2021 Nepal Health Facility Survey (NHFS)

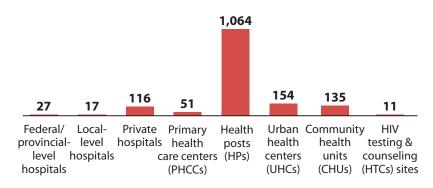
The 2021 Nepal Health Facility Survey (NHFS) is the second comprehensive assessment of health facilities in Nepal that harmonizes various health facility surveys among the Ministry of Health and Population and health development partners. The survey was designed to collect information on the delivery of health care services and to examine the preparedness of facilities to provide quality health services in child health, family planning, maternal and newborn care, HIV, sexually transmitted infections, non-communicable diseases, and tuberculosis. The 2021 NHFS collected data from 1,576 facilities throughout all of Nepal. The results of the assessment are presented by facility type, managing authority, and province.

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Number of Facilities Surveyed in the 2021 NHFS by Facility Type (weighted)

1,576 health facilities were surveyed.



AVAILABILITY OF BASIC CLIENT AMENITIES AND SERVICES

Trends in Availability of Basic Amenities for Client Services

Among all facilities, percent with indicated amenities considered basic for quality services

2015 NHFS (N=963)

Client latrine

Improved water source

Visual and auditory privacy

Emergency transport

Regular electricity

Communication equipment

Computer with internet

2021 NHFS (N=1,576)

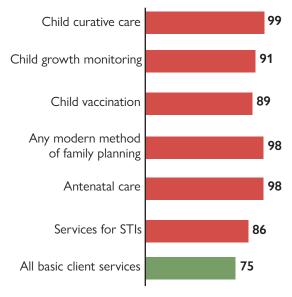
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90
49
78

17% of health facilities have all client amenities, an increase from 11% in 2015.

All amenities (excluding computer with internet)

Availability of Basic Client Services

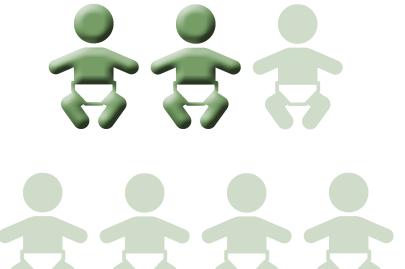
Among all facilities excluding HTCs, percent offering indicated basic client services



3 in 4 health facilities offer all basic client services.

ASSESSMENT OF SICK CHILDREN

Just 2 in 7 observed consultations with sick children (N=2,383) included an assessment of all 3 main symptoms of childhood illness—cough or difficulty breathing, diarrhea, and fever.



FAMILY PLANNING COMMODITIES

Nearly all (≥98%) facilities offering modern family planning methods offer pills, injectables, and male condoms.

61% offer IUCDs, an increase from 50% in 2015.

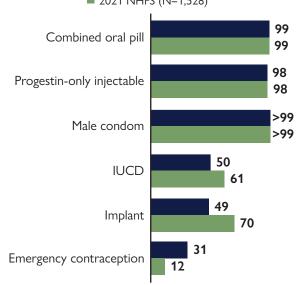
70% offer implants, an increase from 49% in 2015.

Trends in Family Planning Commodities Offered

Among facilities offering any modern method of family planning, percent that provide, prescribe, or counsel clients on specific methods

■ 2015 NHFS (N=919)

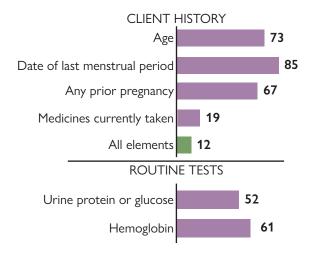
■ 2021 NHFS (N=1,528)



ANTENATAL CARE (ANC)

Observed Elements of Client History for First-visit ANC Clients

Among observed consulations with first-visit ANC clients (N=420), percent that include:



More than 1 in 10 observed first-visit ANC consultations included all elements of the client history.

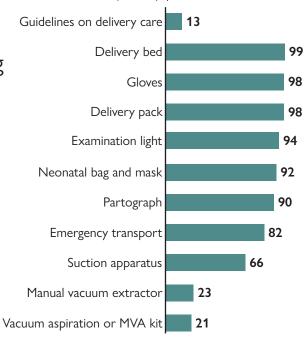
DELIVERY SERVICES

Guidelines and Equipment for Delivery Services

Among facilities offering normal vaginal delivery services (N=804), percent that have:

More than 9 in 10 facilities offering normal vaginal delivery services have:

a delivery bed,
gloves,
delivery pack,
examination light, and
neonatal resuscitation bag and mask.





In 2 of 3 observed deliveries (N=461), providers demonstrated caring and appropriate behavior toward the client.



MENTAL HEALTH

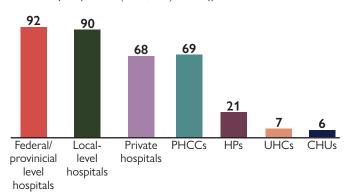
Availability of Mental Health Services by Facility Type

Percent of all facilities (N=1,565) that offer mental health services

9 in 10 federal/provincial-level hospitals offer mental health services, compared to

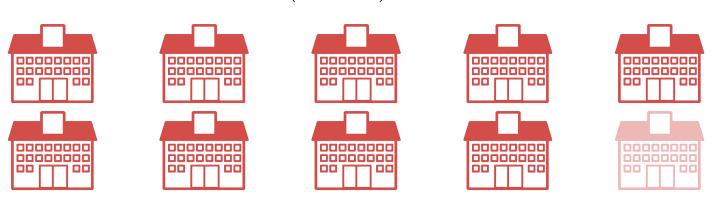
2 in 10 health posts.

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3 in 4 health facilities (N=1,565) offer services for diabetes.



9 in 10 health facilities (N=1,565) offer services for cardiovascular disease.



More than 9 in 10 health facilities (N=1,565) offer services for chronic respiratory disease.







