). The Ministry of Health has increased the budget for health personnel, and encourages collaboration among different agencies and the public and private sectors.

Health facility and personnel indicators

This chapter features six health facility and personnel indicators (Table 13.1). Two indicators pertain to health facilities (basic amenities readiness in puskesmas and subdistricts with a health centre), while four indicators cover health personnel (dentists, general practitioners, midwives and nurses). The criteria for each indicator are based on the minimum requirements specified in the Ministry of Health Decree No. 75/2014 (3). For example, the Decree states that every subdistrict must have at least one health centre, and that puskesmas must have certain basic amenities; the Decree also sets out a minimum number of health personnel per health centre that is deemed sufficient to carry out health programmes as part of national and global commitments. For the six indicators featured here, the maximum, and optimal, value is 100%.
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Key findings

National average: Nationally, 91.6% of subdistricts had a health centre, and 74.0% of puskesmas met the criteria for basic amenities readiness. The percentage of health centres that had sufficient numbers of different types of health personnel varied: coverage of dentists was 53.3%; nurses was 57.8%; midwives was 62.5%; and general practitioners was 74.6%.

Place of residence: Data by place of residence were available for the basic amenities readiness in puskesmas indicator. The percentage of rural puskesmas with basic amenities readiness (72.0%) was 8.0 percentage points lower than the percentage of urban puskesmas with basic amenities readiness (80.0%).

Subnational region: Overall, Papua and West Papua performed poorly across all indicators (i.e. they were consistently among the five worst-performing regions). The percentage of subdistricts with a health centre ranged from a minimum of 63.9% in Papua to 100.0% in four subnational regions (Bali, DI Yogyakarta, DKI Jakarta and West Nusa Tenggara): an absolute difference of 36.1 percentage points. Basic amenities readiness varied by 35.0 percentage points, from a minimum of 53.0% of puskesmas in Papua to a maximum of 88.0% of puskesmas in DI Yogyakarta. Basic amenities readiness in health centres was under 60% in four regions, and over 80% in five regions.

The four indicators that looked at health centres with sufficient numbers of health personnel all demonstrated high levels of absolute inequality. The largest gap between the best- and worst-performing regions was reported for dentists. The percentage of health centres with sufficient number of dentists spanned 85.7 percentage points from Papua (12.7%) to DI Yogyakarta (98.3%). The indicator about midwives demonstrated absolute inequality of 81.9 percentage points between the best-performing region (93.9% of health centres in Banten) and the worst-performing region (12.0% of health centres in West Papua). Data about health

### Table 13.1. Health facility and personnel indicators

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| Basic amenities readiness in puskesmas | Percentage of puskesmas that meet the criteria for basic amenities readiness  
Note: the criteria for basic amenities readiness refers to basic services required to provide medical care: electricity; water and sanitation; private room; toilet; communication; computer with internet; and transportation |
| Health centres with sufficient number of dentists | Percentage of health centres with sufficient number of dentists  
Note: health centres (with or without inpatient care) must have a minimum of one dentist                                                                                      |
| Health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners | Percentage of health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners  
Note: health centres with inpatient care must have a minimum of two general practitioners and health centres without inpatient care must have a minimum of one general practitioner |
| Health centres with sufficient number of midwives | Percentage of health centres with sufficient number of midwives  
Note: health centres with inpatient care must have a minimum of seven midwives and health centres without inpatient care must have a minimum of four midwives |
| Health centres with sufficient number of nurses | Percentage of health centres with sufficient number of nurses  
Note: health centres with inpatient care must have a minimum of eight nurses and health centres without inpatient care must have a minimum of five nurses |
centres with sufficient number of nurses showed a difference of 68.8 percentage points between DKI Jakarta (26.6%) and Riau Islands (95.4%). Notably, DKI Jakarta performed much more poorly than the second worst-performing region (Papua, where 39.0% of health centres had sufficient number of nurses). The regional percentage of health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners was highest in DI Yogyakarta (99.2%) and lowest in West Papua (34.4%). This represents an absolute gap of 64.9 percentage points between the best- and worst-performing regions.

**Priority areas**

Based on the national average values, the two health facility indicators are considered medium priority and the four health personnel indicators are considered high priority (given their low national averages). In particular, the low average of health centres with a sufficient number of midwives is of concern, given that midwives are considered important for efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality (which is one of Indonesia’s key national and global commitments). Substantial subnational regional inequalities were reported in all indicators, and especially in health personnel indicators. Thus, geographical inequality in health facility and personnel constitutes a high priority. Place of residence inequality in basic amenities readiness is a medium priority. Additional explorations of how other health facility and personnel indicators are experienced in rural versus urban areas are warranted; inequality analyses linked to area-level socioeconomic status should also be undertaken.

Poor performance in Papua and West Papua in the area of health facility and personnel necessitates urgent action. These two subnational regions demonstrated the lowest levels of health facility indicators, in addition to health personnel coverage that was well below the national average. Papua and West Papua reported particularly low percentages of health centres with dentists or midwives (less than 15% in all cases).

