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## FOREWORD

Malaria is the leading cause of attendance at outpatient departments and also the number one cause of death among inpatients in Liberia. While malaria maintains its lead in morbidity and mortality, there have been significant investments in prevention and treatment by the Global Fund, the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative, and the Government of Liberia. As a result, Liberia is making significant strides in the fight against malaria. The new data show progress on almost every indicator in the fight against the disease. The Ebola virus disease outbreak of 2014 caused some setbacks in the fight against malaria, as it affected the entire health care system. However, the health system is recovering and is now reaching and progressing beyond the pre-Ebola status. Although curable and preventable, malaria remains a major public health problem, taking its greatest toll on young children and pregnant women. To reduce the malaria burden in Liberia, the Ministry of Health, through the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP), introduced a policy and strategic plan for malaria control and prevention. The NMCP is currently in its fourth plan, the Liberia National Malaria Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. The overarching goal of this plan is to reduce morbidity and mortality caused by malaria by $50 \%$, in line with the Global Malaria Plan and the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria. With funds from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative and other partners, the NMCP and its partners have increased interventions in case management, prevention of malaria during pregnancy, integrated vector management, and advocacy and behavior change. In addition, the plan aims to strengthen the NMCP by improving program management, operational research, and monitoring and evaluation while strengthening health systems overall.

The NMCP relies on the Liberia Malaria Indicator Survey (LMIS) and other national household surveys, which are conducted periodically, to track progress of malaria control interventions in the general population. The first LMIS was conducted in 2005 and provided baseline data for all key malaria control and prevention indicators for Liberia. The 2009 LMIS and 2011 LMIS provided updates for the program, and the 2016 LMIS shows progress over the past 5 years.

The results presented in this report clearly indicate that coverage of malaria control interventions in Liberia is increasing gradually. However, use of these interventions remains low despite improvement over the years.

The information in this report will help the NMCP and other partners in the Roll Back Malaria initiative to assess the current Malaria Control Policy and Strategic Plan and to better plan and implement future malaria control activities in Liberia. We want to urge our partners, both local and international, to strengthen their efforts to roll back malaria in Liberia.

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The primary objective of the 2016 LMIS is to provide current information for policymakers, planners, researchers, and programme managers. Topics include ownership, access, and use of mosquito bednets; coverage of the intermittent preventive malaria treatment program to pregnant women; prompt and effective malaria treatment practices among children under 5; and malaria-related knowledge, attitudes, and practices in the general population. Additionally, the 2016 LMIS provides populationbased prevalence estimates for anaemia and malaria among children age 6-59 months.

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## READING AND UNDERSTANDING THE 2016 LIBERIA MALARIA INDICATOR SURVEY (LMIS)

TThe 2016 Liberia Malaria Indicator Survey (LMIS) report is very similar in content to the 2011 LMIS but is presented in a new format.
The new style features more figures to highlight trends, subnational patterns, and background characteristics. Large colourful maps display data by the regions in Liberia. The text has been simplified to highlight key points in bullets and to clearly identify indicator definitions in boxes.

Although the text and figures featured in each chapter highlight some of the most important findings, not every finding can be discussed or displayed graphically. For this reason, 2016 LMIS data users should be comfortable reading and interpreting data tables.

The following pages provide an introduction to the organization of the 2016 LMIS tables, the presentation of background characteristics, and a brief summary of sampling procedures used and understanding denominators. In addition, this section provides some exercises for users as they practice their new skills in interpreting 2016 LMIS tables.


## Example 1: Low Haemoglobin

| Table 5.7 Haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ in children |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of children age 6-59 months with haemoglobin lower than $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$, by background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | 2 Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |
| 6-8 | 10.1 | 119 |
| 9-11 | 5.9 | 165 |
| 12-17 | 10.5 | 376 |
| 18-23 | 12.6 | 233 |
| 24-35 | 10.0 | 610 |
| 36-47 | 6.1 | 677 |
| 48-59 | 6.6 | 694 |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 8.9 | 1,476 |
| Female | 7.7 | 1,397 |
| Mother's interview status |  |  |
| Interviewed | 8.3 | 2,222 |
| Not interviewed ${ }^{1}$ | 8.3 | 651 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 6.7 | 1,507 |
| Rural | 10.1 | 1,366 |
| Region |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 3.2 | 811 |
| North Western | 8.2 | 245 |
| South Central | 10.0 | 541 |
| South Eastern A | 8.6 | 152 |
| South Eastern B | 8.5 | 176 |
| North Central | 11.7 | 948 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| No education | 10.0 | 861 |
| Primary | 8.0 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 6.6 | 766 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.7 | 660 |
| Second | 11.2 | 675 |
| Middle | 7.4 | 586 |
| Fourth | 6.6 | 503 |
| Highest | 0.7 | 449 |
| Total | 8.3 | 2,873 4 |

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Prevalence of anaemia is based on haemoglobin levels and is adjusted for altitude using CDC formulas CDC, 1998). Haemoglobin is measured in grams per decilitre (g/dl). Includes children whose mothers are deceased
${ }^{2}$ Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the Household Questionnaire

Step 1: Read the title and subtitle. They tell you the topic and the specific population group being described. In this case, the table is about anaemia in children (haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ ). Haemoglobin levels were measured for all eligible children age 6-59 months whose parents or guardians gave their consent.

Step 2: Scan the column headings-highlighted in green in Example 1. They describe how the information is categorized. In this table, the first column of data shows children who have malaria-related anaemia, or haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$. The second column lists the number of children age $6-59$ months who were tested for low haemoglobin in the survey.

Step 3: Scan the row headings-the first vertical column highlighted in blue in Example 1. These show the different ways the data are divided into categories based on population characteristics. In this case, the table presents prevalence of low haemoglobin by age, sex, mother's interview status, urban-rural residence, region, mother's educational level, and wealth quintile.

Step 4: Look at the row at the bottom of the table highlighted in pink. These percentages represent the totals of children age 6-59 months with low haemoglobin. In this case, $8.3 \%$ * of children age 6-59 months had haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$.

Step 5: To find out what percentage of children age 6-59 in rural areas had low haemoglobin, draw two imaginary lines, as shown on the table. This shows that $10.1 \%$ of children age 6-59 months in rural areas had haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$.

Step 6: By looking at patterns by background characteristics, we can see how low haemoglobin varies across Liberia. Resources are often limited; knowing how malaria-related anaemia varies among different groups can help programme planners and policy makers determine how to most effectively use resources.
*For the purpose of this tutorial, data are presented exactly as they appear in the table including decimal places. However, the text in the remainder of this report rounds data to the nearest whole percentage point.

Practice: Use the table in Example 1 to answer the following questions about low haemoglobin:
a) Is low haemoglobin more common among boys or girls?
b) Is there a clear pattern of low haemoglobin by age?
c) What are the lowest and highest percentages (range) of low haemoglobin by region?
d) Is there a clear pattern of low haemoglobin by mother's education level?
e) Is there a clear pattern of low haemoglobin by wealth quintile?






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Example 2: Use of Mosquito Nets by Pregnant Women

## A Question Asked of a Subgroup of Survey Respondents

| Table 4.14 Use of mosquito nets by pregnant women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentages of pregnant women age 15-49 who, the night before the survey, slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated), under an insecticide-treated net (ITN), under a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN), and under an ITN or in a dwelling in which the interior walls have been sprayed against mosquitoes (IRS) in the past 12 months; and among pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one ITN, the percentage who slept under an ITN the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Among pregnant women age 15-49 in all households |  |  |  |  | Among pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one ITN ${ }^{1}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who slept under any mosquito net last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Percentage who slept under an LLIN last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night or in a dwelling sprayed with IRS ${ }^{2}$ in the past 12 months | Number of pregnant women | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of pregnant women |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 37.1 | 35.4 | 35.4 | 35.4 | 177 | 65.3 | 96 |
| Rural | 50.2 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 127 | 75.8 | 76 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | (32.5) | (292) | (29.2) | (29.2) | 91 | * | 45 |
| North Western | (68.6) | (60.4) | (60.4) | (60.4) | 25 | (84.8) | 18 |
| South Central | 32.3 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 70 |  | 23 |
| South Eastern A | 33.5 | 33.5 | 33.5 | 33.5 | 28 | (65.2) | 14 |
| South Eastern B | (60.1) | (60.1) | (60.1) | (60.1) | 15 | (69.9) | 13 |
| North Central | (55.3) | (55.3) | (55.3) | (55.3) | 76 | (70.1) | 60 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 36.0 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 123 | 69.5 | 61 |
| Primary | 49.9 | 44.9 | 44.9 | 44.9 | 83 | 68.3 | $54$ |
| Secondary or higher | 44.5 | 41.5 | 41.5 | 41.5 | 99 | 72.0 | $57$ |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 35.8 | 35.8 | 35.8 | 35.8 | 64 | 72.9 | 32 |
| Second | 57.5 | 47.2 | 47.2 | 47.2 | 60 | (81.4) | 35 |
| Middle | 48.8 | 48.8 | $48.8$ | 48.8 | 66 | (75.7) | 43 |
| Fourth | (49.4) | $(44.5)$ | (44.5) | (44.5) | 60 | (64.3) | 42 |
| Highest | (17.9) | (17.9) | (17.9) | (17.9) | 53 | * | 21 |
| Total | 42.5 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 39.5 | $3304$ | 69.9 | 172 |
| Note: Table is based on women who stayed in the household the night before the interview. An asterisk indicates that the figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed and figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. <br> ${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN) or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Indoor residual spraying (IRS) is limited to spraying conducted by a government, private or non-governmental organization. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Step 1: Read the title and subtitle. In this case, the table is about two separate groups of pregnant women: all pregnant women age 15-49 in all households (a) and pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN) (b).

Step 2: Identify the two panels. First, identify the columns that refer to all pregnant women age 15-49 in all households (a), and then isolate the columns that refer only to pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one ITN (b).

Step 3: Look at the number of women included in this table. How many pregnant women age 15-49 in all households were interviewed? It's 304. Now look at the second panel. How many pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one ITN were interviewed? It's 172.

Step 4: Only 304 pregnant women age 15-49 in all households and 172 pregnant women in households with at least one ITN were interviewed in the 2016 LMIS. Once these pregnant women are further divided into the background characteristic categories, there may be too few cases for the percentages to be reliable.

- What percentage of pregnant women age 15-49 in all households in North Western region slept under an ITN the night before the survey? $60.4 \%$. This percentage is in parentheses because there are between 25 and 49 pregnant women (unweighted) in this category. Readers should use this number with caution-it may not be reliable. (For more information on weighted and unweighted numbers, see Example 3.)
- What percentage of pregnant women age 15-49 from South Central region in households with at least one ITN slept under an ITN the night before the survey? There is no number in this cell-only an asterisk. This is because fewer than 25 pregnant women from South Central region in households with at least one ITN were interviewed in the survey. Results for this group are not reported. The subgroup is too small, and therefore the data are not reliable.

Note: When parentheses or asterisks are used in a table, the explanation will be noted under the table. If there are no parentheses or asterisks in a table, you can proceed with confidence that enough cases were included in all categories that the data are reliable.

## Example 3: Understanding Sampling Weights in 2016 LMIS Tables

A sample is a group of people who have been selected for a survey. In the 2016 LMIS, the sample is designed to represent the national population age $15-49$. In addition to national data, most countries want to collect and report data on smaller geographical or administrative areas. However, doing so requires a minimum sample size per area. For the 2016 LMIS, the survey sample is representative at the national and regional levels, and for urban and rural areas.

| Table 2.8 Background characteristics of respondents |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of women and men age $15-49$ by selected background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016 |  |  |  |
|  | Number of women |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Weighted percent | Weighted number | Unweighted number |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 39.1 | 1,679 | 913 |
| North Western | 6.5 | 279 | 522 |
| South Central | 17.0 | 729 | 728 |
| South Eastern A | 25.8 | 1,106 | 742 |
| South Eastern B | 6.2 | 264 | 640 |
| North Central | 5.4 | 2233 | 745 |
| Total 15-49 | 100.0 | 4,290 | 4,290 |

To generate statistics that are representative of the country as a whole and the six regions, the number of women surveyed in each region should contribute to the size of the total (national) sample in proportion to size of the region. However, if some regions have small populations, then a sample allocated in proportion to each region's population may not include sufficient women from each region for analysis. To solve this problem, regions with small populations are oversampled. For example, let's say that you have enough money to interview 4,290 women and want to produce results that are representative of Liberia as a whole and its regions (as in Table 2.8). However, the total population of Liberia is not evenly distributed among the regions: some regions, such as Greater Monrovia, are heavily populated while others, such as North Western are not. Thus, North Western must be oversampled.

A sampling statistician determines how many women should be interviewed in each region in order to get reliable statistics. The blue column (1) in the table at the right shows the actual number of women interviewed in each region. Within the regions, the number of women interviewed ranges from 522 in North Western to 913 in Greater Monrovia. The number of interviews is sufficient to get reliable results in each region.

With this distribution of interviews, some regions are overrepresented and some regions are underrepresented. For example, the population in Greater Monrovia is about $39 \%$ of the population in Liberia, while North Western's population contributes only $6.5 \%$. But as the blue column shows, the number of women interviewed in Greater Monrovia accounts for only about $21 \%$ of the total sample of women interviewed ( $913 / 4,290$, with rounding) and the number of women interviewed in North Western region accounts for $12 \%$ of the total sample of women interviewed $(522 / 4,290)$. This unweighted distribution of women does not accurately represent the population.

In order to get statistics that are representative of Liberia, the distribution of the women in the sample needs to be weighted (or mathematically adjusted) such that it resembles the true distribution in the country. Women from a small region, such as North Western, should only contribute a small amount to the national total. Women from a large region, like Greater Monrovia, should contribute much more. Therefore, DHS statisticians mathematically calculate a "weight" which is used to adjust the number of women from each region so that each region's contribution to the total is proportional to the actual population of the region. The numbers in the purple column (2) represent the "weighted" values. The weighted values can be smaller or larger than the unweighted values at regional level. The total national sample size of 4,290 women has not changed after weighting, but the distribution of the women in the regions has been changed to represent their contribution to the total population size.

How do statisticians weight each category? They take into account the probability that a woman was selected in the sample. If you were to compare the green column (3) to the actual population distribution of Liberia, you would see that women in each region are contributing to the total sample with the same
weight that they contribute to the population of the country. The weighted number of women in the survey now accurately represents the proportion of women who live in Greater Monrovia and the proportion of women who live in North Western region.

With sampling and weighting, it is possible to interview enough women to provide reliable statistics at national and regional levels. In general, only the weighted numbers are shown in each of the LMIS tables, so don't be surprised if these numbers seem low: they may actually represent a larger number of women interviewed.

## LIBERIA



## INTRODUCTION AND SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The 2016 Liberia Malaria Indicator Survey (LMIS) was implemented by the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP), in close collaboration with the Liberia Institute of Statistics and GeoInformation Services (LISGIS). Data collection took place from 22 September to 26 November 2016. ICF provided technical assistance. Other agencies and organizations that facilitated the successful implementation of the survey through technical or financial support, or both, were the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Management Sciences for Health (MSH), President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), University of Liberia-Pacific Institute for Research \& Evaluation (UL/PIRE), LISGIS, World Health Organization (WHO), U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ministry of Health (MOH), Liberia Medical and Dental Council (LMDC), and the Liberia Health and Medical Products Regulatory Authority (LHMRA).

### 1.1 Survey Objectives

The primary objective of the 2016 Liberia Malaria Indicator Survey (LMIS) was to provide up-to-date estimates of basic demographic and health indicators for malaria. Specifically, the LMIS collected information on vector control interventions such as mosquito nets and indoor residual spraying of insecticides, on intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnant women, and on care seeking and treatment of fever in children. Also, young children were tested for malarial infection and anaemia.

The information collected through the LMIS is intended to assist policy makers and program managers in designing and evaluating programs and strategies for improving the health of the country's population.