**Policy implications**

Indonesia has a number of ambitious policies and strategies for the improvement of health facilities and personnel, however, there is much progress to be made. Based on the findings in this chapter, efforts are required to increase the availability of health personnel (especially midwives) in eastern regions. Existing programmes should be strengthened, including Healthy Archipelago (Nusantara Sehat), a breakthrough programme to improve accessibility of primary health care by deploying health personnel to disadvantaged areas (8), and Midwives in Villages (Bidan Desa), a programme aiming to increase access to reproductive health care in rural areas (9). Efforts to improve accessibility to higher education institutions that produce health personnel are warranted, especially in eastern regions of the country. Currently, there is only one Ministry of Health educational institution for health sciences (poltekkes) in Papua, Maluku and North Maluku, and West Papua (located in Jayapura Sorong, Ternate and Ambon, respectively) (8).

Health facility and personnel reforms should ensure appropriate resource allocation, sustained political support and dedicated monitoring and evaluation. Nationally, centralized coordination is required to ensure that policies across different sectors and levels of governance are unified towards common goals and targets. Policies should be developed and implemented in an equity-oriented way to ensure that progress is realized equally (or faster) in disadvantaged regions. Additional explorations of the reasons for poor performance in regions such as Papua and West Papua are warranted.

As health facility and personnel reforms seek to address challenges that emerged after decentralization, efforts are needed to ensure that emerging issues are identified and mitigated. For instance, alongside other countries in South-East Asia, Indonesia faces issues of health worker migration and the so-called brain drain from the public to the private health sector (10). Centralized
planning of health facility and personnel matters is hampered by the fragmented nature of the health information (7). New initiatives and approaches may be required to overcome current and emerging challenges, and existing ones can be strengthened. Indonesia can learn from strategies that have been successful in other settings, such as: adopting a multisectoral approach; doing comprehensive planning; building capacity for management of health personnel; revitalizing approaches to recruiting, training, testing and certifying health personnel; and revising health personnel training curricula (11).

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Figure 13.1. Subdistricts with a health centre, disaggregated by subnational region
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**Basic amenities readiness in puskesmas**

*Data source:* RIFASKES 2011

*Definition:* Numerator: Number of *puskesmas* satisfying the criteria for basic amenities readiness
Denominator: Number of *puskesmas*

*National average:* 74.0%

**Figure 13.2. Basic amenities readiness in *puskesmas*, disaggregated by place of residence**

**Figure 13.3. Basic amenities readiness in *puskesmas*, disaggregated by subnational region**
**Figure 13.4.** Health centres with sufficient number of dentists, disaggregated by subnational region

- **Data source**: Routine report 2015
- **Definition**
  - Numerator: Number of health centres with sufficient number of dentists
  - Denominator: Number of health centres
- **National average**: 53.3%

National average = 53.3%
Health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners

**Data source**  
Routine report 2015

**Definition**  
Numerator: Number of health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners  
Denominator: Number of health centres

**National average**  
74.6%

**Figure 13.5.** Health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners, disaggregated by subnational region

![Graph comparing health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners across various regions, with national average at 74.6%](image-url)
### Health centres with sufficient number of midwives

**Data source**  
Routine report 2015

**Definition**  
Numerator: Number of health centres with sufficient number of midwives  
Denominator: Number of health centres  
National average 62.5%

**Figure 13.6.** Health centres with sufficient number of midwives, disaggregated by subnational region

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National average = 62.5
### Health centres with sufficient number of nurses

#### Data source
Routine report 2015

#### Definition
Numerator: Number of health centres with sufficient number of nurses  
Denominator: Number of health centres

#### National average
57.8%

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**Figure 13.7.** Health centres with sufficient number of nurses, disaggregated by subnational region

National average = 57.8%
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In previous chapters, inequalities in health indicators are presented for 11 health topics, which provide an overview of the state of inequality within each topic. Patterns of inequality, however, may also emerge when grouping indicators in other ways. For instance, one can look at a class of health indicators that cuts across health topics, or consider how inequalities according to a certain dimension of inequality compare across indicators. Additionally, shapes of inequality can be characterized across ordered subgroups such as wealth quintiles. These types of explorations offer a more cross-cutting perspective of health inequalities, revealing additional insights into the strengths and weaknesses throughout the health sector, possible policy implications and avenues for further analysis.

Inequality by classes of indicators

Drawing from the findings and priority assignments of indicators featured in this report, this section explores the patterns of health inequalities across three classes of indicators: health service coverage indicators; health behaviour indicators; and health status or outcome indicators. (Two other classes of indicators, summary indicators and health facility indicators, are addressed in Chapters 3 and 13, respectively, and therefore not covered here.) Note that there are limitations when making direct comparisons between indicators in different topics, as the context of each health topic is unique. This preliminary exploration is intended to be an overview, and serve as a starting point for more detailed analyses. The following discussion reflects the priority assignments of the indicators (based on national average and an overall assessment of inequality across available dimensions of inequality), as presented in the preceding chapters.