### 1.2 Sample Design

The LMIS followed a two-stage sample design and was intended to allow estimates of key indicators for the following domains:

- At the national level
- For urban and rural areas
- For six geographical regions, consisting of the following groups of counties:

1. Greater Monrovia
2. North Western: Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, and Gbarpolu counties
3. South Central: Montserrado (excluding Greater Monrovia district), Margibi, and Grand Bassa counties
4. North Central: Bong, Nimba, and Lofa counties
5. South Eastern A: River Cess, Sinoe, and Grand Gedeh counties
6. South Eastern B: River Gee, Grand Kru, and Maryland counties

The first stage of sampling involved selecting sample points (clusters) from the sampling frame. Enumeration areas (EAs) delineated from the National Population and Housing Census conducted in March 2008 (NPHC 2008) were used as the sampling frame. A total of 150 clusters with probability proportional to size, were chosen from the EAs covered in the NPHC 2008. Of these clusters, 70 were in urban areas and 80 in rural areas.

The second stage of sampling involved systematic selection of households. A household listing operation was undertaken in all of the selected EAs from July to August, 2016, and households to be included in the
survey were randomly selected from these lists. Thirty households were selected from each EA, for a total sample size of 4,500 households. Because of the approximately equal sample sizes in each region, the sample was not self-weighting at the national level. Results shown in this report have been weighted to account for the complex sample design. See Appendix A for additional details on the sampling procedures.

All women age 15-49 who were either permanent residents of the selected households or visitors who stayed in the household the night before the survey were eligible to be interviewed. With the parent's or guardian's consent, children age 6-59 months were tested for anaemia and for malaria infection.

### 1.3 Questionnaires

Four questionnaires - the Household Questionnaire, the Woman's Questionnaire, the Biomarker Questionnaire, and the Fieldworker Questionnaire were used for the LMIS. Core questionnaires available from the Roll Back Malaria Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (RBM-MERG) were adapted to reflect the population and health issues relevant to Liberia. The modifications were decided upon at a series of meetings with various stakeholders from the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) and other government ministries and agencies, nongovernmental organisations, and international donors. The questionnaires were in English, with some text adapted to Liberian English.

The Household Questionnaire was used to list all the usual members of and visitors to selected households. Basic information was collected on the characteristics of each person listed in the household, including his or her age, sex, and relationship to the head of the household. The data on the age and sex of household members, obtained from the Household Questionnaire, were used to identify women eligible for an individual interview and children age 6-59 months eligible for anaemia and malaria testing. Additionally, the Household Questionnaire captured information on characteristics of the household's dwelling unit, such as the source of water, type of toilet facilities, materials used for the floor, ownership of various durable goods, and ownership and use of mosquito nets.

The Woman's Questionnaire was used to collect information from all women age 15-49. These women were asked questions on the following main topics:

- Background characteristics (age, residential history, education, literacy, religion, and ethnicity)
- Reproductive history for the last 5 years
- Preventive malaria treatment for the most recent birth
- Pregnancy and postnatal care
- Use of contraception
- Prevalence and treatment of fever among children under age 5
- Child immunizations
- Knowledge about malaria (symptoms, causes, how to prevent, and types of antimalarial medications)

The Biomarker Questionnaire was used to record the results of the anaemia and malaria testing of children 6-59 months, as well as the signatures of the fieldworker to document whether the parent or guardian gave consent.

Consent statements were developed for each tool (the Household, Woman's, and Biomarker questionnaires). Further consent statements were formulated for malaria testing, anaemia testing, and treatment of children with positive malaria rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs).

For the first time, the Fieldworker Questionnaire was used in the LMIS. This questionnaire was created to serve as a tool in conducting analyses of data quality. The questionnaire was distributed and collected by the NMCP after final selection of fieldworkers was done and before fieldworkers entered the field.

Fieldworkers filled out a 2-page self-administered questionnaire on their general background characteristics.

### 1.4 Anaemia and Malaria Testing

Blood samples for biomarker testing were collected by finger- or heel-prick from children age 6-59 months. Each field team included one biomarker technician who carried out the anaemia and the malaria testing and provided malaria medications for children who tested positive for malaria, in accord with the approved treatment protocols. The biomarker technicians requested informed consent for each test from the child's parent or guardian before the blood samples were collected, according to the protocols approved by the Liberia Ethics Committee and the Institutional Review Board at ICF (formerly ICF International).

Anaemia testing. A single-use, retractable, spring-loaded, sterile lancet was used to make a finger- or heel-prick. A drop of blood from this site was then collected in a microcuvette. Haemoglobin analysis was carried out on site using a battery-operated portable HemoCue ${ }^{\circledR}$ analyser, which produces a result in less than one minute. Results were given to the child's parent or guardian verbally and in writing. Parents of children with a haemoglobin level under $8 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ were advised to take the child to a health facility for follow-up care and were given a referral letter with the haemoglobin reading to show to staff at the health facility. Results of the anaemia test were recorded on the Biomarker Questionnaire and on a brochure left in the household that also contained information on the causes and prevention of anaemia.

Malaria testing using a rapid diagnostic test (RDT). Using the same finger- or heel-prick that was used for anaemia testing, another drop of blood was tested immediately using the Liberia-approved SD BIOLINE Malaria Ag P.f. (HRP-II) ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ rapid diagnostic test (RDT). This qualitative test detects the histidine-rich protein II antigen of the malaria parasite, Plasmodium falciparum (Pf), in human whole blood (Standard Diagnostics, Inc.). The parasite, transmitted by a mosquito, is the major cause of malaria in Liberia. The diagnostic test includes a disposable sample applicator that comes in a standard package. A tiny volume of blood is captured on the applicator and placed in the well of the testing device. All field biomarker technicians trained to perform the test in the field, in accord with manufacturers' instructions. Results were available within 20 minutes and were recorded as either positive or negative, with faint test lines being considered positive. As with the anaemia testing, malaria RDT results were provided to the child's parent or guardian in oral and written form and were recorded on the Biomarker Questionnaire.

Children who tested positive for malaria were offered a full course of medicine following the standard procedure for uncomplicated malaria treatment in Liberia. To ascertain the correct dose, biomarker technicians learned to use treatment guidance charts and to ask about any medications the child might already be taking. The biomarker technicians were also trained to identify signs and symptoms of severe malaria. They provided the age-appropriate dose of artemisinin combination therapy (ACT) along with instructions on how to administer the medicine to the child. Children with symptoms of severe malaria were not treated but referred to a health facility.

### 1.5 Pretest

The training for the pretest took place from 13 July to 27 July 2016. Overall, 23 people participated— 14 interviewers and 9 biomarker specialists. NMCP, MOH, LISGIS, and ICF staff members led the training and served as the supervisory team for the pretest fieldwork. Participants learned to administer paper questionnaires and collect blood samples for anaemia and parasitaemia testing. The pretest training consisted of the survey overview and objectives, techniques of interviewing, field procedures, details of all sections of the Household and the Woman's questionnaires, and 4 days of field practice. At the end of pretest fieldwork, a debriefing session was held, and the questionnaires were modified based on the findings from the field.

### 1.6 Training of Field Staff

The training, which was coordinated by NMCP, MOH, LISGIS, ICF and other members of the technical working group, took place 5 September to 15 September 2016 at the Rose Garden Plaza in Monrovia. Seventy-three field staff-43 interviewers and 30 biomarker technicians-were trained for 10 days. The training course consisted of instruction regarding interviewing techniques and field procedures, a detailed review of questionnaire content, instruction on how to administer the paper questionnaires, and mock interviews between participants in the classroom. Of the participants in the main survey training, 24 were selected as interviewers, 12 as supervisors, and 24 as biomarker technicians. One participant was assigned as an editor during data processing, and 12 were placed on standby and not assigned to teams.

Biomarker technicians were also taught how to record children's anaemia and malaria results on the respective brochures and how to fill in the referral slip for any child found to have severe anaemia and or malaria. The biomarker technicians carried out a field practice in two communities in Bomi County to enhance their skills. To ensure compliance with personal protective equipment (PPE) procedures in the post-Ebola environment, biomarker technicians wore the reinforced latex gloves in addition to full length plastic aprons. In some households this brought back memories of Ebola and made respondents hesitant to allow their child to be tested for malaria. Biomarker technicians were trained to tell respondents before the start of malaria testing that they would be wearing full length aprons but to not be concerned as these were part of their uniform.

Two days of field practice took place in five urban clusters in Monrovia, with two to three teams working in each cluster. By design, teams were without biomarker technicians during the first day of field practice, and they therefore could focus exclusively on household and individual interviews. Teams were joined by biomarker technician candidates on the second day of field practice. Fieldwork coordinators observed interviews and reviewed edited questionnaires, and where possible, provided feedback to interviewers, biomarker technicians, and supervisors.

### 1.7 Fieldwork

Twelve teams were organised for field data collection. Each team consisted of one field supervisor, two field interviewers, two biomarker technicians to conduct biomarker testing, and one driver. The field staff also included seven coordinators.

Each team was allocated about 12-13 clusters depending on their regional location. The teams spent an average of 5 days in a cluster. Information on selected clusters and sampled households was provided to each team for easy location of the households. When eligible respondents were absent from their homes, two or more callbacks were made to offer respondents an opportunity to be part of the survey.

Field data collection for the LMIS started on 22 September 2016. For maximum supervision, all 12 teams were visited by national monitors, largely members of the technical working group. Fieldwork was completed on 26 November 2016.

### 1.8 Data Processing

The processing of the LMIS questionnaire data began 15 October 2016 after the fieldwork commenced. Completed questionnaires were returned periodically from the field to the NMCP office in Monrovia, where they were coded by data processing personnel recruited and trained for this task. The data processing staff consisted of a supervisor and an assistant from NMCP, a questionnaire administrator, five data entry operators, and one secondary data editor, all of whom were trained by an ICF data processing specialist. Data were entered using the CSPro computer package. All data were entered twice (100 percent verification). The concurrent processing of the data was a distinct advantage for data quality, since NMCP was able to advise field teams of errors detected during data entry. The data entry and editing phase of the survey was completed 15 February 2017.

### 1.9 Ethical Consideration

The protocol for the 2016 LMIS was approved by institutional review boards of both the University of Liberia- Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (UL/PIRE) and ICF. All data and other information collected were kept confidential. Respondents' names and identification numbers were removed from the electronic database during analysis. The risks and benefits of participation in the survey were explained to respondents and informed consent for interview or blood collection was sought. Respondents gave consent to be part of the survey.

### 1.10 Response Rates

Table 1.1 shows that of the 4,484 households selected for the sample, 4,261 were occupied at the time of fieldwork. Among the occupied households, 4,218 were successfully interviewed, yielding a total household response rate of $99 \%$. In the interviewed households, 4,407 women were identified to be eligible for individual interview and 4,290 were successfully interviewed, yielding a response rate of $97 \%$.

| Number of households, number of interviews, and response rates, according to residence (unweighted), Liberia MIS 2016 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Result | Residence |  | Total |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Household interviews |  |  |  |
| Households selected | 2,092 | 2,392 | 4,484 |
| Households occupied | 1,997 | 2,264 | 4,261 |
| Households interviewed | 1,974 | 2,244 | 4,218 |
| Household response rate ${ }^{1}$ | 98.8 | 99.1 | 99.0 |
| Interviews with women age 15-49 |  |  |  |
| Number of eligible women | 2,396 | 2,011 | 4,407 |
| Number of eligible women interviewed | 2,331 | 1,959 | 4,290 |
| Eligible women response rate ${ }^{2}$ | 97.3 | 97.4 | 97.3 |

${ }^{1}$ Households interviewed/households occupied
${ }^{2}$ Respondents interviewed/eligible respondents

### 1.11 Health System Impacts in the Context of the Ebola Epidemic

In 2013, the Ebola virus disease (EVD) originated in Guinea and subsequently swept through Liberia and Sierra Leone, making it the largest outbreak of the virus in history. Liberia confirmed its first Ebola case in March 2014. Initially the outbreak appeared to be contained in the rural areas but spread exponentially to the capital city of Monrovia in June 2014. By August 2014, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf had declared a state of emergency and placed restrictions on the movement of the population to minimize the spread of infection.

In late 2014 , more than $80 \%$ of public and private health facilities, except for facilities located in the two counties most heavily affected by EVD, continued to report routine health information at levels consistent with the pre-EVD period (GoL 2014). Though facilities remained open, the EVD epidemic damaged confidence in the health system, and communities expressed fear and mistrust in health facilities and health workers. Similarly, health care workers feared being exposed to EVD by patients and were unwilling to care for them. This reaction was intensified by a lack of adequate training and personal protective equipment to deliver services safely. As a result of the EVD epidemic, Liberia experienced dramatic declines in public health indicators of the delivery of basic health care. The 2016 LMIS reports on the current status of malaria prevalence and immunization coverage and how these two areas were influenced by the presence of EVD.

## Malaria

The initial clinical presentation of EVD is very similar to that of malaria- fever, anorexia, fatigue, headache, and joint pain - posing a problem of differential diagnosis for both patients and health care
workers. During the outbreak, patients who had signs and symptoms of malaria were often too frightened to seek care because they feared either having EVD or being mistakenly referred to an EVD holding centre with suspected EVD. The ability to provide proper case management for malaria during the EVD outbreak was additionally challenged by lack of diagnostic capacity. Though great strides had been made in scaling up diagnosis prior to the EVD epidemic in many health facilities, testing with RDTs or microscopy was temporarily suspended for fear of contracting Ebola, due to lack of personal protective equipment for use by laboratory technicians and personnel performing these tests. Outpatient visits dropped $61 \%$ nationwide between August and October 2014. During this time recorded malaria cases plummeted, although experts suspect a likely increase in actual malaria cases among the population as a result of the crisis (PMI 2017).

## Maternal Health and Child Immunizations

During the EVD epidemic women who would have normally received antenatal care or delivered in a health facility turned instead to informal health care providers, such as traditional birth attendants. Additionally, routine vaccination campaigns, such as the measles campaign scheduled in 2014, were suspended, leaving children unvaccinated and susceptible to outbreak. As a result of the EVD epidemic, Liberia experienced dramatic declines in other public health indicators such as the prenatal/postnatal care as well as routine vaccination coverage. For example, measles vaccination rates dropped from about $78 \%$ in January 2014 to about 45\% in January 2015. Similarly, during 2014, health facility deliveries declined from $65 \%$ to $28 \%$, deliveries attended by skilled providers dropped from $61 \%$ to $31 \%$, and pregnant women having the recommended four or more antenatal care visits declined from $78 \%$ to $31 \%$ (GoL 2014).

On 14 January 2016 Liberia was declared EVD-free for the final time. There were 3,163 cases confirmed by laboratory analysis and 4,810 deaths (GoL 2014). Since the end of the EVD epidemic, many resources have been targeted towards improving health indicators across all health services. The effects of the EVD epidemic are still present, however. The factors mentioned here likely contributed to trends observed in indicators measured by the 2016 LMIS.

# CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSEHOLDS AND WOMEN 

## Key Findings

- Drinking Water: More urban households (95\%) than rural households (71\%) have access to an improved source of drinking water.
- Sanitation: Only $17 \%$ of households use an improved toilet facility. Among the remaining $83 \%$ with unimproved sanitation, $46 \%$ have some sanitation, while $37 \%$ have none at all.
- Household wealth: Almost half of households in the Greater Monrovia region are in the highest wealth quintile ( $49 \%$ ), while almost half of households in South Eastern A region are in the lowest wealth quintile (46\%).
- Electricity: Twenty percent of households in Liberia have electricity, including $34 \%$ in urban areas and $1 \%$ in rural areas.
- Literacy: Urban women are more than twice as likely as rural women to be literate.
- Contraceptive use: The contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) is $31 \%$ for all women age $15-49$ in Liberia; most women use a modern method.

Information on the socioeconomic characteristics of the household population in Liberia provides a context for interpreting important demographic and health indicators. It can indicate how representative the LMIS survey is. In addition, this information sheds light on the general living conditions of the population.

This chapter presents information on sources of drinking water, sanitation, wealth, ownership of durable goods, and composition of the household population. In addition, characteristics of the survey respondents give a profile of age, education, literacy, and contraceptive usage. Socioeconomic characteristics help us to understand the factors that affect use of health services and other health behaviours related to malaria control.

### 2.1 Drinking Water Sources

Improved sources of drinking water
Include piped water, public taps, standpipes, tube wells, boreholes, protected dug wells and springs, and rainwater. Households using bottled water for drinking are classified as using an improved source only if their water for cooking and handwashing is from an improved source.
Sample: Households

Improved sources of water protect against outside contamination, and therefore water is more likely to be safe to drink. In Liberia, $85 \%$ of households have access to an improved source of drinking water (Table
2.1). Ninety-five percent of urban households and $71 \%$ of rural households have access to improved water sources.

Urban and rural households rely on different sources of drinking water. Only about $2 \%$ of urban households have piped water in their dwelling or yard (Table 2.1). A majority (62\%) of households in rural areas access drinking water from hand pumps, tube wells or boreholes, compared with only $39 \%$ of urban households (Figure 2.1). Almost onethird of urban households rely on bottled water for drinking. Eighty percent of those in rural households travel less than 30 minutes to fetch drinking water (Table 2.1).

Trends: The proportion of households obtaining water from improved sources increased from $73 \%$ in the 2013 LDHS to $85 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS. However, the gains are concentrated in rural households; the proportion of urban households with acces恠 $86 \%$ to $95 \%$, compared with an increase from $56 \%$ to $71 \%$ in rural households over the same period.

### 2.2 SANITATION

## Improved toilet facilities

Include any non-shared toilet of the following types: flush/pour flush toilets to piped sewer systems, septic tanks, and pit latrines; ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrines; pit latrines with slabs; and composting toilets
Sample: Households

In Liberia, only $17 \%$ of households use an improved toilet facility, defined as a non-shared facility constructed to prevent contact with human waste. Such facilities reduce the transmission of cholera, typhoid, and other diseases (Table 2.2 and Figure 2.2). Eighty-four percent of households have unimproved sanitation, with $31 \%$ using a toilet facility that would be classified as improved if not shared with other households, $16 \%$ using an unimproved toilet facility, and $37 \%$ practicing open defecation (Table 2.2). Households in urban areas are more likely to have improved sanitation (26\%) compared with rural households (4\%) (Figure 2.2), whereas households in rural areas are more likely to practice open defecation than households in urban areas ( $62 \%$ versus $18 \%$ ).

Figure 2.2 Household toilet facilities by residence

Percent distribution of households by type of toilet facilities


Trends: The proportion of households with improved sanitation has increased since the 2013 LDHS (17\% in 2016 but $14 \%$ in 2013).

### 2.3 Housing Characteristics

The LMIS collected data on household features such as electricity, flooring material, number of sleeping rooms, and types of fuel used for cooking. The responses to these questions, along with information on ownership of household durable goods, contribute to the creation of the household wealth index and provide information that may be relevant for other health indicators.

Overall, 20\% of households in Liberia have access to electricity. Thirty-four percent of urban households but only $1 \%$ of rural households have access. Households reporting access to electricity rose from $10 \%$ in the 2013 LDHS to $20 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS (Table 2.3).

Earth $/ \mathrm{mud} /$ sand and concrete/cement are the most common flooring materials in Liberia, used by $44 \%$ and $47 \%$ of all households, respectively. Rural households are more likely to have floors made of earth, mud, or sand (78\%) than are urban households (18\%). Urban households are more likely to have floors made of cement or concrete ( $67 \%$ ) than rural households ( $21 \%$ ).

The number of rooms a household uses for sleeping is an indicator of socioeconomic level and of crowding in the household, which can facilitate the spread of disease. Twenty-nine percent of households use three or more rooms for sleeping, $26 \%$ use two rooms, and $45 \%$ use only one room. There are only slight urbanrural differences in the number of rooms used for sleeping (Table 2.3).

Exposure to cooking smoke, especially to smoke produced from solid fuels, is potentially harmful to health. Solid fuel for cooking includes fire coal/charcoal and wood. Altogether, $98 \%$ of households use solid fuel. Use for cooking is nearly universal in both urban (97\%) and rural (98\%) households in Liberia, although the preference is for coal/charcoal in urban areas and wood in rural areas (Table 2.3).

### 2.4 Household Wealth

## Wealth index

Households are given scores for wealth based on the number and kinds of consumer goods they own, ranging from a television to a bicycle or car, and housing characteristics such as source of drinking water, toilet facilities, and flooring materials. These scores are derived using principal component analysis. National wealth quintiles are compiled by assigning the household score to each usual (de jure) household member, ranking each person in the household population by their score, and then dividing the distribution into five equal categories, each with $20 \%$ of the population.
Sample: Households

By definition, $20 \%$ of the total household population is in each wealth quintile. However, population distributions are unequal when stratifying by urban and rural areas. Thirty-three percent of the population in urban areas is in the highest quintile compared with only $1 \%$ of the population in rural areas. On the other hand, only $6 \%$ of the urban population falls in the lowest wealth quintile, compared with $40 \%$ of the rural population (Figure 2.3).

Regionally, the South Eastern A region has the highest percentage of the population in the lowest wealth quintile ( $46 \%$ ) compared with the Greater Monrovia region that has none of its population in the lowest quintile (Table 2.5).

## Household Durable Goods

Data from the survey revealed information on ownership of household effects, means of transport, access to agricultural land, and farm animals. Urban households are more likely than rural households to own a radio ( $59 \%$ versus $43 \%$ ), television ( $37 \%$ versus $3 \%$ ), mobile telephone ( $81 \%$ versus $39 \%$ ), and car/truck ( $8 \%$ versus $1 \%$ ). Rural households are more likely than urban households to farm agricultural land ( $59 \%$ versus $16 \%$ ), and to own farm animals (55\% versus 26\%) (Table 2.4).

Figure 2.3 Household wealth by residence
Percent distribution of de jure population by wealth quintiles


### 2.5 Household Population and Composition

## Household

A person or group of related or unrelated persons who live together in the same dwelling unit(s), who acknowledge one adult male or female as the head of the household, who share the same housekeeping arrangements, and who are considered a single unit.

## De facto population

All persons who stayed in the selected households the night before the interview (whether usual residents or visitors)

## De jure population

All persons who are usual residents of the selected households, whether or not they stayed in the household the night before the interview

## How indicators are calculated

All tables are based on the de facto population unless specified otherwise.

In the LMIS, 21,141 people stayed overnight in the 4,218 households interviewed.
Age and sex are important demographic variables and are the primary basis of demographic classification. Table 2.6 shows the distribution of the de facto household population by 5-year age groups, according to sex and residence.

The population pyramid in Figure 2.4 shows the population distribution by sex and by 5-year age groups. The broad base of the pyramid indicates Liberia's population is young, which is typical of developing countries with a high fertility rate and low life expectancy. Almost half of the population (46\%) is under age $15,51 \%$ is age $15-64$, and only $3 \%$ of the population is age 65 and older (Table 2.6).

On average, households in Liberia consist of five persons (Table 2.7). Men predominantly head households ( $67 \%$ ). The proportion of households headed by women is higher in urban areas than in rural areas ( $37 \%$ versus $28 \%$ ).

### 2.6 Educational Attainment of Women

Studies have consistently shown that educational attainment has a strong effect on health behaviours and attitudes. Generally, the higher the level of education a woman has attained, the more knowledgeable she is about both the use of health facilities and health management for herself and for her children.

Table 2.9 shows the percent distribution of women age 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed, and median years completed, according to background characteristics. About $31 \%$ of women age 15-49 have no education. Forty-seven percent of women have completed primary school. Additionally, $44 \%$ of women have at least some secondary education, but only $6 \%$ of women have more than secondary education. Overall, women have completed a median of only 4 years of education.

Trends: The percentage of interviewed women with no formal education decreased from $36 \%$ in the 2011 LMIS to $31 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS. The percentage of women with at least some secondary education increased from $24 \%$ in 2011 to $34 \%$ in 2016.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women in rural areas are more likely than those in urban areas to have no education ( $48 \%$ vs. $22 \%$, respectively) (Figure 2.5).
- The South Central region has the highest proportion of women with no education (47\%), followed by $45 \%$ in North Western, $40 \%$ in South Eastern A, 37\% in South Eastern B, $33 \%$ in North Central, and 19 percent in Greater Monrovia (Table 2.9).
- Women in the lowest household wealth quintile are least likely to be educated; $53 \%$ have no education compared with $15 \%$ of women in the highest wealth quintile.

Figure 2.5 Education of survey respondents by residence

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed


Note: Percentages do not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

### 2.7 Literacy of Women


#### Abstract

Literacy Respondents who have attended higher than secondary school are assumed to be literate. All other respondents were given a sentence to read, and they were considered to be literate if they could read all or part of the sentence.


Sample: Women age 15-49

The ability to read and write is an important personal asset that empowers people by increasing opportunities in life. Knowing the level and distribution of literacy among the population is an important factor in the design and delivery of health messages and interventions.

The 2016 LMIS assessed literacy in women age 15-49 by asking respondents to read a simple sentence in English. Respondents were scored on whether they could not read at all or else could read part or all of the sentence shown to them. Respondents who attended school above the secondary level were assumed to be literate. Persons who were blind or visually impaired were excluded. The results show that $6 \%$ of women have more than secondary schooling. Among those with secondary education or lower and those with no schooling, $31 \%$ can read a whole sentence, $16 \%$ can read part of the sentence, and $47 \%$ cannot read at all. Overall, $53 \%$ of women age 15-49 in Liberia are literate (Table 2.10).

### 2.8 Contraceptive Use

## Contraceptive prevalence rate

Percentage of all women who use any contraceptive method
Sample: All women age 15-49

## Modern methods

Include male and female sterilization, injectables, intrauterine devices (IUDs), contraceptive pills, implants, female and male condoms, the standard days method, lactational amenorrhea method, and emergency contraception

The contraceptive prevalence rate is usually shown for currently married women age $15-49$; however, the LMIS contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) is calculated for all women age 15-49. The CPR in Liberia is $31 \%$, and almost all users are using a modern method. The most commonly used methods are injectables (19\%), pills (5\%), and implants (4\%) (Table 2.11).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Urban women are slightly more likely to use modern contraception than rural women ( $32 \%$ versus 29\%) (Table 2.11).
- There is a notable difference in contraceptive use by education level. It ranges from a low of $24 \%$ among women with no education to a high of $36 \%$ among women with secondary or higher education (Table 2.11).


### 2.9 Source of Modern Contraceptive Methods

## Source of modern contraceptives

The place where the modern method currently being used was obtained the last time it was acquired
Sample: Women age 15-49 currently using a modern contraceptive method

Seventy percent of all modern contraceptive users obtain their methods from the public sector, while $23 \%$ obtain methods from the private medical sector and $2 \%$ from other sources (Table 2.12).

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Table 2.1 Household drinking water
Percent distribution of households and de jure population by source of drinking water, and by time to obtain drinking water, according to residence, Liberia MIS 2016

| Characteristic | Households |  |  | Population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Source of drinking water |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improved source | 95.3 | 70.6 | 84.5 | 94.5 | 71.3 | 84.9 |
| Piped water into dwelling/yard plot | 2.4 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Piped to neighbour | 5.7 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 3.2 |
| Public tap/standpipe | 6.9 | 0.8 | 4.2 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 4.3 |
| Hand pump/tube well or borehole | 38.7 | 62.1 | 48.9 | 42.9 | 62.3 | 50.9 |
| Protected dug well | 10.5 | 6.2 | 8.6 | 12.1 | 6.7 | 9.9 |
| Protected spring | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Rain water | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Bottled water/mineral water in sachet, improved source for cooking/washing ${ }^{1}$ | 30.8 | 0.8 | 17.7 | 24.2 | 0.4 | 14.4 |
| Unimproved source | 4.6 | 29.4 | 15.4 | 5.3 | 28.6 | 14.9 |
| Unprotected dug well | 2.6 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 2.7 |
| Unprotected spring | 0.1 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 1.2 |
| Tanker truck/cart with small tank | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Surface water | 1.5 | 24.5 | 11.5 | 1.5 | 23.8 | 10.7 |
| Other/Missing | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Time to obtain drinking water (round trip) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water on premises ${ }^{2}$ | 29.2 | 11.4 | 21.5 | 27.3 | 10.7 | 20.5 |
| Less than 30 minutes | 60.3 | 80.4 | 69.1 | 61.1 | 81.4 | 69.5 |
| 30 minutes or longer | 9.6 | 7.3 | 8.6 | 10.4 | 7.2 | 9.1 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 2,382 | 1,836 | 4,218 | 12,877 | 9,067 | 21,944 |

${ }^{1}$ Because the quality of bottled water is not known, households using bottled water for drinking are classified as using an improved or unimproved source according to their water source for cooking and washing.
${ }^{2}$ Includes water piped to a neighbour

Table 2.2 Household sanitation facilities
Percent distribution of households and de jure population by type of toilet/latrine facilities, according to residence, Liberia MIS 2016

| Type of toilet/latrine facility | Households |  |  | Population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Improved sanitation | 25.9 | 4.4 | 16.5 | 29.9 | 5.2 | 19.7 |
| Flush/pour flush to piped sewer system | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Flush/pour flush to septic tank | 21.1 | 1.3 | 12.5 | 24.1 | 1.2 | 14.7 |
| Flush/pour flush to pit latrine | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 1.6 |
| Ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Pit latrine with a slab | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Composting toilet | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Unimproved sanitation, shared facility ${ }^{1}$ | 42.3 | 15.3 | 30.6 | 37.5 | 14.9 | 28.2 |
| Flush/pour flush to piped sewer system | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Flush/pour flush to septic tank | 24.5 | 1.9 | 14.6 | 20.2 | 1.7 | 12.6 |
| Flush/pour flush to pit latrine | 7.3 | 4.1 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 5.6 |
| Ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine | 2.7 | 5.7 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 5.5 | 3.9 |
| Pit latrine with a slab | 6.8 | 3.6 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 3.7 | 5.5 |
| Composting toilet | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Unimproved facility | 14.2 | 18.7 | 16.2 | 14.6 | 20.1 | 16.9 |
| Flush/pour flush not to sewer/septic tank/pit latrine | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Pit latrine without slab/open pit | 8.0 | 12.7 | 10.0 | 8.9 | 13.7 | 10.9 |
| Bucket | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Hanging toilet/hanging latrine | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 5.2 |
| Other/missing | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Open defecation [no facility/bush/ field] | 17.6 | 61.6 | 36.8 | 17.9 | 59.8 | 35.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 2,382 | 1,836 | 4,218 | 12,877 | 9,067 | 21,944 |

${ }^{1}$ Facilities that would be considered improved if they were not shared by two or more households.