Health service coverage

The health service coverage indicators included in this report were related to the topics of reproductive health (Chapter 4), maternal, newborn and child health (Chapter 5), childhood immunization (Chapter 6), and environmental health (Chapter 10). Based on the national average coverage, most of these indicators were assigned low to medium priority. Exceptions include the complete basic immunization coverage indicator and the access to improved sanitation indicator, which were considered high priority. Inequalities in health service coverage indicators were generally assigned medium to high priority, though two indicators were low priority (demand for family planning and vitamin A supplementation). The maternal and newborn health service indicators and environmental health indicators were high priority, and the childhood immunization indicators were medium priority.

Implication: Efforts to improve health service coverage are warranted, and the accompanying reduction of inequalities should be addressed urgently, especially in maternal and newborn health services and environmental health services.

Health behaviours

A second class of indicators pertained to health behaviours, which encompasses the adoption (or non-adoption) of health interventions. These indicators were featured across several health topics, including reproductive health (Chapter 4), maternal, newborn and child health (Chapter 5) and NCDs, mental health and NCD risk factors (Chapter 11). Nationally, poor overall performance constituted a high priority assignment for the majority of these indicators, while a few indicators were of medium priority (e.g. early initiation of breastfeeding). With regard to inequality, priority assignments were mixed, with examples of low-
priority indicators (related to breastfeeding and the prevalence of low fruit and vegetable consumption), medium-priority indicators (related to smoking behaviours) and high-priority indicators (related to female genital mutilation).

Implication: Poor national performance in health behaviour indicators demonstrated a need for universal improvement; in some areas, such as female genital mutilation and smoking, targeted action may be needed.

Health status or outcomes

A third general class of indicators related to measures of health status or outcomes, including a range of indicators from most health topics: reproductive health (Chapter 4); maternal, newborn and child health (Chapter 5); child malnutrition (Chapter 7); child mortality (Chapter 8); infectious diseases (Chapter 9); NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors (Chapter 11); and disability and injury (Chapter 12). In terms of national averages, all levels of priority were represented. Indicators related to neonatal and child health (especially child malnutrition and mortality) were mostly considered high priority, with the exception of the low birth weight indicator and the overweight prevalence indicator (both low priority, nationally). Other health status or outcomes indicators focusing on adolescents and adults showed distinct patterns by health topic: disability and injury indicators were considered low priority; fertility indicators were medium priority; infectious disease and NCD morbidity indicators were considered medium to high priority. Inequalities in health status or outcomes indicators were of medium to high priority (except for inequality in the overweight prevalence indicator, which was a low priority). The indicators related to child malnutrition and mortality were mostly high priority, while fertility indicators and disability and injury indicators were mostly medium priority.

Implication: Efforts should support universal improvements in health status and outcomes generally, but especially in child malnutrition and mortality, as well as infectious diseases; approaches should seek to accelerate gains among disadvantaged subgroups.

Inequality by dimensions of inequality

This section contains a closer examination of patterns of inequality for three dimensions of inequality: subnational region; economic status; and sex. Across these three dimensions, selected health topics and/or indicators are highlighted to illustrate examples of high and low inequality. Appropriate summary measures were calculated, as per the characteristics of the dimension of inequality (Table 2.4 and Appendix table 3) (1,2). For subnational region, mean difference from the mean and the index of disparity were applied to measure absolute and relative inequality, respectively. For economic status, absolute inequality was shown using the slope index of inequality, and relative inequality was shown using the relative index of inequality. For sex, relative inequality was shown using ratio, calculated as the highest estimate divided by the lowest estimate. For absolute and relative summary measure calculations for all health indicators across all dimensions of inequality, see Supplementary tables S1–S4.

Subnational region

Data according to the subnational region dimension of inequality were available for nearly all indicators (with the exception of diabetes mellitus prevalence), and inequality according to this dimension was prevalent. According to the PHDI and sub-indices (Chapter 3), regional inequalities were evident in all health topics (Figure 14.1). The mean difference from the mean was highest for the NCDs sub-index (10.5 percentage points) and the environmental health sub-index (9.5 percentage points), whereas the index of disparity was most elevated for the
health services provision sub-index (26.3) and the NCDs sub-index (25.3). Of all the sub-indices, the newborn and child health sub-index had the lowest mean difference from the mean (3.4 percentage points) and index of disparity (6.4).

The magnitude of inequality across subnational regions was more pronounced in certain health indicators than others. For example, the indicators related to health personnel and female genital mutilation showed especially elevated subnational regional inequality according to absolute and relative measures. Subnational region inequality was less prominent in the low fruit and vegetable consumption indicator due to elevated prevalence across all regions. For a few indicators, such as smoking prevalence in females and leprosy prevalence, absolute levels of inequality were low whereas relative levels of inequality were high.