## Table 2.3 Household characteristics

Percent distribution of households and de jure population by housing characteristics and percentage using solid fuel for cooking, according to residence, Liberia MIS 2016

| Housing characteristic | Households |  |  | Population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Electricity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 34.0 | 1.3 | 19.8 | 32.0 | 1.2 | 19.3 |
| No | 66.0 | 98.7 | 80.2 | 68.0 | 98.8 | 80.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Flooring material |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Earth/sand/mud | 17.9 | 77.5 | 43.8 | 18.4 | 76.6 | 42.5 |
| Wood/planks | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Parquet or polished wood | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Floor mat, linoleum, vinyl | 5.2 | 0.3 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 2.6 |
| Ceramic tiles/terrazzo | 9.2 | 0.7 | 5.5 | 10.2 | 0.7 | 6.3 |
| Concrete/cement | 66.5 | 20.9 | 46.7 | 66.1 | 21.8 | 47.8 |
| Carpet | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Other/missing | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Rooms used for sleeping |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 45.8 | 42.9 | 44.6 | 27.5 | 27.7 | 27.6 |
| Two | 23.2 | 29.3 | 25.9 | 24.2 | 31.4 | 27.2 |
| Three or more | 30.8 | 27.5 | 29.3 | 48.1 | 40.7 | 45.0 |
| Missing | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Cooking fuel |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Gas cylinder | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Kerosene stove | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Fire coal/charcoal | 79.4 | 10.9 | 49.6 | 77.1 | 10.4 | 49.5 |
| Wood | 17.8 | 87.4 | 48.1 | 21.1 | 88.7 | 49.0 |
| Other fuel | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| No food cooked in household | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Missing | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Percentage using solid fuel for cooking ${ }^{1}$ | 97.2 | 98.3 | 97.7 | 98.2 | 99.2 | 98.6 |
| Number | 2,382 | 1,836 | 4,218 | 12,877 | 9,067 | 21,944 |

Table 2.4 Household possessions
Percentage of households possessing various household effects, means of transportation, agricultural land, and livestock/farm animals by residence, Liberia MIS 2016

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Possession | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Household effects |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Radio | 59.4 | 42.7 | 52.1 |
| Television | 36.6 | 3.1 | 22.0 |
| Mobile telephone | 80.6 | 39.2 | 62.6 |
| Generator | 17.8 | 4.2 | 11.9 |
| Computer | 10.4 | 0.7 | 6.2 |
| Icebox | 12.7 | 1.2 | 7.7 |
| Table | 81.7 | 59.4 | 72.0 |
| Chairs | 80.8 | 57.5 | 70.7 |
| Cupboard | 36.4 | 10.2 | 25.0 |
| Mattress (not made of straw |  |  |  |
| or grass) | 95.5 | 76.8 | 87.3 |
| $\quad$ Sewing machine | 3.9 | 0.3 | 2.4 |
| Bench/stool | 67.5 | 79.6 | 72.8 |
| $\quad$ Watch | 39.4 | 19.8 | 30.8 |
| Means of transport |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Bicycle | 4.6 | 0.8 | 3.0 |
| Motorcycle/scooter | 7.5 | 6.0 | 6.8 |
| Car/truck | 8.1 | 0.9 | 5.0 |
| Boat or canoe | 0.8 | 2.1 | 1.3 |
| Farming of agricultural land ${ }^{1}$ | 16.0 | 59.3 | 34.8 |
| Ownership of farm animals ${ }^{2}$ | 26.4 | 55.0 | 38.8 |
| Number | 2,382 | 1,836 | 4,218 |

[^0]Table 2.5 Wealth quintiles
Percent distribution of the de jure population by wealth quintiles, and the Gini Coefficient, according to residence and region, Liberia MIS 2016

| Residence/region | Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of persons | Gini coefficient |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lowest | Second | Middle | Fourth | Highest |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.1 | 7.7 | 20.3 | 32.6 | 33.3 | 100.0 | 12,877 | 0.17 |
| Rural | 39.8 | 37.4 | 19.5 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 9,067 | 0.32 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 41.1 | 49.4 | 100.0 | 7,265 | 0.17 |
| North Western | 26.4 | 24.6 | 38.3 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 1,792 | 0.32 |
| South Central | 28.5 | 22.9 | 25.8 | 12.4 | 10.4 | 100.0 | 3,833 | 0.36 |
| South Eastern A | 45.8 | 19.7 | 25.6 | 6.1 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 1,476 | 0.40 |
| South Eastern B | 31.7 | 26.4 | 29.2 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 1,336 | 0.26 |
| North Central | 27.7 | 38.8 | 20.1 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 6,242 | 0.22 |
| Total | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 100.0 | 21,944 | 0.24 |

Table 2.6 Household population by age, sex, and residence
Percent distribution of the de facto household population by various age groups and percentage of the de facto household population age 10-19, according to sex and residence, Liberia MIS 2016

| Age | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Male | Female | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |  |  |  |
| <5 | 15.4 | 12.7 | 14.0 | 18.4 | 18.1 | 18.2 | 16.6 | 14.8 | 15.7 |
| 5-9 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 14.5 | 18.5 | 16.5 | 17.5 | 16.1 | 15.4 | 15.7 |
| 10-14 | 14.0 | 15.6 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 11.7 | 13.3 | 14.4 | 14.0 | 14.2 |
| 15-19 | 12.1 | 10.5 | 11.3 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 10.3 | 9.1 | 9.7 |
| 20-24 | 9.0 | 10.3 | 9.6 | 5.2 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 9.3 | 8.4 |
| 25-29 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.8 |
| 30-34 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 6.5 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.7 | 6.1 |
| 35-39 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| 40-44 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.0 |
| 45-49 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| 50-54 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| 55-59 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| 60-64 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| 65-69 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| 70-74 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| 75-79 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| 80 + | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Dependency age groups |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $0-14$ | 43.7 | 43.0 | 43.4 | 51.7 | 46.2 | 49.0 | 47.1 | 44.3 | 45.7 |
| $15-64$ | 53.8 | 53.8 | 53.8 | 44.2 | 49.0 | 46.6 | 49.8 | 51.9 | 50.8 |
| 65+ | 2.2 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Child and adult populations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-17 | 51.8 | 49.5 | 50.6 | 57.1 | 50.1 | 53.6 | 54.0 | 49.7 | 51.8 |
| 18+ | 47.9 | 50.5 | 49.2 | 42.8 | 49.8 | 46.3 | 45.8 | 50.2 | 48.1 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Adolescents 10-19 | 26.1 | 26.1 | 26.1 | 22.8 | 18.7 | 20.7 | 24.7 | 23.1 | 23.9 |
| Number of persons | 5,984 | 6,499 | 12,483 | 4,324 | 4,334 | 8,658 | 10,308 | 10,833 | 21,141 |

Table 2.7 Household composition
Percent distribution of households by sex of head of household and by household size and mean size of households, according to residence, Liberia MIS 2016

| Characteristic | Residence |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Household headship |  |  |  |
| Male | 62.6 | 72.4 | 66.9 |
| Female | 37.4 | 27.6 | 33.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of usual members |  |  |  |
| 1 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 8.8 |
| 2 | 9.5 | 11.7 | 10.4 |
| 3 | 14.8 | 11.4 | 13.3 |
| 4 | 12.6 | 14.9 | 13.6 |
| 5 | 12.4 | 14.8 | 13.5 |
| 6 | 11.2 | 13.8 | 12.3 |
| 7 | 7.3 | 9.4 | 8.2 |
| 8 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 6.8 |
| 9+ | 15.8 | 9.6 | 13.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mean size of households | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| Number of households | 2,382 | 1,836 | 4,218 |

[^1]Table 2.8 Background characteristics of women
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by selected background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Weighted percent | Number of women |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Weighted number | Unweighted number |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.0 | 902 | 895 |
| 20-24 | 19.9 | 855 | 799 |
| 25-29 | 16.4 | 706 | 679 |
| 30-34 | 15.8 | 680 | 678 |
| 35-39 | 11.9 | 510 | 537 |
| 40-44 | 8.2 | 352 | 405 |
| 45-49 | 6.7 | 286 | 297 |
| Religion |  |  |  |
| Christian | 87.9 | 3,770 | 3,770 |
| Muslim | 10.9 | 468 | 447 |
| Traditional religion | 0.3 | 13 | 16 |
| No religion | 0.9 | 40 | 57 |
| Language ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| Bassa | 11.9 | 512 | 531 |
| Gbandi | 3.3 | 142 | 95 |
| Belle | 0.6 | 26 | 37 |
| Dey | 0.3 | 14 | 28 |
| Gio | 7.6 | 325 | 246 |
| Gola | 2.7 | 115 | 156 |
| Grebo | 6.6 | 283 | 619 |
| Kissi | 4.1 | 175 | 130 |
| Kpelle | 23.8 | 1,022 | 826 |
| Krahn | 2.2 | 94 | 188 |
| Kru | 5.4 | 232 | 355 |
| Lorma | 4.9 | 212 | 132 |
| Mandingo | 3.3 | 142 | 107 |
| Mano | 6.0 | 257 | 150 |
| Mende | 1.1 | 48 | 51 |
| Sapro | 0.7 | 31 | 70 |
| Vai | 3.8 | 162 | 149 |
| None/English only | 10.2 | 436 | 367 |
| Other | 1.5 | 63 | 53 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 64.1 | 2,749 | 2,331 |
| Rural | 35.9 | 1,541 | 1,959 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 39.1 | 1,679 | 913 |
| North Western | 6.5 | 279 | 522 |
| South Central | 17.0 | 729 | 728 |
| South Eastern A | 6.2 | 264 | 640 |
| South Eastern B | 5.4 | 233 | 745 |
| North Central | 25.8 | 1,106 | 742 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 31.2 | 1,339 | 1,523 |
| Elementary | 24.9 | 1,067 | 1,184 |
| Junior High | 19.6 | 840 | 765 |
| Senior High | 18.4 | 790 | 642 |
| Higher | 6.0 | 256 | 176 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 16.0 | 688 | 1,007 |
| Second | 17.6 | 755 | 804 |
| Middle | 19.1 | 819 | 969 |
| Fourth | 22.6 | 970 | 783 |
| Highest | 24.7 | 1,058 | 727 |
| Total 15-49 | 100.0 | 4,290 | 4,290 |

Note: Education categories refer to the highest level of education attended,
whether or not that level was completed.
${ }^{1}$ Respondents were asked the main language they spoke other than English.
Table 2.9 Educational attainment
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed, and median years completed, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016


[^2]Table 2.10 Literacy
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by level of schooling attended and level of literacy, and percentage literate, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | More than secondary schooling | No schooling or elementary or junior high or senior high |  |  |  |  |  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { literate }^{1} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all | No card with required language | Blind/visually impaired | Missing |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 2.6 | 44.4 | 21.0 | 31.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 68.0 | 1,757 |
| 15-19 | 0.8 | 45.8 | 23.2 | 29.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 69.8 | 902 |
| 20-24 | 4.4 | 42.9 | 18.7 | 33.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 66.0 | 855 |
| 25-29 | 7.0 | 33.1 | 12.0 | 47.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 52.2 | 706 |
| 30-34 | 10.0 | 22.6 | 12.1 | 55.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 44.6 | 680 |
| 35-39 | 10.0 | 13.8 | 11.0 | 64.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 510 |
| 40-44 | 8.7 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 65.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 33.7 | 352 |
| 45-49 | 4.3 | 19.1 | 12.0 | 64.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 35.4 | 286 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.0 | 40.6 | 16.7 | 33.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 66.4 | 2,749 |
| Rural | 0.5 | 14.1 | 13.8 | 71.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 28.3 | 1,541 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 12.1 | 44.5 | 12.9 | 30.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 69.5 | 1,679 |
| North Western | 0.4 | 18.4 | 12.3 | 68.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 31.1 | 279 |
| South Central | 3.3 | 25.3 | 10.8 | 60.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 39.4 | 729 |
| South Eastern A | 1.4 | 15.3 | 16.5 | 66.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 33.2 | 264 |
| South Eastern B | 0.7 | 19.4 | 19.5 | 60.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 39.6 | 233 |
| North Central | 2.0 | 24.1 | 23.0 | 50.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 1,106 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 10.9 | 14.8 | 74.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 25.8 | 688 |
| Second | 0.1 | 17.9 | 19.0 | 62.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 37.0 | 755 |
| Middle | 1.6 | 28.3 | 17.1 | 52.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 47.0 | 819 |
| Fourth | 4.3 | 42.0 | 16.0 | 37.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 62.4 | 970 |
| Highest | 18.9 | 45.9 | 12.4 | 22.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 1,058 |
| Total | 6.0 | 31.1 | 15.7 | 46.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 52.7 | 4,290 |

${ }^{1}$ Refers to women who attended more than senior high schooling and women who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence
Table 2.11 Current use of contraception by background characteristics
Percent distribution of women 15-49 by contraceptive method currently being used according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Any method | Any modern method | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Traditional method |  |  | Notcurrentlyusing | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Female sterilization | IUD | Injectable/ DEPO | Implants | Pill | Male condom | Emergency contraception | Cycle beads/ SDM | LAM | Other modern method |  | Rhythm | Withdrawal | Other traditional method |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 25.1 | 25.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 17.1 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 74.9 | 100.0 | 902 |
| 20-24 | 39.9 | 39.5 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 26.0 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 60.1 | 100.0 | 855 |
| 25-29 | 39.8 | 39.5 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 24.7 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 60.2 | 100.0 | 706 |
| 30-34 | 35.6 | 35.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 20.5 | 3.7 | 6.1 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 64.4 | 100.0 | 680 |
| 35-39 | 29.4 | 29.4 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 14.2 | 3.7 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.6 | 100.0 | 510 |
| 40-44 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 4.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 82.0 | 100.0 | 352 |
| 45-49 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 90.8 | 100.0 | 286 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 31.9 | 31.6 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 19.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 68.1 | 100.0 | 2,749 |
| Rural | 29.4 | 29.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 18.7 | 2.4 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 70.6 | 100.0 | 1,541 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 29.6 | 29.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 17.9 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 70.4 | 100.0 | 1,679 |
| North Western | 34.0 | 34.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 23.3 | 2.5 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.0 | 100.0 | 279 |
| South Central | 29.9 | 29.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 17.1 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 70.1 | 100.0 | 729 |
| South Eastern A | 34.4 | 33.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 23.9 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 65.6 | 100.0 | 264 |
| South Eastern B | 40.1 | 40.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 29.3 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 59.9 | 100.0 | 233 |
| North Central | 30.4 | 30.2 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 17.0 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 69.6 | 100.0 | 1,106 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 24.1 | 23.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 13.5 | 2.9 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 75.9 | 100.0 | 1,339 |
| Primary | 31.3 | 31.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 20.4 | 2.9 | 6.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 68.7 | 100.0 | 1,067 |
| Secondary or higher | 36.3 | 36.0 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 22.9 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 63.7 | 100.0 | 1,629 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 24.8 | 24.4 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 15.5 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 75.2 | 100.0 | 688 |
| Second | 32.2 | 32.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 19.7 | 2.0 | 7.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 67.8 | 100.0 | 755 |
| Middle | 35.1 | 34.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 22.2 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 64.9 | 100.0 | 819 |
| Fourth | 32.7 | 32.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 19.8 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 67.3 | 100.0 | 970 |
| Highest | 29.4 | 29.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 17.0 | 4.5 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 70.6 | 100.0 | 1,058 |
| Total | 31.0 | 30.7 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 18.9 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 69.0 | 100.0 | 4,290 |

[^3]Table 2.12 Source of modern contraception methods
Percent distribution of users of modern contraceptive methods age 15-49 by most recent source of method, according to method, Liberia MIS 2016

| Source | Injectables/ <br> DEPO | Implants | Pills | Male <br> condom | Total |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Public sector | 72.1 | 85.2 | 71.2 | $(51.1)$ | 70.2 |
| Government hospital | 18.7 | 25.4 | 14.1 | $(25.9)$ | 18.5 |
| $\quad$ Government health centre | 18.2 | 28.5 | 14.4 | $(8.0)$ | 17.5 |
| $\quad$ Health clinic | 30.1 | 23.5 | 35.3 | $(11.9)$ | 28.4 |
| Mobile clinic | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.1 | $(0.0)$ | 1.1 |
| Community health worker/ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ outreach | 3.6 | 4.8 | 5.0 | $(5.3)$ | 4.1 |
| $\quad$ Other public sector | 0.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 | $(0.0)$ | 0.7 |
| Private medical sector | 24.5 | 11.9 | 21.5 | $(41.8)$ | 23.3 |
| $\quad$ Private hospital/clinic | 8.4 | 8.2 | 1.8 | $(1.9)$ | 7.3 |
| Pharmacy/med. store | 11.9 | 2.2 | 14.6 | $(39.9)$ | 12.1 |
| Private doctor | 0.6 | 0.2 | 2.0 | $(0.0)$ | 0.7 |
| Planned Parenthood |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Association of Liberia | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | $(0.0)$ | 2.2 |
| $\quad$ Other private medical sector | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.5 | $(0.0)$ | 1.0 |
| Other source | 2.2 | 1.0 | 2.9 | $(2.8)$ | 2.3 |
| $\quad$ Shop | 0.1 | 0.3 | 2.2 | $(2.8)$ | 0.6 |
| Church | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | $(0.0)$ | 0.0 |
| Friends relatives | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | $(0.0)$ | 1.7 |
| Other | 0.8 | 0.7 | 3.2 | $(4.2)$ | 1.3 |
| $\quad$ Missing | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | $(0.0)$ | 0.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 810 | 148 | 208 | 55 | 1,275 |

Note: Total includes users of IUDs, emergency contraception, standard days method, and other modern methods but excludes lactational amenorrhea method (LAM).
Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

## PREGNANCY AND POSTNATAL CARE

## Key Findings

- Antenatal care coverage: Almost all women (98\%) who gave birth in the 5 years preceding the survey received antenatal care from a skilled provider for their most recent birth; 79\% of all women had the recommended four or more antenatal visits.
- Delivery: About 76\% of last births in the 5 years preceding the survey took place in a health facility.
- Postnatal checks: About 77\% of women received the recommended postnatal health check within 2 days of delivery.