Overall, the eastern part of Indonesia generally tended to be at a disadvantage: subnational regions with the worst performance were often those located on the islands of Kalimantan, Papua and Sulawesi and the archipelago of Nusa Tenggara. Specifically, East Nusa Tenggara, Papua and West Papua reported levels of health indicators that were among the worst in the country, across several indicators. Papua was an outlier in many cases, reporting a high rate of under-five mortality and high malaria prevalence; Papua performed much more poorly than all other subnational regions in the following indicators: environmental health sub-index; contraceptive prevalence - modern methods; demand for family planning satisfied; BCG immunization coverage; DPT-HB immunization coverage; and polio immunization coverage. West Papua was also an outlier, with the highest prevalence of leprosy.

There were, however, some cases where subnational regions in the east performed well. For example, East Nusa Tenggara, Papua and West Papua were the three subnational regions that reported the lowest prevalence of female genital mutilation, and both Papua and West Papua were below the national average of disability and injury prevalence. Despite its elevated rates of child mortality, West Nusa Tenggara was one of four subnational regions to report that all subdistricts had a health centre.

Subnational regions located on the Java/Madura and Sumatra islands (especially Bali, DI Yogyakarta and DKI Jakarta) tended to be the top performers.
across health topics. DKI Jakarta, for example, was an outlier for two indicators, having an elevated environmental health sub-index and a lower adolescent fertility rate; the subnational region, however, reported high prevalence of injury.

Certain subnational regions reported mixed performance across health topics and indicators. For example, the subnational regions that tended to perform well in most topics (i.e. Bali, DI Yogyakarta and DKI Jakarta) had higher-than-average injury prevalence. Bengkulu performed poorly in terms of environmental health indicators, but reported one of the lowest prevalence values for leprosy. Gorontalo also had mixed results across health topics, with high coverage of childhood immunization, but also elevated female genital mutilation and high smoking prevalence.

Economic status
Data disaggregated by economic status were available for most indicators that were measured at the household level, with the exception of the infectious disease indicators. (Note that the PHDI indicators and the health facility and personnel indicators – Chapters 3 and 13 – were not analysed by household economic status.) For the majority of indicators, inequality was pro-rich, whereby richer subgroups tended to have better performance than poorer subgroups (i.e. a positive slope index of inequality value and a relative index of inequality value greater than 1). In four indicators, this was not the case: female genital mutilation; exclusive breastfeeding; overweight prevalence; and diabetes mellitus prevalence.

Overall, wealth-related inequality tended to be elevated for indicators of health service coverage (Figure 14.2). For example, the slope index of inequality was above 45 percentage points for one health service coverage indicator (access to improved sanitation, Chapter 10), and around 30 percentage points or higher for five additional indicators (births attended by skilled health personnel, antenatal care coverage – at least four visits, access to improved drinking-water, postnatal care coverage for newborns, and complete basic immunization coverage). For these indicators, the coverage among the richest was at least 1.6 times higher than in the poorest (the relative index of inequality was at least 1.6); access to improved

Figure 14.2. Wealth-related inequality in health service coverage indicators, calculated as slope index of inequality and relative index of inequality
sanitation was more than twice as high in the richest compared to the poorest (the relative index of inequality was 2.3). Health service coverage indicators with lower levels of wealth-related inequality included demand for family planning satisfied and vitamin A supplementation coverage.

Across other indicators (related to health behaviours, and health status and outcomes), wealth-related inequality was variable. Wealth-related inequality was low for hypertension prevalence (slope index of inequality was 1.3 percentage points and relative index of inequality was 1.1) and injury prevalence (slope index of inequality was 0.8 percentage points and relative index of inequality was 1.1). High levels of inequality by economic status were evident for certain child malnutrition indicators and all child mortality indicators, but especially under-five mortality (slope index of inequality was 57.1 deaths per 1000 live births and relative index of inequality was 3.8). Absolute and relative wealth-related inequalities in stunting prevalence and overweight prevalence were also elevated.

Some indicators displayed characteristic shapes of inequality across wealth quintiles, such as queuing (gradients), marginal exclusion and mass deprivation (1). A queuing pattern was common, whereby the health indicator improved in a step-wise fashion, moving from the poorest to the richest subgroups. This pattern was evident in several health topics, including environmental health, certain child malnutrition indicators (stunting and underweight), certain NCD, mental health and behavioural risk factors indicators (mental emotional disorders and disability prevalence) and others. Queuing patterns of inequality generally indicate the need for combined targeted and universal approaches to improve health. Marginal exclusion, which demonstrates poor performance in only the most disadvantaged subgroup, was reported for several of the childhood immunization indicators, and could also be seen in infant mortality and under-five mortality indicators. This shape of inequality suggests the need for targeted approaches to accelerate progress among the most disadvantaged. Mass deprivation (poor performance in all but the most advantaged subgroup) was less common, though it could be seen to a small extent in the injury prevalence indicator. Policy approaches to address mass deprivation should be universal in scope.

**Sex**

Sex-disaggregated data were reported for most indicators that were measured at an individual level, where sex was a relevant dimension of inequality. (Sex is not relevant for indicators that pertain specifically to women, such as maternal health services and the reproductive health indicators used in this report.) Due to data availability limitations, data about sex were not reported for exclusive breastfeeding and leprosy prevalence indicators.