Health care services before, during, and after pregnancy are important for the survival and wellbeing of both mother and infant. The 2016 LMIS obtained information on the extent to which women in Liberia receive care during each of these stages. Utilization of antenatal, delivery, and postnatal care services can contribute to policies and programs that improve maternal and infant health care.

### 3.1 Antenatal Care Coverage

## Skilled Providers

## Antenatal care (ANC) from a skilled provider

Pregnancy care received from skilled providers, such as doctors and nurses/midwives
Sample: Women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years before the survey

Ninety-eight percent of women age 15-49 received ANC from a skilled provider during the pregnancy of their most recent birth. The majority of women received ANC from a nurse/midwife (83\%), while $14 \%$ received ANC from a doctor, and $1 \%$ from a physician assistant (Table 3.1).

Trends: The proportion of women age 15-49 in Liberia who received ANC from a skilled provider increased slightly from $96 \%$ in 2013 to $98 \%$ in 2016.

## Timing and Number of ANC Visits

Seventy-nine percent of women had four or more ANC visits, and only $2 \%$ did not receive any ANC. Overall, $72 \%$ of women were in their first trimester of pregnancy at the time of their first ANC visit, as recommended (Table 3.2).

Trends: The proportion of women who received the recommended four or more ANC visits has increased slightly from $78 \%$ in 2013 to $79 \%$ in 2016.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- ANC coverage is high in both rural and urban areas, in all regions, and for women of all education and wealth levels (Table 3.1).
- Urban women are around four times more likely than rural women to receive ANC from a doctor ( $21 \%$ versus $5 \%$ ).


### 3.2 Delivery Services

## Institutional Deliveries

## Institutional deliveries

Deliveries that occur in a health facility
Sample: Most recent live births in the 5 years before the survey

Seventy-six percent of last live births in the 5 years before the survey took place in a health facility, while $23 \%$ were delivered at home. Most institutional deliveries took place in public sector facilities (61\%) (Table 3.3).

Trends: Institutional deliveries in Liberia increased from $56 \%$ in 2013 to $76 \%$ in 2016, with public sector health facility deliveries increasing from $43 \%$ in 2013 to $61 \%$ in 2016.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- By region, institutional deliveries range from a low of $64 \%$ in South Central to a high of $84 \%$ in North Central (Figure 3.1).
- Institutional deliveries are most common among mothers with secondary school education (83\%) and among women in the highest wealth quintile (82\%) (Table 3.3).


### 3.3 Postnatal Care

## Postnatal Health Check for Mothers

Safe motherhood programs recommend that women

Figure 3.1 Institutional deliveries by region
Percentage of births delivered in a facility
 receive a postnatal health check within 2 days after delivery. In Liberia, $77 \%$ of mothers had a check in the first 2 days after birth, while $16 \%$ of mothers did not (Table 3.5). Nine percent of mothers received a postnatal health check from a doctor, $61 \%$ from a nurse or midwife, $2 \%$ from a physician assistant, and $6 \%$ from a traditional birth attendant (Table 3.4).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women who delivered in a health facility are much more likely to receive a postnatal health check within 2 days of delivery than those who delivered elsewhere (82\% versus 63\%) (Figure 3.2).
- There are some differences in postnatal care for mothers by region. Mothers are most likely to have a timely postnatal health check in North Western (84\%) and least likely in South Central (71\%) (Table 3.5).


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Figure 3.2 Postnatal care by place of delivery
Percentage of last births in the 2 years before the survey for which women received a postnatal check during the first 2 days after birth


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Table 3.1 Antenatal care
Percent distribution of women age $15-49$ who had a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey, by type of antenatal care (ANC) provider during pregnancy for the most recent birth, and the percentage receiving antenatal care from a skilled provider for the most recent birth, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Antenatal care provider |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage receiving antenatal care from a skilled provider ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor | Nurse/ midwife | Physician assistant | Traditional birth attendant | Community health worker/ outreach | Other/ missing | No ANC | Total |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 11.8 | 86.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 495 |
| 20-34 | 14.4 | 82.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 97.8 | 1,398 |
| 35-49 | 13.5 | 82.2 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 97.0 | 299 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.6 | 77.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 1,242 |
| Rural | 4.7 | 90.7 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 96.6 | 950 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monrovia | 26.7 | 71.5 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 718 |
| North Western | 3.3 | 94.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 98.0 | 168 |
| South Central | 8.7 | 85.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 94.9 | 400 |
| South Eastern A | 1.4 | 88.2 | 6.7 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 96.3 | 141 |
| South Eastern B | 10.4 | 86.1 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 97.9 | 124 |
| North Central | 8.3 | 90.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 642 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 6.9 | 88.2 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 95.9 | 744 |
| Primary | 10.9 | 86.5 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 576 |
| Secondary or higher | 21.3 | 76.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 873 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.5 | 89.0 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 93.8 | 446 |
| Second | 7.8 | 90.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 464 |
| Middle | 11.8 | 85.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 431 |
| Fourth | 17.9 | 79.1 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 98.0 | 451 |
| Highest | 29.3 | 70.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 399 |
| Total | 13.7 | 83.2 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 97.9 | 2,192 |

Note: If more than one source of ANC was mentioned, only the provider with the highest qualifications is considered in this tabulation. ${ }^{1}$ Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse, midwife, and physician assistant.

Table 3.2 Number of antenatal care visits and timing of first visit
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey, by number of antenatal care (ANC) visits for the most recent live birth, and by the timing of the first visit, and among women with ANC, median months pregnant at first visit, according to residence, Liberia MIS 2016

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Number of ANC visits and timing <br> of first visit | Urban |  | Rural | Total

Table 3.3 Place of delivery
Percent distribution of women 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey, by place of the most recent birth, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Health facility |  | Home | Other | Total | Percentage delivered in a health facility | Number of births |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Public sector | Private sector |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 66.9 | 12.0 | 20.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 495 |
| 20-34 | 58.9 | 17.7 | 23.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 76.5 | 1,398 |
| 35-49 | 58.5 | 11.9 | 29.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 70.4 | 299 |
| Antenatal care visits ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | (18.3) | (3.8) | (77.8) | 0.0 | 100.0 | (22.2) | 37 |
| 1-3 | 52.9 | 11.9 | 34.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 64.8 | 344 |
| 4+ | 62.2 | 17.0 | 20.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 79.2 | 1,736 |
| Don't know/missing | 80.7 | 6.3 | 12.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 87.0 | 76 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 56.7 | 23.4 | 19.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 80.1 | 1,242 |
| Rural | 65.8 | 5.5 | 28.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 71.2 | 950 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 43.1 | 34.3 | 22.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 77.4 | 718 |
| North Western | 59.0 | 5.9 | 33.4 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 64.9 | 168 |
| South Central | 51.2 | 12.9 | 35.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 64.2 | 400 |
| South Eastern A | 76.8 | 5.0 | 16.9 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 81.8 | 141 |
| South Eastern B | 72.6 | 6.3 | 20.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 124 |
| North Central | 80.7 | 3.0 | 16.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 83.7 | 642 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 58.5 | 10.0 | 31.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 68.4 | 744 |
| Primary | 67.3 | 9.0 | 22.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 76.3 | 576 |
| Secondary or higher | 58.1 | 24.7 | 16.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 82.9 | 873 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 60.5 | 2.7 | 35.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 63.2 | 446 |
| Second | 74.1 | 6.5 | 19.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 80.6 | 464 |
| Middle | 67.5 | 9.3 | 22.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 76.9 | 431 |
| Fourth | 52.4 | 26.3 | 21.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 78.7 | 451 |
| Highest | 47.0 | 35.3 | 17.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 82.4 | 399 |
| Total | 60.6 | 15.6 | 23.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 76.2 | 2,192 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Includes only the most recent birth in the 5 years preceding the survey

Table 3.4 Type of provider of first postnatal check for the mother
Among women age 15-49 giving birth in the 2 years preceding the survey, percent distribution by type of provider of the mother's first postnatal health check during the 2 days after the most recent live birth, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Type of health provider of mother's first postnatal checkup |  |  |  |  | No postnatal checkup in the first 2 days after birth | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor | Nurse/ midwife | Physician assistant | Traditional birth attendant | Community health worker/ outreach |  |  |  |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 6.6 | 62.0 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 277 |
| 20-34 | 10.0 | 60.4 | 1.6 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 21.7 | 100.0 | 719 |
| 35-49 | 10.3 | 58.2 | 1.6 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 23.8 | 100.0 | 150 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 11.5 | 67.7 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.4 | 100.0 | 870 |
| Elsewhere | 2.2 | 37.8 | 0.0 | 23.1 | 0.4 | 36.6 | 100.0 | 276 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 13.6 | 58.9 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 23.2 | 100.0 | 639 |
| Rural | 3.8 | 62.7 | 2.3 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 22.3 | 100.0 | 507 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 14.8 | 55.7 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 368 |
| North Western | 4.0 | 65.5 | 0.7 | 14.1 | 0.0 | 15.7 | 100.0 | 98 |
| South Central | 5.7 | 50.8 | 2.6 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 28.6 | 100.0 | 208 |
| South Eastern A | 5.9 | 59.4 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 24.3 | 100.0 | 86 |
| South Eastern B | 13.2 | 55.5 | 0.9 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 64 |
| North Central | 6.9 | 72.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 322 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 7.6 | 56.8 | 1.0 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 25.8 | 100.0 | 364 |
| Primary | 5.9 | 61.3 | 2.6 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 23.9 | 100.0 | 336 |
| Secondary or higher | 13.1 | 63.1 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 19.4 | 100.0 | 446 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.2 | 57.7 | 1.8 | 12.7 | 0.0 | 22.6 | 100.0 | 256 |
| Second | 6.4 | 63.5 | 2.5 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 22.7 | 100.0 | 242 |
| Middle | 4.5 | 67.2 | 1.7 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 21.5 | 100.0 | 220 |
| Fourth | 11.3 | 57.3 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 26.2 | 100.0 | 246 |
| Highest | 21.8 | 56.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 20.1 | 100.0 | 181 |
| Total | 9.3 | 60.5 | 1.8 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 22.8 | 100.0 | 1,146 |

Table 3.5 Timing of first postnatal check for the mother
Among women age $15-49$ giving birth in the 2 years preceding the survey, percent distribution of the mother's first postnatal check for the most recent live birth by time after delivery, and percentage of women with a live birth during the 2 years preceding the survey who received a postnatal check in the first 2 days after giving birth, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Time after delivery of mother's first postnatal checkup ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  | No postnatal checkup ${ }^{1}$ | Total | Percentage of women with a postnatal checkup in the first 2 days after birth ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Less than } 4 \\ \text { hours } \end{gathered}$ | 4-23 hours | 1-2 days | 3-6 days | 7-41 days | Don't know/missing |  |  |  |  |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 64.8 | 2.9 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 19.1 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 277 |
| 20-34 | 69.1 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 15.0 | 100.0 | 78.3 | 719 |
| 35-49 | 65.7 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 16.4 | 100.0 | 76.2 | 150 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 71.8 | 4.0 | 5.8 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 11.9 | 100.0 | 81.6 | 870 |
| Elsewhere | 54.5 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 29.5 | 100.0 | 63.4 | 276 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 67.1 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 76.8 | 639 |
| Rural | 68.2 | 3.3 | 6.3 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 77.7 | 507 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 66.4 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 4.0 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 74.8 | 368 |
| North Western | 79.4 | 1.8 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 11.1 | 100.0 | 84.3 | 98 |
| South Central | 58.5 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 21.6 | 100.0 | 71.4 | 208 |
| South Eastern A | 68.3 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 0.6 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 14.5 | 100.0 | 75.7 | 86 |
| South Eastern B | 71.3 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 18.5 | 100.0 | 77.0 | 64 |
| North Central | 70.3 | 3.8 | 8.0 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 82.0 | 322 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 69.0 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 18.4 | 100.0 | 74.2 | 364 |
| Primary | 64.4 | 4.4 | 7.2 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 19.7 | 100.0 | 76.1 | 336 |
| Secondary or higher | 68.9 | 4.4 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 11.6 | 100.0 | 80.6 | 446 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 67.8 | 2.7 | 7.0 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 16.7 | 100.0 | 77.4 | 256 |
| Second | 65.4 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 15.3 | 100.0 | 77.3 | 242 |
| Middle | 68.8 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 15.3 | 100.0 | 78.5 | 220 |
| Fourth | 64.3 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 19.8 | 100.0 | 73.8 | 246 |
| Highest | 73.2 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 5.2 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 79.9 | 181 |
| Total | 67.6 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 16.1 | 100.0 | 77.2 | 1,146 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes women who received a check after 41 days
${ }_{2}$ Includes women who received a check from a doctor,

## Key Findings

- Ownership of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs): More than half ( $62 \%$ ) of the households in Liberia own at least one ITN. One quarter ( $25 \%$ ) of the households in Liberia have at least one ITN for every two people.
- Sources of ITNs: Over 80\% of ITNs owned by households were distributed during mass campaigns, and another 4\% came from antenatal care visits.
- Access to ITNs: Over 4 in 10 people ( $42 \%$ ) have access to an ITN, meaning that they could sleep under an ITN if every ITN in a household were used by two people.
- Use of ITNs: Thirty-nine percent of the household population, $44 \%$ of children under 5 , and $40 \%$ of pregnant women slept under an ITN the night before the survey.
- Intermittent preventive therapy (IPTp): To prevent malaria during pregnancy, $55 \%$ of pregnant women received at least two doses of SP/Fansidar, and 22\% received at least three doses.

This chapter describes the population coverage rates of some of the key malaria control interventions in Liberia, including the ownership and use of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) and intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy (IPTp). Malaria control efforts focus on scaling-up these interventions.

To reduce the prevalence of malaria, the Liberia Malaria Control Strategic Plan 2016-2020 envisions universal coverage of the population with ITNs through routine distribution and periodic mass campaigns.

### 4.1 Ownership of Insecticide-Treated Nets

## Ownership of insecticide-treated nets

Households that have at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN). An ITN is defined as (1) a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (long-lasting insecticidal net, or LLIN) or (2) a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.
Sample: Households

## Full-household ITN coverage

Percentage of households with at least one ITN for every two people.
Sample: Households
When properly used, ITNs protect households and communities from malaria. Their distribution and use are one of the central interventions for preventing malaria infection in Liberia.

The national strategy is to distribute nets across the country and to provide enough for all household residents. This indicator is operationalised as one ITN for every two household members.

The 2016 LMIS revealed that $62 \%$ of households in Liberia own at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN). Only $25 \%$ of households have one net for every two people sleeping in the household the night prior to the survey. Thus, to meet strategic goals, the scope of distribution needs to expand to reach the households who do not own any ITNs. In addition, the quantity of ITNs distributed to each household needs to increase until there is a sufficient number to protect each household resident (Table 4.1). The main reasons given to explain why households do not have enough mosquito nets are that the household did not receive any nets ( $42 \%$ ) and that the nets were damaged (33\%) (Table 4.2).