Among health status and outcomes indicators, tuberculosis prevalence had the highest level of sex-related relative inequality, where prevalence among males was 2.4 times higher than prevalence among females (Figure 14.3). A number of indicators reported ratio values in the range of 1.3-1.6, including all indicators related to child mortality, the malaria prevalence indicator, certain NCD/mental health indicators, and all disability and injury indicators. Inequalities in child mortality indicators disadvantaged males, which may be attributed, in part, to biological reasons. While malaria was higher in males than females (by a ratio of 1.3), females reported higher prevalence of mental emotional disorders (ratio of 1.6), diabetes mellitus (ratio of 1.5) and hypertension (ratio of 1.3). Injury prevalence was higher in males (ratio of 1.6), whereas disability prevalence was higher in females (ratio of 1.4).

Health services and health behaviours indicators tended to demonstrate low sex-related relative inequality. With ratios of 1.0 or 1.1, sex-related relative inequality was low for indicators of childhood immunization and child malnutrition;
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Figure 14.3. Sex-related inequality in selected indicators, calculated as ratio

Note: For eight indicators, the prevalence or mortality rate was higher in males than in females (malaria, stunting, tuberculosis, underweight, and wasting prevalence; and neonatal, infant, and under-five mortality rate); while for seven indicators, the prevalence was higher in females than in males (diabetes mellitus, disability, hypertension, injury, low birth weight, mental emotional disorders, and overweight prevalence).

Relative inequality was similarly low for newborn and child health indicators, including postnatal care coverage for newborns, early initiation of breastfeeding and vitamin A supplementation coverage. Smoking prevalence, however, demonstrated a high level of sex-related relative inequality, as the behaviour was 29.8 times more prevalent among males than females.

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15. Conclusions

In this report, we provide an overview of the state of health inequality in Indonesia, covering diverse health topics and indicators, and incorporating multiple dimensions of inequality. Overall, inequalities were widespread across all 11 featured health topics. The data in this report demonstrate that the extent and nature of health inequality (i.e. their magnitude and type) varied across health topics and indicators. For example: for a given dimension of inequality, some health topics demonstrated more inequality than others; and health indicators within a common topic sometimes revealed variable inequality. The findings also demonstrate that measuring health inequalities provided valuable information beyond the national average. In different cases throughout the report: satisfactory national performance sometimes masked high levels of inequality; poor national performance sometimes was accompanied by low levels of inequality; or good (or poor) national performance was reported alongside low (or high) levels of inequality (Box 1).

Box 1. Illustrations of key findings

Health inequality is variable.

• **For a given dimension of inequality, some health topics demonstrated more inequality than others.** The public health development sub-indices in Chapter 3, for instance, suggested that inequalities by subnational region were most pressing for the NCDs sub-index (high absolute and relative inequality), the health services provision sub-index (high relative inequality) and the environmental health sub-index (high absolute inequality). Dimensions of inequality were more (or less) pertinent for different health topics. Inequalities in childhood immunization (Chapter 6) were reported by economic status, education, place of residence and subnational region, but not by sex. The disability and injury topic (Chapter 12) showed considerable inequality for the disability indicator by economic status, education, occupation, age, sex and subnational region, but did not demonstrate inequality by place of residence.

• **Health indicators within a common topic sometimes revealed variable inequality.** For instance, of the behavioural risk factor indicators reported in Chapter 11, smoking prevalence demonstrated inequality according to several dimensions of inequality (especially sex-based inequality), whereas low fruit and vegetable consumption prevalence was universally high. While breastfeeding indicators did not have large socioeconomic inequalities, other indicators of maternal, newborn and child health, such as service coverage, demonstrated high inequality according to economic status and education (Chapter 5).

Health inequality is a distinct measure from national average.

• **Satisfactory national performance sometimes masked high levels of inequality.** In general, the maternal, newborn and child health service indicators (Chapter 5) tended to have high levels of inequality, which were more pressing of a priority than the relatively good performance at the national level. For example, Indonesia reported a high national average of births attended by skilled health personnel (a low priority); however, the indicator was a high priority in terms of its elevated levels of inequality.

• **For certain indicators, poor national performance was accompanied by low levels of inequality.** This was the case for exclusive breastfeeding (Chapter 5) and low fruit and vegetable consumption (Chapter 11), where the entire population demonstrated poor performance.

• **In some cases, national average and level of inequality were correlated.** For example, certain indicators were assigned high priority (or low priority) for both national average and inequality. Child malnutrition indicators (Chapter 7) demonstrated this correlation: the stunting, underweight and wasting indicators were considered high priority based on high national levels and elevated inequality, whereas the overweight indicator was a low priority for both.
Overarching implications

Equity-oriented policy-making

The health sector can benefit from regular health inequality monitoring, which encompasses implementing equity-oriented changes to policies, programmes and practices (1). When considered alongside national averages, the magnitude of health inequalities across health indicators and dimensions of inequality can serve as a key input to identify priority areas for action (including further research) and topic-specific policy implications. Policy approaches for specific health topics are also strengthened by taking into account the historical and current context of the health topic. For instance, inequality by subnational region was a prominent form of health inequality in Indonesia, suggesting a need for technical and financial support to improve local leadership and build capacity in the health sector in poor-performing areas. Minimum service standards (standar pelayanan minimal/SPM) should be implemented in all districts, and accompanied by requisite monitoring to ensure compliance.

Equity-oriented policies aim to achieve accelerated improvement in disadvantaged populations, thereby reducing inequalities, while benefiting national averages. Optimally, health sector activities should be equity oriented, and an important entry point is during the planning and review phases of national and subnational health policies, strategies and plans (2,3). Data about health inequalities are useful during planning phases to help ensure that health sector objectives and targets capture relevant equity considerations; these data are also important inputs for regular and ongoing health programme reviews to promote accountability and transparency of progress towards equity-related goals. For example, in 2014–2015, the Indonesian Ministry of Health applied the WHO Innov8 Approach for Reviewing National Health Programmes to Leave No One Behind to strengthen the equity-orientation of national newborn and maternal health action plans (4).

Implications for health information systems

The process of preparing the *State of health inequality: Indonesia* report revealed opportunities for health information system strengthening. For instance, in some topic areas, gaining access to raw datasets (to generate standard errors and confidence interval estimates) proved challenging, and introduced delays. The reality of multiple analysts across different organizations working on the data analysis introduced some inconsistencies and errors, highlighting the importance of coordination and frequent engagement.

The suitability of data sources for national health inequality monitoring in Indonesia can be enhanced by ensuring that data about relevant dimensions of inequality are routinely collected in surveys, civil registration, health facility data and other sources. Most of the data for this report were sourced from population health surveys (e.g. DHS and RISKESDAS), which are designed to cover specific health topics and dimensions of inequality. In some health topics, limited data availability for dimensions of inequality and/or health indicators narrowed the scope of health inequality monitoring. Where feasible, data sources should be expanded to collect more information (with oversampling of small population subgroups). Additionally, Indonesia should invest in strengthening its civil registration and vital statistics systems, which are fragmented across provinces and incomplete due to limited resources (5). When fully functional, these systems provide valuable information for health policy and programme decision-making, and contribute to better health outcomes in populations (6).

Expanded health inequality monitoring

The practice of health inequality monitoring in Indonesia can build on the findings of this report, including analysis of trends over time, expanded
double disaggregation of health data, and benchmarking (7). Exploring trends over time (that is, using data from two or more time points) should be undertaken to assess whether inequalities in health have been improving, worsening or stagnant; alongside cross-section analyses of the current situation, trend analyses of health inequalities are an important form of evaluation to determine whether policies, programmes and practices are equity oriented. Double disaggregation, the process of simultaneously filtering data by more than one dimension of inequality, was done for the smoking prevalence indicator in this report. Our finding of widespread inequalities across subnational regions suggests a need for double disaggregation by this dimension of inequality to explore patterns of inequality at the local level. Additional analyses are warranted to explore areas such as health among the urban poor and socioeconomic-based health inequalities in males versus females. Benchmarking with other countries serves to provide additional context to the state of inequality, and is often done with countries that share similar characteristics (geographical region, country-income level, etc.) (8,9).

**The way forward**

The preparation of this report brought together subject matter experts, technical specialists and policy-makers across different sectors and organizations. In doing so, this report represents a major initial step in establishing regular health inequality monitoring in Indonesia. Through their collective efforts, the network of stakeholders has made inroads in sourcing data for health inequality monitoring, as well as strengthening capacity for data preparation, analysis and interpretation. Furthermore, the network has taken the important step of situating health inequality findings within the current context of health in Indonesia, and suggesting how priorities and policies can be oriented for the reduction of health inequalities. Forthcoming policy briefs will extend the findings of this report, detailing more contextualized, topic-specific recommendations for the reduction of inequality.

This report, together with the other outputs of the collaboration, are key baseline assessments of the state of health inequality in Indonesia. The findings reported here serve as a basis for further investigations into why inequalities exist, and which factors are contributing to these inequalities. One important action point is to design and conduct both quantitative and qualitative research to explore the root causes and drivers of health inequalities in Indonesia, as well as strategies to address them. In addition, future reports should address the issues of trends in inequality over time and double disaggregation.

The work of this collaboration can be used as a launching point to advance health inequality monitoring, advocate for action to alleviate health inequalities and direct further analyses. This may necessitate efforts to reach out to an expanded group of stakeholders to pursue capacity-building through multiple channels. For example, the methods and protocols developed in the preparation of this report may be disseminated to Ministry of Health technical staff and integrated into university public health programme curricula.

Stakeholders in Indonesia should further efforts to institutionalize health inequality monitoring as a regular practice of the national health information system. This entails ensuring the regular collection of data pertaining to a range of diverse health topics, indicators and dimensions of inequality, and enhancing the capacity for data analysis and reporting. It also calls for including the results of health inequality monitoring in routine reporting across different levels of the health system – along with annual province and district health profiles – and promoting the use of health inequality monitoring to inform decision-making processes at national and subnational levels (10).