Additionally, $34 \%$ of households had disposed of at least one net in the 12 months preceding the survey (Table 4.5). Eighty-one percent of households who recently discarded mosquito nets had used them fewer than 2 years; $61 \%$ of these were hard nets (Table 4.6). Tearing was the main reason for disposal of nets (89\%) (Table 4.7).

Trends: The proportion of households with at least one ITN increased from $47 \%$, reported in the 2009 LMIS, to $62 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS (Figure 4.1).

Patterns by background characteristics

- Households in the second to lowest wealth quintile are more likely to own at least one ITN than households in the highest wealth quintile (Figure 4.2).
- Households in South Central region are more likely than those in any other region to have at least one ITN (Figure 4.3).
- Rural households are more likely than urban households to own at least one ITN (Table 4.1)


## Source of nets

Ninety percent of mosquito nets owned by households were free, while $10 \%$ were purchased. The mean cost was 330 Liberian dollars (equivalent to about US\$3.50 at current exchange rates) (Table 4.3). Eighty-one percent of households obtained an ITN through a mass distribution campaign (Figure 4.4).

Figure 4.1 Trends in ITN Ownership
Percentage of households owning at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN)


Figure 4.2 ITN ownership by household wealth

Percentage of households with at least one ITN


Figure 4.3 ITN ownership by region
Percentage of households with at least one ITN


Figure 4.4 Source of ITNs
Percent distribution of ITNs in interviewed households


### 4.2 Indoor Residual Spraying

Vector control interventions: Indoor residual spraying (IRS) in the past 12 months and/or ownership of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs)
Percentage of households in which someone has come into the dwelling to spray the interior walls against mosquitoes (IRS) in the past 12 months Percentage of households with at least one ITN and/or IRS in the past 12 months
Sample: Households

In Liberia, indoor residual spraying (IRS), a component of integrated vector management strategy, is central to malaria prevention. The goal of IRS is to kill mosquitoes when they rest on an interior wall that has been sprayed with insecticide. The IRS program in Liberia began in 2009 with funding from the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI). The programme was implemented in 14 districts in 5 counties (Margibi, Bong, Grand Bassa, Montserrado, and Nimba) across two regions (North Central and South Central). The use of IRS can significantly reduce the mosquito population, thereby leading to rapid reductions in malaria transmission and subsequent morbidity and mortality. Given the limited coverage of the IRS programme, only $1 \%$ of all households in the country had IRS in the 12 months before the survey (Table 4.9).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Rural households are more likely than urban households to have had IRS in the 12 months preceding the survey (Table 4.9).
- South Central region had the highest percentage of households with IRS in the 12 months preceding the survey (4 \%) (Table 4.9).


### 4.3 Household Access and Use of ITNs

## Access to an ITN

Percentage of the population that could sleep under an ITN if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people.
Sample: De facto household population

## Use of ITNs

Percentage of population that slept under an ITN the night before the survey.
Sample: De facto household population

ITNs act as both a physical and a chemical barrier against mosquitoes. By reducing the vector population, ITNs may help to reduce malaria risk for communities as well as for individuals who use them.

Access to an ITN is measured by the proportion of the population that could sleep under an ITN if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people. Comparing ITN access and ITN use indicators can help programmes identify if there is a behavioural gap in which available ITNs are not being used. If the difference between these indicators is substantial, the programme may need to focus on behaviour change and how to identify the main drivers or barriers to ITN use to design an appropriate intervention. This analysis helps ITN programmes determine whether they need to achieve higher ITN coverage, promote ITN use, or both.

Overall, only 42\% of Liberians have access to an ITN (they could sleep under an ITN if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people) (Table 4.10). Thirty-nine percent of the population reported using an ITN the night before the survey (Table 4.11). Comparing these two population-level indicators, it is evident that the proportion of the population using ITNs is similar to the proportion with access to an ITN ( $39 \%$ and $42 \%$, respectively). Thus, there is no major gap between ITN access and ITN use at the population level (Figure 4.5). Seventy-one percent of existing ITNs were used the night preceding the survey (Table 4.12). The major reason why mosquito nets were not used the night before the survey was that the net was not hung up or was stored away (49\%) (Table 4.8).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- ITN utilisation is higher among household populations in rural areas than in urban areas ( $43 \%$ and $37 \%$ respectively). ITN use is highest in household populations in North Central (54\%) and lowest in South Central (29\%) (Table 4.11).
- In households owning at least one ITN, populations were most likely to use an ITN in North Western ( $69 \%$ ) and North Central ( $70 \%$ ) and least likely to use an ITN in South Eastern A (49\%) (Table 4.11).


### 4.4 Use of ITNs by Children and Pregnant Women

Malaria is endemic in Liberia with transmission occurring year-round. Natural immunity to the disease is acquired over time for those living in high transmission areas (Doolan et al. 2009). Children under 5 are prone to severe infection due to a lack of acquired immunity. For about 6 months following birth, antibodies acquired from the mother during pregnancy protect the child. This maternal immunity is
gradually lost when children start to develop their own immunity to malaria. Age is an important factor in determining levels of acquired immunity. Acquired immunity does not prevent infection but rather protects against severe disease and death. The pace at which immunity develops depends on the exposure to malarial infection, and in high malaria-endemic areas, children are thought to attain a high level of immunity by their fifth birthday. Such children may experience episodes of illness but usually do not suffer from severe, life-threatening conditions.

Malaria transmission in Liberia is stable. Adults usually acquire some degree of immunity, but pregnancy suppresses this immunity, so women in their first pregnancies face increased risk for severe malaria. Malaria in pregnancy is frequently associated with the development of anaemia, which interferes with the maternal-foetus exchange and can lead to low-birth-weight infants, placental parasitaemia, foetal death, abortion, stillbirth, and prematurity (Shulman and Dorman 2003).

As stated in the Liberia National Strategic Plan 2016-2020, all children under age 5 and all pregnant women should sleep under an ITN or LLIN every night to prevent complications of malaria.

Overall, $44 \%$ of children under age 5 slept under an ITN the final night before the survey; so did $40 \%$ of pregnant women (Table 4.13 and Table 4.14). In households with at least one ITN, the corresponding numbers were $66 \%$ of children under age 5 and $70 \%$ of pregnant women (Table 4.13 and Table 4.14).

## Trends:

ITN use increased from $26 \%$ to $44 \%$ among children under age 5 and from $33 \%$ to $40 \%$ among pregnant women between the 2009 LMIS and the 2016 LMIS (Figure 4.8).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The proportions of female and male children under age 5 who slept under an ITN the night preceding the survey were identical (44\%)
(Table 4.13).
- ITN use among children under age 5 is highest in North Western and North Central regions (56\% each) and lowest in South Central (31\%) (Table 4.13).
- In households with at least one ITN, use by children under age 5 is highest for children younger than 12 months ( $72 \%$ ) and lowest for children age 36-47 months ( $62 \%$ ).
- Pregnant women in rural areas are more likely than pregnant women in urban areas to use ITNs (45\% and $35 \%$, respectively) (Table 4.14).


### 4.5 Malaria in Pregnancy

## Intermittent preventive treatment (IPTp) during pregnancy (IPTp2+)

Percentage of women who took at least two doses of SP/Fansidar during their last pregnancy with at least one dose received during an antenatal care visit.
Sample: Women age 15-49 with a live birth in the 2 years before the survey
Intermittent preventive treatment (IPTp) during pregnancy (IPTp3+)
Percentage of women who took at least three doses of SP/Fansidar during their last pregnancy with at least one dose received during an antenatal care visit.
Sample: Women age 15-49 with a live birth in the 2 years before the survey

Malaria infection during pregnancy is a major public health problem in Liberia, with substantial risks for the mother, her foetus, and the neonate. Intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy (IPTp) is a full therapeutic course of antimalarial medicine given to pregnant women at routine antenatal care visits to prevent malaria. IPTp helps prevent maternal malaria episodes, maternal and foetal anaemia, placental parasitaemia, low birth weight, and neonatal mortality.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a three-pronged approach for reducing the negative health effects associated with malaria in pregnancy: prompt diagnosis and treatment of confirmed infection, use of long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs), and IPTp (WHO 2004).

Sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (SP), also known as Fansidar, is the recommended drug for IPTp in Liberia. For years now, the Ministry of Health $(\mathrm{MOH})$ has been implementing IPTp, defined as provision of at least two doses of SP/Fansidar during routine antenatal care visits in the second and third trimesters of pregnancy (IPTp2+). The goal is to protect the mother and her child from malaria. The National Malaria Control Programme adopted the 2012 WHO recommendation to administer one dose of SP/Fansidar at each antenatal care (ANC) visit after the first trimester, with at least 1 month between doses (WHO 2012a; WHO 2012b). The household survey indicator used to measure coverage of this intervention is the percentage of women with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey who received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar (IPTp3+).

Eighty-two percent of women with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey received one or more doses of SP/Fansidar with at least one dose received during an ANC visit. Fifty-five percent received two or more doses of SP/Fansidar with at least one dose received during an ANC visit, and $22 \%$ received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar with at least one dose received during an ANC visit (Table 4.15).

Trends: The percentage of women receiving IPTp1+ increased from $55 \%$ in the 2009 LMIS to $82 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS. The proportion of women receiving two or more doses of SP/Fansidar for IPTp has increased from $45 \%$ in the 2009 LMIS to $55 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS. IPTp3+ has doubled from $10 \%$ in the 2009 LMIS to $22 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS (Figure 4.9).

Figure 4.9 Trends in IPTp use by pregnant women
Percentage of women with a live birth in the 2 years before the survey who received at least 1, 2, or 3 doses of SP/Fansidar with at least one during an ANC visit


Patterns by background characteristics

- The use of IPTp3+ was slightly higher among rural woman (25\%) than urban women (20\%) (Table 4.15)
- IPTp3+ ranged from $14 \%$ in Greater Monrovia to $35 \%$ in South Eastern B region. (Table 4.15)

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Table 4.1 Household possession of mosquito nets
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| Background characteristic | Percentage of households with at least one mosquito net |  |  | Average number of nets per household |  |  | Number of households | Percentage of households with at least one net for every two persons who stayed in the household last night ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Number of households with at least one person who stayed in the household last night |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Any mosquito net | Insecticidetreated mosquito net (ITN) ${ }^{2}$ | Long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN) | Any mosquito net | Insecticidetreated mosquito net (ITN) ${ }^{2}$ | Long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN) |  | Any mosquito net | Insecticidetreated mosquito net (ITN) ${ }^{2}$ | Long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN) |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 59.9 | 58.9 | 58.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2,382 | 23.1 | 22.8 | 22.6 | 2,376 |
| Rural | 66.0 | 65.0 | 64.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1,836 | 29.0 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 1,823 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 56.9 | 55.5 | 54.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1,392 | 22.7 | 22.4 | 22.0 | 1,390 |
| North Western | 64.6 | 63.3 | 63.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 424 | 31.1 | 30.5 | 30.4 | 419 |
| South Central | 46.8 | 45.4 | 44.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 761 | 19.2 | 17.7 | 17.7 | 757 |
| South Eastern A | 64.5 | 63.9 | 63.9 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 291 | 28.9 | 28.5 | 28.5 | 290 |
| South Eastern B | 71.5 | 70.3 | 70.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 231 | 30.8 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 228 |
| North Central | 77.0 | 76.9 | 76.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1,119 | 29.9 | 29.8 | 29.8 | 1,115 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 57.0 | 56.7 | 56.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 911 | 25.3 | 25.1 | 25.1 | 905 |
| Second | 71.8 | 70.8 | 70.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 812 | 27.8 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 809 |
| Middle | 66.1 | 65.3 | 65.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 827 | 25.7 | 25.2 | 25.2 | 823 |
| Fourth | 60.8 | 59.7 | 59.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 860 | 23.6 | 23.4 | 23.0 | 859 |
| Highest | 57.6 | 55.7 | 55.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 808 | 26.1 | 25.7 | 25.5 | 804 |
| Total | 62.5 | 61.5 | 61.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 4,218 | 25.7 | 25.2 | 25.1 | 4,200 |

De facto household members
2n insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN) or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.

Table 4.2 Reasons for not having mosquito nets
Among households without mosquito nets, percentage reporting various reasons for not having a mosquito net, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Reason for not owning a net |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of households without mosquito nets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No mosquitos | Not <br> Available | Don't like to use nets | Too expensive | Did not receive | Spoiled | Have window screens | Other |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.5 | 22.2 | 11.6 | 6.2 | 38.8 | 29.7 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 956 |
| Rural | 1.3 | 13.0 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 47.8 | 38.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 625 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 2.2 | 23.9 | 17.0 | 6.6 | 32.5 | 24.9 | 2.7 | 5.8 | 599 |
| North Western | 0.6 | 7.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 67.5 | 24.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 150 |
| South Central | 1.0 | 9.6 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 48.9 | 38.3 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 404 |
| South Eastern A | 2.5 | 30.8 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 32.4 | 29.6 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 104 |
| South Eastern B | 3.3 | 21.2 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 46.0 | 36.9 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 66 |
| North Central | 0.0 | 21.2 | 2.0 | 8.2 | 43.6 | 48.9 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 257 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.3 | 15.4 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 49.8 | 40.7 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 391 |
| Second | 0.7 | 14.5 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 49.7 | 39.2 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 229 |
| Middle | 0.7 | 16.1 | 3.9 | 5.7 | 45.9 | 31.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 280 |
| Fourth | 0.8 | 22.8 | 9.4 | 3.5 | 38.6 | 28.9 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 337 |
| Highest | 3.3 | 22.7 | 21.4 | 5.6 | 29.8 | 25.0 | 3.5 | 6.1 | 343 |
| Total | 1.4 | 18.6 | 7.8 | 4.6 | 42.4 | 33.0 | 1.3 | 3.0 | 1,580 |

Note: Percentages may sum to more than 100.0 because more than one reason can be given.