One of the overarching recommendations of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of
Health called for the measurement and better understanding of health inequities, and the establishment of routine monitoring systems that could serve as a platform for action (11). Building on the foundational work showcased in this report, Indonesia is well positioned to further strengthen capacity in all aspects of health inequality monitoring, and move towards realizing this recommendation. The next steps in advancing this work should strive to harness the momentum of the stakeholder collaboration to garner a wider base of political support, and expand the reach of the collaboration across sectors and stakeholders.

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## Appendix tables

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* For reproductive and maternal health, infectious diseases, NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors, and disability and injury indicators, education refers to the individual’s education. For newborn and child health indicators, education refers to the mother’s education. For environmental health indicators, education refers to the education of the household head.

** For child health indicators, employment status refers to the employment status of the household head.
**Appendix table 2.** Health indicator characteristics used for the calculation of summary measures

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### Health Indicator (Unit of Measure) | Favourable or Adverse Indicator* | Indicator Scale
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Neonatal mortality rate (deaths per 1000 live births) | Adverse | 1000
Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1000 live births) | Adverse | 1000
Under-five mortality rate (deaths per 1000 live births) | Adverse | 1000
**Chapter 9. Infectious diseases**
Leprosy prevalence (per 10 000 population) | Adverse | 10 000
Malaria prevalence (%) | Adverse | 100
Tuberculosis prevalence (per 100 000 population) | Adverse | 100 000
**Chapter 10. Environmental health**
Access to improved sanitation (%) | Favourable | 100
Access to improved drinking-water (%) | Favourable | 100
**Chapter 11. NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors**
Diabetes mellitus prevalence (%) | Adverse | 100
Mental emotional disorders prevalence (%) | Adverse | 100
Hypertension prevalence (%) | Adverse | 100
Smoking prevalence (both sexes) (%) | Adverse | 100
Smoking prevalence in females (%) | Adverse | 100
Smoking prevalence in males (%) | Adverse | 100
Low fruit and vegetable consumption prevalence (%) | Adverse | 100
**Chapter 12. Disability and injury**
Disability prevalence (%) | Adverse | 100
Injury prevalence (%) | Adverse | 100
**Chapter 13. Health facility and personnel**
Subdistricts with a health centre (%) | Favourable | 100
Basic amenities readiness in puskesmas (%) | Favourable | 100
Health centres with sufficient number of dentists (%) | Favourable | 100
Health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners (%) | Favourable | 100
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Health centres with sufficient number of nurses (%) | Favourable | 100

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* For favourable indicators, a higher numerical value denotes a better outcome; for adverse indicators, a lower numerical value denotes a better outcome.
** Note that the indicators “Adolescent fertility rate” and “Total fertility rate” are treated as adverse health indicators, even though the minimum level may not be the most desirable situation (as is the case for other adverse indicators, such as infant mortality rate).
### Appendix table 3. Dimension of inequality characteristics used for the calculation of summary measures

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* Ordered subgroups have an inherent positioning that can be logically ranked; unordered subgroups are not based on criteria that can be logically ranked.
### Supplementary tables

**Table S1.** Difference calculations for health indicators, by dimensions of inequality

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**Chapter 4. Reproductive health**

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**Chapter 5. Maternal, newborn and child health**

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| Measles immunization coverage (%) | 82.1 | 17.8 | 17.2 | N/A | N/A | 1.3 | 4.1 | 41.3 |
| DPT-HB immunization coverage (%) | 75.6 | 27.3 | 19.8 | N/A | N/A | 0.1 | 8.8 | 54.3 |
| Polio immunization coverage (%) | 77.0 | 23.5 | 17.8 | N/A | N/A | 1.9 | 6.9 | 47.0 |
| Complete basic immunization coverage (%) | 59.2 | 28.3 | 20.1 | N/A | N/A | 0.4 | 10.8 | 53.9 |</p>
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Chapter 7. Child malnutrition

Chapter 8. Child mortality

| Neonatal mortality rate (deaths per 1000 live births) | 19.7 | 19.0 | 17.1 | N/A | N/A | 8.2 | 9.4 | 21.6** |
| Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1000 live births) | 33.4 | 35.0 | 43.1 | N/A | N/A | 10.8 | 14.5 | 36.5** |
| Under-five mortality rate (deaths per 1000 live births) | 42.4 | 47.9 | 68.5 | N/A | N/A | 11.2 | 18.0 | 88.8** |

Chapter 9. Infectious diseases

| Leprosy prevalence (per 10 000 population) | 0.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.6 |
| Malaria prevalence (%) | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | N/A | 0.3 | 0.6 | 11.1 |
| Tuberculosis prevalence (per 100 000 population) | 759.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 622.1 | -171.6 | 320.0 |

Chapter 10. Environmental health

| Access to improved sanitation (%) | 62.1 | 40.2 | 46.9 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 28.5 | 65.4 |
| Access to improved drinking-water (%) | 71.0 | 25.9 | 30.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 20.7 | 52.3 |

Chapter 11. NCDs, mental health and behavioural risk factors

<p>| Diabetes mellitus prevalence (%) | 6.6 | -2.0 | 4.8 | 4.3 | N/A | 2.6 | 0.4 | N/A |
| Mental emotional disorders prevalence (%) | 6.4 | 3.8 | 9.7 | 4.6 | N/A | 3.0 | -0.9 | 10.4 |</p>
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### Chapter 12. Disability and injury

| Disability prevalence (%) | 11.0 | 6.9 | 23.3 | 8.4 | N/A | 3.7 | 0.4 | 19.2 |
| Injury prevalence (%)     | 8.2  | 0.8 | 2.4  | 0.6 | N/A | 3.7 | -0.9 | 8.3  |

### Chapter 13. Health facility and personnel

| Subdistricts with a health centre (%) | 91.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 36.1 |
| Basic amenities readiness in puskesmas (%) | 74.0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 35.0 |
| Health centres with sufficient number of dentists (%) | 53.3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 85.7 |
| Health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners (%) | 74.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 64.9 |
| Health centres with sufficient number of midwives (%) | 62.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 81.9 |
| Health centres with sufficient number of nurses (%) | 57.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 68.8 |

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Chapter 3. Public health development indices

| PHDI (overall) (%)                | 54.0             | N/A            | N/A       | N/A        | N/A              | N/A | N/A                | 1.5               |
| Reproductive and maternal health sub-index (%) | 47.6             | N/A            | N/A       | N/A        | N/A              | N/A | N/A                | 2.9               |
| Newborn and child health sub-index (%) | 61.1             | N/A            | N/A       | N/A        | N/A              | N/A | N/A                | 1.3               |
| Infectious diseases sub-index (%)  | 75.1             | N/A            | N/A       | N/A        | N/A              | N/A | N/A                | 2.6               |
| Environmental health sub-index (%) | 54.3             | N/A            | N/A       | N/A        | N/A              | N/A | N/A                | 3.3               |
| NCDs sub-index (%)                | 62.7             | N/A            | N/A       | N/A        | N/A              | N/A | N/A                | 4.8               |
| Health risk behaviour sub-index (%) | 36.5             | N/A            | N/A       | N/A        | N/A              | N/A | N/A                | 2.9               |
| Health services provision sub-index (%) | 38.1             | N/A            | N/A       | N/A        | N/A              | N/A | N/A                | 4.4               |

Chapter 4. Reproductive health

| Contraceptive prevalence – modern methods (%) | 57.9             | 1.0            | 1.4        | N/A         | N/A              | N/A | 1.0                | 3.5               |
| Demand for family planning satisfied (%)    | 88.6             | 1.0            | 1.1        | N/A         | N/A              | N/A | 1.0                | 1.8               |
| Adolescent fertility rate (per 1000 women)  | 46.9             | 6.1            | 2.6        | N/A         | N/A              | N/A | 2.1                | 4.8*              |
| Total fertility rate (per woman)            | 2.5              | 1.4            | 1.1        | N/A         | N/A              | N/A | 1.1                | 1.7               |
| Female genital mutilation (%)               | 51.2             | 0.8            | N/A        | N/A         | N/A              | N/A | 0.8                | 32.0              |

Chapter 5. Maternal, newborn and child health

| Antenatal care coverage – at least four visits (%) | 70.4             | 1.7            | 1.8        | 1.5         | N/A              | N/A | 1.2                | 2.1               |
| Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)  | 87.6             | 1.5            | 1.6        | 1.3         | N/A              | N/A | 1.2                | 1.7               |
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#### Chapter 6. Childhood immunization

| Immunization coverage (%) | 87.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 | N/A | N/A | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| BCG immunization coverage (%) | 82.1 | 1.3 | 1.2 | N/A | N/A | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| Measles immunization coverage (%) | 75.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | N/A | N/A | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.3 |
| DPT-HB immunization coverage (%) | 77.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | N/A | N/A | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.0 |
| Polio immunization coverage (%) | 59.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 | N/A | N/A | 1.0 | 1.2 | 2.8 |

#### Chapter 7. Child malnutrition

<p>| Malnutrition prevalence (%) | 37.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | N/A | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| Stunting prevalence (%) | 19.3 | 2.0 | 1.8 | N/A | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.5 |
| Underweight prevalence (%) | 12.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | N/A | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2.1 |
| Wasting prevalence (%) | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | N/A | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 3.2 |</p>
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### Chapter 12. Disability and injury

| Disability prevalence (%) | 11.0 | 1.8 | 4.6 | 2.4 | N/A | 1.4 | 1.0 | 5.2 |
| Injury prevalence (%) | 8.2 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 | N/A | 1.6 | 0.9 | 2.8 |

### Chapter 13. Health facility and personnel

| Subdistricts with a health centre (%) | 91.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1.6 |
| Basic amenities readiness in puskesmas (%) | 74.0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| Health centres with sufficient number of dentists (%) | 53.3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.7 |
| Health centres with sufficient number of general practitioners (%) | 74.6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2.9 |
| Health centres with sufficient number of midwives (%) | 62.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.8 |
| Health centres with sufficient number of nurses (%) | 57.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3.6 |

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