Table 4.3 Cost of mosquito nets
Percent distribution of mosquito nets by whether obtained free or bought, and among nets that were bought, the mean cost, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | For all nets reported by household |  |  | Total | Number of nets | For nets that were bought |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Bought | Obtained free | Don't know |  |  | Mean cost in Liberian dollars | Number of nets |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 15.0 | 84.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,952 | 347 | 425 |
| Rural | 3.1 | 96.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,277 | 218 | 67 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 20.3 | 79.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,639 | 357 | 322 |
| North Western | 3.9 | 96.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 469 | (253) | 18 |
| South Central | 10.9 | 89.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 682 | 281 | 63 |
| South Eastern A | 3.2 | 96.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 365 | * | 12 |
| South Eastern B | 1.8 | 98.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 385 | (317) | 7 |
| North Central | 4.2 | 95.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,689 | (251) | 70 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.2 | 94.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 953 | (205) | 46 |
| Second | 3.7 | 96.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,141 | (200) | 39 |
| Middle | 6.0 | 94.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,086 | 303 | 64 |
| Fourth | 15.0 | 84.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,009 | 322 | 151 |
| Highest | 19.8 | 80.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,040 | 401 | 192 |
| Total | 9.8 | 90.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,229 | 330 | 492 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that the figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases

| Table 4.4 Source of mosquito nets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent distribution of mosquito nets by where mosquito net was obtained, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mass } \\ \text { distribution } \end{gathered}$ | ANC visit | During a delivery at facility | Government health facility | Private health facility | Shop/ market | Community health worker | Religious institution | Street corner | Neighbour/ friend/ relative | Other | Don't know/ missing | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number of } \\ & \text { nets } \end{aligned}$ |
| Type of net |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ITN ${ }^{1}$ | 81.6 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,134 |
| Other ${ }^{2}$ | 39.6 | 15.2 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 28.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 96 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 75.8 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 11.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,952 |
| Rural | 87.3 | 5.1 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,277 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 70.6 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 14.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,639 |
| North Western | 87.0 | 3.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 469 |
| South Central | 75.6 | 8.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 682 |
| South Eastern A | 83.0 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 365 |
| South Eastern B | 86.9 | 6.3 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 385 |
| North Central | 89.3 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,689 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 87.2 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 953 |
| Second | 85.9 | 4.7 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,141 |
| Middle | 84.8 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,086 |
| Fourth | 74.2 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,009 |
| Highest | 71.8 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 15.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,040 |
| Total | 80.8 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,229 |
| ANC $=$ Antenatal care <br> ${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN) or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4.5 Disposal of mosquito nets

| Percentage of households that disposed of at least one net in the past 12 months, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of households that disposed of at least one net | Number of households |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 32.2 | 2,382 |
| Rural | 35.7 | 1,836 |
| Region |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 31.9 | 1,392 |
| North Western | 36.1 | 424 |
| South Central | 31.7 | 761 |
| South Eastern A | 24.8 | 291 |
| South Eastern B | 44.7 | 231 |
| North Central | 36.4 | 1,119 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 30.8 | 911 |
| Second | 39.2 | 812 |
| Middle | 36.4 | 827 |
| Fourth | 29.5 | 860 |
| Highest | 33.1 | 808 |
| Total | 33.7 | 4,218 |

Table 4.6 Use and type of disposed mosquito nets
Among households that disposed of at least one mosquito net in the past 12 months, percent distribution by duration of use prior to disposal of the most recently disposed net, and percentage of nets disposed by type of net, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Duration of use of mosquito net prior to disposal |  |  |  |  | Number of mosquito nets disposed | Type of mosquito net disposed |  |  |  | Number of mosquito nets disposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than 2 years | 2-4 years | More than 4 years | Don't know | Total |  | Soft | Hard | Don't know | Total |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 85.2 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 766 | 53.1 | 44.7 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 766 |
| Rural | 76.7 | 19.9 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 655 | 71.2 | 28.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 655 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 86.2 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 444 | 49.7 | 47.9 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 444 |
| North Western | 85.5 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 153 | 76.7 | 23.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 153 |
| South Central | 82.8 | 12.7 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 241 | 52.2 | 47.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 241 |
| South Eastern A | 69.8 | 24.0 | 5.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 72 | 48.0 | 50.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 72 |
| South Eastern B | 55.3 | 31.6 | 11.1 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 103 | 62.8 | 36.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 103 |
| North Central | 82.2 | 16.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 407 | 75.9 | 23.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 407 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 76.5 | 19.2 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 281 | 64.4 | 35.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 281 |
| Second | 82.2 | 15.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 318 | 71.0 | 27.9 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 318 |
| Middle | 79.3 | 17.4 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 301 | 66.4 | 33.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 301 |
| Fourth | 84.6 | 9.8 | 1.0 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 253 | 54.3 | 44.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 253 |
| Highest | 84.4 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 268 | 48.1 | 47.6 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 268 |
| Total | 81.3 | 14.1 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 1,421 | 61.4 | 37.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,421 |

Table 4.7 Main reason for disposing of mosquito nets
Among households that disposed of at least one mosquito net in the past 12 months, percent distribution by the main reason for disposal of the most recent net, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Torn | No longer repelled mosquitos | Got a new one | Put in storage/ end of rainy season | Installed screens | Itching/ Skin irritation/ health problems | Can't breathe/ too hot | Toxic chemicals | Other | Missing | Total | Number of mosquito nets disposed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 84.2 | 1.6 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 766 |
| Rural | 94.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 655 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 77.8 | 1.3 | 10.1 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 444 |
| North Western | 96.5 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 153 |
| South Central | 91.0 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 241 |
| South Eastern A | 92.9 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 72 |
| South Eastern B | 87.9 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 103 |
| North Central | 97.3 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 407 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 95.8 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 281 |
| Second | 94.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 318 |
| Middle | 93.8 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 301 |
| Fourth | 79.7 | 2.2 | 8.8 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 253 |
| Highest | 79.1 | 1.3 | 8.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 6.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 268 |
| Total | 89.2 | 1.3 | 4.1 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,421 |

Table 4.8 Reasons for not using mosquito nets
Percentage of mosquito nets not used the night before the survey, and among those nets, reasons given for not using the net, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

|  | Reasons for not using a mosquito net |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Too hot/ difficult to breathe | $\begin{gathered} \text { Size of the } \\ \text { bed } \end{gathered}$ | Not hung up/stored away | Net not in good condition | Material too hard/rough | $\begin{gathered} \text { Child does } \\ \text { not like } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Itching/ skin irritation | Bad for health | Superstition/ witchcraft | Too weak to hang | Chemical smell/toxic | $\begin{gathered} \text { Saving for } \\ \text { later } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | No mosquitos | Usual user(s) did not sleep in household | Other | Don't know | Number of nets not used the night before the survey |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 19.8 | 3.8 | 51.5 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 11.1 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 0.4 | 884 |
| Rural | 6.6 | 0.9 | 44.6 | 9.2 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 22.4 | 6.6 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 606 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 24.4 | 4.7 | 48.7 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 7.9 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 598 |
| North Western | 13.0 | 1.0 | 51.0 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 34.0 | 10.1 | 9.2 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 133 |
| South Central | 9.8 | 1.1 | 56.2 | 8.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 200 |
| South Eastern A | 5.6 | 1.0 | 45.4 | 10.5 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 17.2 | 5.5 | 8.1 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 153 |
| South Eastern B | 4.9 | 1.7 | 54.4 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 13.5 | 4.6 | 9.8 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 153 |
| North Central | 6.2 | 1.4 | 40.3 | 8.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 30.0 | 2.3 | 12.3 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 255 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.7 | 0.4 | 46.5 | 9.1 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 19.0 | 5.9 | 10.7 | 9.4 | 0.0 | 254 |
| Second | 4.5 | 0.2 | 42.5 | 7.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 23.7 | 3.5 | 11.0 | 6.4 | 0.4 | 250 |
| Middle | 9.4 | 2.9 | 48.2 | 7.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 22.9 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 249 |
| Fourth | 24.7 | 2.8 | 50.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 14.5 | 4.9 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 315 |
| Highest | 21.9 | 5.1 | 53.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 5.8 | 3.8 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 0.8 | 424 |
| Total | 14.4 | 2.6 | 48.7 | 6.0 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 15.7 | 4.7 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 1,490 |

${ }^{1}$ Percentage may sum to more than 100 because more than one reason could be given.

## Table 4.9 Indoor residual spraying against mosquitoes

Percentage of households in which someone has come into the dwelling to spray the interior walls against mosquitoes (IRS) in the past 12 months, the percentage of households with at least one ITN and/or IRS in the past 12 months, and the percentage of households with at least one ITN for every two persons and/or IRS in the past 12 months, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Percentage of households with $\mathrm{IRS}^{1}$ in the past 12 months | Percentage of households with at least one ITN² and/or IRS in the past 12 months | Percentage of households with at least one ITN ${ }^{2}$ for every two persons and/or IRS in the past 12 months | Number of households |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.9 | 59.2 | 23.4 | 2,382 |
| Rural | 1.6 | 65.8 | 29.2 | 1,836 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 0.4 | 55.7 | 22.6 | 1,392 |
| North Western | 0.0 | 63.3 | 30.1 | 424 |
| South Central | 4.2 | 47.8 | 20.5 | 761 |
| South Eastern A | 1.0 | 64.0 | 28.8 | 291 |
| South Eastern B | 0.0 | 70.3 | 30.2 | 231 |
| North Central | 0.9 | 77.2 | 30.6 | 1,119 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 56.8 | 25.2 | 911 |
| Second | 3.0 | 72.1 | 28.5 | 812 |
| Middle | 1.2 | 66.0 | 26.1 | 827 |
| Fourth | 1.0 | 60.3 | 24.2 | 860 |
| Highest | 0.6 | 55.9 | 25.8 | 808 |
| Total | 1.2 | 62.1 | 25.9 | 4,218 |

${ }^{1}$ Indoor residual spraying (IRS) is limited to spraying conducted by a government, private, or non-governmental organization
${ }^{2}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN), or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months

Table 4.10 Access to an insecticide-treated net (ITN)
Percent distribution of the de facto household population by number of ITNs the household owns, according to number of persons who stayed in the household the night before the survey, Liberia MIS 2016

| Number of ITNs | Number of persons who stayed in the household the night before the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8+ |  |
| 0 | 49.4 | 44.5 | 45.4 | 35.3 | 36.9 | 28.5 | 36.7 | 33.3 | 35.6 |
| 1 | 39.6 | 35.1 | 29.9 | 34.3 | 27.3 | 20.4 | 18.2 | 14.9 | 22.3 |
| 2 | 6.8 | 14.3 | 16.0 | 19.6 | 17.8 | 27.3 | 19.6 | 14.4 | 17.7 |
| 3 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 6.7 | 9.3 | 13.8 | 19.1 | 20.2 | 24.7 | 17.6 |
| 4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 2.8 |
| 5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| 6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.2 |
| 7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 426 | 957 | 1,739 | 2,150 | 2,901 | 2,871 | 2,370 | 7,727 | 21,141 |
| Percent with access to an ITN ${ }^{1,2}$ | 50.6 | 55.5 | 44.6 | 47.6 | 43.1 | 48.8 | 39.0 | 34.2 | 41.5 |

[^4]Table 4.11 Use of mosquito nets by persons in the household
Percentage of the de facto household population who slept the night before the survey under a mosquito net (treated or untreated), under an insecticide-treated net (ITN), under a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN), and under an ITN or in a dwelling in which the interior walls have been sprayed against mosquitoes (IRS) in the past 12 months; and among the de facto household population in households with at least one ITN, the percentage who slept under an ITN the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Household population |  |  |  |  | Household population in households with at least one ITN ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who slept under any mosquito net last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Percentage who slept under an LLIN last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night or in a dwelling sprayed with $\mathrm{IRS}^{2}$ in the past 12 months | Number of persons | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of persons |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <5 | 44.8 | 43.7 | 43.5 | 44.2 | 3,315 | 65.7 | 2,206 |
| 5-14 | 35.6 | 34.9 | 34.8 | 35.4 | 6,338 | 53.7 | 4,128 |
| 15-34 | 36.4 | 35.7 | 35.6 | 36.5 | 6,538 | 57.2 | 4,085 |
| 35-49 | 46.5 | 45.7 | 45.6 | 46.7 | 2,738 | 73.2 | 1,709 |
| 50+ | 48.5 | 47.6 | 47.6 | 48.4 | 2,187 | 70.4 | 1,479 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 38.6 | 37.9 | 37.8 | 38.6 | 10,308 | 59.0 | 6,622 |
| Female | 41.3 | 40.6 | 40.4 | 41.2 | 10,833 | 62.7 | 7,002 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 37.7 | 36.8 | 36.7 | 37.4 | 12,483 | 58.5 | 7,857 |
| Rural | 43.4 | 42.8 | 42.6 | 43.5 | 8,658 | 64.2 | 5,767 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 33.3 | 32.0 | 31.8 | 32.1 | 7,072 | 53.6 | 4,218 |
| North Western | 46.7 | 46.0 | 45.9 | 46.0 | 1,672 | 69.1 | 1,112 |
| South Central | 30.1 | 28.9 | 28.7 | 31.2 | 3,689 | 59.3 | 1,800 |
| South Eastern A | 32.1 | 32.1 | 32.1 | 32.4 | 1,434 | 49.2 | 935 |
| South Eastern B | 40.3 | 39.9 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 1,258 | 55.3 | 907 |
| North Central | 53.9 | 53.8 | 53.8 | 54.6 | 6,017 | 69.6 | 4,652 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 37.1 | 36.9 | 36.8 | 37.1 | 4,197 | 62.9 | 2,462 |
| Second | 49.4 | 48.8 | 48.6 | 49.8 | 4,201 | 67.8 | 3,026 |
| Middle | 44.5 | 44.0 | 44.0 | 44.9 | 4,220 | 63.3 | 2,938 |
| Fourth | 38.3 | 36.8 | 36.6 | 37.9 | 4,238 | 58.2 | 2,684 |
| Highest | 30.9 | 29.8 | 29.7 | 30.1 | 4,286 | 50.8 | 2,514 |
| Total | 40.0 | 39.3 | 39.1 | 39.9 | 21,141 | 60.9 | 13,625 |

[^5]Table 4.12 Use of existing ITNs
Percentage of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) that were used by anyone the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Percentage of existing ITNs ${ }^{1}$ used last night | Number of ITNs ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 69.5 | 2,895 |
| Rural | 73.5 | 2,239 |
| Region |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 62.3 | 1,593 |
| North Western | 72.0 | 461 |
| South Central | 70.4 | 655 |
| South Eastern A | 58.2 | 363 |
| South Eastern B | 60.7 | 378 |
| North Central | 85.0 | 1,684 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 73.5 | 947 |
| Second | 78.3 | 1,120 |
| Middle | 76.9 | 1,072 |
| Fourth | 68.4 | 983 |
| Highest | 57.9 | 1,011 |
| Total | 71.2 | 5,134 |

${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN) or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.

Table 4.13 Use of mosquito nets by children
Percentage of children under age 5 who, the night before the survey, slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated), under an insecticidetreated net (ITN), under a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN), and under an ITN or in a dwelling in which the interior walls have been sprayed against mosquitoes (IRS) in the past 12 months; and among children under 5 years of age in households with at least one ITN, the percentage who slept under an ITN the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview.
${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN) or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.
${ }^{2}$ Indoor residual spraying (IRS) is limited to spraying conducted by a government, private, or non-governmental organization.

## Table 4.14 Use of mosquito nets by pregnant women

Percentage of pregnant women age 15-49 who, the night before the survey, slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated), under an insecticide-treated net (ITN), under a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN), and under an ITN or in a dwelling in which the interior walls have been sprayed against mosquitoes (IRS) in the past 12 months; and among pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one ITN, the percentage who slept under an ITN the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Among pregnant women age 15-49 in all households |  |  |  |  | Among pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one ITN ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who slept under any mosquito net last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Percentage who slept under an LLIN last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night or in a dwelling sprayed with $\mathrm{IRS}^{2}$ in the past 12 months | Number of pregnant women | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of pregnant women |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 37.1 | 35.4 | 35.4 | 35.4 | 177 | 65.3 | 96 |
| Rural | 50.2 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 127 | 75.8 | 76 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | (32.5) | (29.2) | (29.2) | (29.2) | 91 | * | 45 |
| North Western | (68.6) | (60.4) | (60.4) | (60.4) | 25 | (84.8) | 18 |
| South Central | 32.3 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 26.4 | 70 | (8) | 23 |
| South Eastern A | 33.5 | 33.5 | 33.5 | 33.5 | 28 | (65.2) | 14 |
| South Eastern B | (60.1) | (60.1) | (60.1) | (60.1) | 15 | (69.9) | 13 |
| North Central | (55.3) | (55.3) | (55.3) | (55.3) | 76 | (70.1) | 60 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 36.0 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 123 | 69.5 | 61 |
| Primary | 49.9 | 44.9 | 44.9 | 44.9 | 83 | 68.3 | 54 |
| Secondary or higher | 44.5 | 41.5 | 41.5 | 41.5 | 99 | 72.0 | 57 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 35.8 | 35.8 | 35.8 | 35.8 | 64 | 72.9 | 32 |
| Second | 57.5 | 47.2 | 47.2 | 47.2 | 60 | (81.4) | 35 |
| Middle | 48.8 | 48.8 | 48.8 | 48.8 | 66 | (75.7) | 43 |
| Fourth | (49.4) | (44.5) | (44.5) | (44.5) | 60 | (64.3) | 42 |
| Highest | (17.9) | (17.9) | (17.9) | (17.9) | 53 | * | 21 |
| Total | 42.5 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 304 | 69.9 | 172 |

Note: Table is based on women who stayed in the household the night before the interview. An asterisk indicates that the figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN) or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.
${ }^{2}$ Indoor residual spraying (IRS) is limited to spraying conducted by a government, private, or non-governmental organization.

Table 4.15 Use of intermittent preventive treatment (IPTp) by women during pregnancy
Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey who, during the pregnancy that resulted in the last live birth, received one or more doses of SP/Fansidar, at least one of which was received during an ANC visit, received two or more doses of SP/Fansidar, at least one of which was received during an ANC visit, and received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar, at least one of which was received during an ANC visit, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Percentage who received one or more doses of SP/Fansidar ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who received two or more doses of SP/Fansidar ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 81.8 | 51.6 | 20.1 | 639 |
| Rural | 82.9 | 58.2 | 24.8 | 507 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 76.8 | 47.1 | 13.5 | 368 |
| North Western | 90.3 | 67.8 | 25.9 | 98 |
| South Central | 72.4 | 38.6 | 16.6 | 208 |
| South Eastern A | 86.8 | 60.6 | 29.1 | 86 |
| South Eastern B | 86.4 | 68.4 | 35.4 | 64 |
| North Central | 90.5 | 64.9 | 30.1 | 322 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 76.1 | 47.4 | 21.3 | 364 |
| Primary | 88.4 | 65.1 | 26.4 | 336 |
| Secondary or higher | 82.8 | 52.3 | 19.7 | 446 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 76.8 | 48.7 | 19.2 | 256 |
| Second | 88.0 | 65.5 | 28.8 | 242 |
| Middle | 88.2 | 60.9 | 28.7 | 220 |
| Fourth | 79.2 | 51.9 | 20.3 | 246 |
| Highest | 79.6 | 43.8 | 12.1 | 181 |
| Total | 82.3 | 54.5 | 22.2 | 1,146 |

${ }^{1}$ Received the specified number of doses of SP/Fansidar, at least one of which was received during an ANC visit

# MANAGEMENT OF FEVER, ANAEMIA, AND MALARIA IN CHILDREN 

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## Key Findings

- Fever prevalence: Thirty-eight percent of children under age 5 had fever in the 2 weeks before the survey.
- Care seeking for fever: Advice or treatment was sought for $78 \%$ of children with fever in the 2 weeks before the survey.
- Source of advice or treatment: Among children with recent fever for whom care was sought, $59 \%$ received advice or treatment from the public sector, $34 \%$ from the private sector, and only $8 \%$ elsewhere.
- Testing: Fifty percent of children with a recent fever received a finger or heel prick for testing.
- Type of antimalarial drug used: Among children under age 5 with a recent fever who received an antimalarial, $81 \%$ received artemisinin combination therapy.
- Severe anaemia: Eight percent of children age 6-59 months have a haemoglobin level less than $8 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$.
- Malaria: Forty-five percent of children age 6-59 months tested positive with a rapid diagnostic test for malaria.

Fever management strategies are useful. Specific topics include care seeking for febrile children, diagnostic testing of children with fever, and therapeutic use of antimalarial drugs. Prevalence of anaemia and malaria among children age 6-59 months is also assessed.

Fever management strategies are useful when assessing a child who may have malaria. A key case management objectives of the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) is to ensure that all suspected cases of malaria have access to confirmatory diagnosis and receive effective treatment. Fever is a key symptom of malaria and other acute infections. Prompt and effective diagnosis and treatment will prevent malaria morbidity and mortality.

### 5.1 Prevalence of Fever Among the Household Population and Cost of Treatment

Malaria is a leading cause of death in Liberia. It not only presents Liberian families with a burden of illness and disease but also presents them with a financial challenge. The cost of treatment can be considerable, with payments demanded for medicine and transport to a hospital or clinic. The 2016 LMIS provides basic information about the health care costs for household members. The survey's Household Questionnaire asked six questions of every household member. Had he or she been sick with fever at any time in the past 4 weeks? If so, had any treatment been received? Where did the treatment take place, and how much did it cost? Interviewers also asked if the person had been tested for malaria and, if the answer was 'yes,' did they receive the results.

When interpreting these results, it is important to remember that responses to questions asked in the Household Questionnaire may lack the perspective of the individual with fever, who may or may not have been consulted during the survey interview. Inaccuracies can occur.

In the 4 weeks preceding the survey, $29 \%$ of the household population reported having been sick with fever. Among those with fever, $76 \%$ sought treatment. Of those who sought treatment, only $63 \%$ were tested for malaria. Of those tested, however, $96 \%$ received results (Table 5.1).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Urban residents are less likely to have had a fever in the 4 weeks preceding the survey than rural residents ( $25 \%$ vs. $35 \%$ ). However, those living in urban areas are more likely to seek treatment when they have fever; $80 \%$ of the urban population sought treatment compared with $73 \%$ of the rural population (Table 5.1).
- Thirty-five percent of those with fever who sought treatment went to a government health clinic, $15 \%$ went to a private hospital or clinic, and $14 \%$ went to a medicine store (Table 5.2).
- Overall, half of people with fever who sought treatment received free treatment. Higher percentages of people received free treatment from government-supported facilities, such as government hospitals ( $82 \%$ ), health centres ( $88 \%$ ), and health clinics ( $90 \%$ ) (Table 5.2).
- Among those who paid for treatment of the fever, the mean cost was 885 Liberian dollars (approximately US\$9.50).


### 5.2 Care Seeking for Children with Fever

## Care seeking for children under 5 with fever

Percentage of children under 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought from a health provider, a health facility, or a pharmacy.
Sample: Children under 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey, as reported by the child's mother

Thirty-eight percent of children under age 5 had fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey. Among children under age 5 with fever, advice or treatment was sought for $78 \%$ and timely care seeking (the same or next day following fever onset) occurred for $32 \%$ of the febrile children (Table 5.3).

Among children with recent fever, most received advice or treatment from the public health sector (46\%), with $32 \%$ seeking care from a government health clinic, and $8 \%$ from a government hospital. Only $27 \%$ of children with fever sought advice or treatment from a private sector source (Table 5.4).

Trends: There has been an increase in the proportion of children under 5 with fever for whom advice or treatment is sought, up from $71 \%$ in 2013 to $78 \%$ in 2016. Care seeking from a public (government) source has increased, while seeking health care from private and other sources has decreased. (Figure 5.1).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of children with fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey was higher in rural areas (43\%) than urban areas (34\%) (Table 5.3).
- The prevalence of fever among children is highest in North Western region (53\%) and lowest in Greater Monrovia (31\%) (Table 5.3).
- Monrovia has the highest percentage of children for whom advice or treatment was sought (87\%), while South Eastern A has the lowest (72\%) (Table 5.3).

Figure 5.1 Trends in care seeking for fever in children by source of care

Percent of children under age 5 with fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought ■ 2013 LDHS ■ 2016 LMIS


- The percentage of children under age 5 for whom advice or treatment was sought the same or next day increases with the mother's level of education (Table 5.3).


### 5.3 Diagnostic Testing of Children with Fever

## Diagnosis of malaria in children under 5 with fever

Percentage of children under 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing. This is a proxy measure of diagnostic testing for malaria.
Sample: Children under 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey

The National Malaria Control Programme policy recommends prompt parasitological confirmation by microscopy or, alternatively, by rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) for all patients suspected of malaria before treatment is started. Adherence to this policy cannot be directly measured through household surveys; however, the 2016 LMIS asked interviewed women with children under 5 who had a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey if the child had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing during the illness. This information is used as a proxy measure for adherence to the NMCP policy of conducting diagnostic testing for all suspected malaria cases.

In the 2016 LMIS, only $50 \%$ of children with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey had blood taken from a finger or heel, presumably for malaria testing (Table 5.3).

Trends: The percentage of children who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing increased from $33 \%$ in the 2011 LMIS to $42 \%$ in the 2013 LDHS and to $50 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS. This shows improved adherence to the malaria treatment policy of testing before treatment.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Urban children under 5 with fever are more likely than rural children to have blood taken from a finger or heel for testing ( $55 \%$ versus 45\%) (Table 5.3).
- Sixty-one percent of children under 5 with recent fever in North Western region had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing, compared with only $43 \%$ in North Central region (Figure 5.2).

Figure 5.2 Diagnostic testing of children with fever by region

Percent of children under age 5 with fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing


- The percentage of children under 5 with recent fever who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing was similar for girls and boys (Table 5.3).


### 5.4 Use of Recommended Antimalarials

## Artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT) for children under 5 with fever

Among children under 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey who took any antimalarial drugs, the percentage who took an artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT).
Sample: Children under 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey

Artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT) is the recommended first-line antimalarial drug for the treatment of uncomplicated malaria in Liberia.

According to the results shown in Table 5.5, most children under age 5 with recent fever who received an antimalarial took an ACT (81\%). Less than $1 \%$ of children with fever who received an antimalarial took SP/Fansidar, $2 \%$ took chloroquine, $3 \%$ took amodiaquine, $8 \%$ took quinine pills, $3 \%$ quinine injection/IV, $2 \%$ artesunate rectal, and $2 \%$ took artesunate injection/IV (Table 5.5).

Trends: Among children under age 5 with fever who took any antimalarial, the percentage who took ACT ranges from $70 \%$ in the 2011 LMIS, to $43 \%$ in the 2013 LDHS, to $81 \%$ in the 2016 LMIS. One cause for the apparent drastic decrease in ACT use in 2013 is that colloquial referral to ACTs as amodiaquine made it difficult to distinguish use of the single drug and the combination therapy. The 2016 LMIS made interviewers aware of this distinction and required them to probe when respondents mentioned amodiaquine. (Figure 5.3).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Among children under age 5 with recent fever who took an antimalarial drug, 88 percent of those in rural areas took any ACT, compared with $74 \%$ of those in urban areas (Table 5.5).
- Ninety-three percent of children under 5 with recent fever in the South Eastern A region took any ACT, compared with only $70 \%$ in the Monrovia region (Table 5.5).
- Among children under age 5 with recent fever who took any antimalarial, the proportion who took any ACT decreases as mother's education increases (Table 5.5).


### 5.5 Prevalence of Low Haemoglobin in Children

## Prevalence of low haemoglobin in children

Percentage of children age 6-59 months who had a haemoglobin measurement of less than 8 grams per decilitre ( $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl}$ ) of blood. The cutoff of 8 $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl}$ is often used to classify malaria-related anaemia.
Sample: Children age 6-59 months

Anaemia, defined as a reduced level of haemoglobin in blood, decreases the amount of oxygen reaching the tissues and organs of the body and reduces their capacity to function. Anaemia is associated with impaired motor and cognitive development in children. The main causes of anaemia in children are malaria
and inadequate intake of iron, folate, vitamin B12, or other nutrients. Other causes of anaemia include intestinal worms, haemoglobinopathy, and sickle cell disease. Although anaemia is not specific to malaria, trends in anaemia prevalence can reflect malaria morbidity, and they respond to changes in the coverage of malaria interventions (Korenromp 2004). Malaria interventions have been associated with a $60 \%$ reduction in the risk of anaemia using a cut-off of $8 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ (RBM 2003).

Among eligible children age 6-59 months from interviewed households, almost all (86\%) consented and were tested for anaemia (Table 5.6).

Eight percent of children age 6-59 months have low haemoglobin levels (Table 5.7).
Trends: The national prevalence of haemoglobin $<8 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ among children age 6-59 months has increased from $5 \%$ in 2009 to $8 \%$ in 2011 and 2016.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The prevalence of low haemoglobin in children age 6-59 months is higher in rural than urban areas ( $10 \%$ and $7 \%$, respectively) (Table 5.7).
- North Central region has the highest percentage of children age 6-59 months with low haemoglobin (12\%) and Monrovia region has the lowest (3\%) (Figure 5.4).
- The prevalence of low haemoglobin in children age 6-59 months decreases with increasing wealth quintile, from $13 \%$ among children in the lowest wealth quintile to $1 \%$ among children in the highest (Figure 5.5).

Figure 5.4 Prevalence of low haemoglobin in children by region

Percentage of children age 6-59 months with haemoglobin <8g/dl


Figure 5.5 Low haemoglobin in children by household wealth

Percentage of children age 6-59 months with haemogloblin lower than $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$


### 5.6 Prevalence of Malaria in Children

## Malaria prevalence in children

Percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as infected with malaria according to rapid diagnostic test results.
Sample: Children age 6-59 months

As is the case in many other countries in sub-Saharan Africa, malaria is one of the leading causes of death in Liberia among children under age 5. Malaria transmission is high throughout the year, contributing to development of partial immunity within the first 2 years of life. However, many people, including children, may have malaria parasites in their blood without showing any signs of infection. Such asymptomatic infection not only contributes to further transmission of malaria but also increases the risk of anaemia and other associated morbidity among the infected individuals.

In the 2016 LMIS, rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) were used by survey teams in the field to facilitate treatment of infected children during the survey fieldwork.

Just under half of children age 6-59 months (45\%) were positive for malaria antigens, according to RDT results. (Table 5.8).

Trends: National malaria prevalence has not changed between the 2011 LMIS and the 2016 LMIS However, there was a sharp increase from the 2009 LMIS to the 2011 LMIS (Figure 5.6).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Malaria prevalence ranges from $24 \%$ among children age 9-11 months to $53 \%$ among children age 48-59 months (Table 5.8).
- Malaria prevalence is five times higher among children in the lowest wealth quintile ( $68 \%$ ) compared with children in the highest wealth quintile (14\%) (Figure 5.7).
- Malaria prevalence is more than twice as high in rural areas ( $62 \%$ ) as in urban areas (30\%) (Table 5.8).
- By region, malaria prevalence according to RDT is highest in the South Eastern B region (69\%) and the lowest in the Greater Monrovia region (12\%) (Figure 5.8).

Figure 5.7 Prevalence of malaria in children by household wealth
Percentage of children age 6-59 months who tested positive for malaria by RDT


Figure 5.8 Prevalence of malaria in children by region
Percentage of children age 6-59 months who tested positive for malaria by RDT


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Table 5.1 Prevalence of fever and treatment among household population
 the fever, percent distribution of those who had fever and sought treatment by whether they reported gett 2016
whether they were told the results of the test, according to selected background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Household population with fever in past 4 weeks |  |  |  |  | Household population with fever who sought treatment |  |  |  |  | Household population with fever tested for malaria |  |  |  |  | Household population with fever tested for malaria and told results |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number of people | Yes | No | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number of people with fever | Yes | No | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number of people with fever | Yes | No | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number of people with fever |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 43.0 | 56.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 3,324 | 77.5 | 22.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,430 | 70.4 | 28.6 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,109 | 96.1 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 780 |
| 5-9 | 30.0 | 69.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,327 | 78.9 | 21.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 997 | 62.6 | 36.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 786 | 97.5 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 492 |
| 10-14 | 20.0 | 79.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,002 | 75.7 | 24.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 600 | 59.4 | 39.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 454 | 96.8 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 270 |
| 15-19 | 20.0 | 79.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,049 | 75.0 | 24.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 410 | 61.8 | 36.0 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 308 | 94.4 | 4.5 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 190 |
| 20-29 | 22.8 | 76.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,215 | 74.0 | 25.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 734 | 58.5 | 40.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 544 | 95.7 | 3.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 318 |
| 30-39 | 27.3 | 72.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,464 | 77.5 | 22.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 673 | 66.1 | 31.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 521 | 98.0 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 345 |
| 40-49 | 32.5 | 66.4 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,547 | 73.3 | 26.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 502 | 59.8 | 39.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 368 | 94.1 | 4.2 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 220 |
| 50-59 | 36.8 | 62.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,114 | 78.3 | 21.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 410 | 64.7 | 33.0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 321 | 97.2 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 208 |
| 60+ | 38.0 | 61.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,073 | 73.7 | 26.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 408 | 55.9 | 42.5 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 301 | 96.6 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 168 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 27.5 | 71.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 10,308 | 76.0 | 23.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,839 | 61.5 | 37.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 2,157 | 96.6 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,326 |
| Female | 30.7 | 68.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 10,833 | 76.8 | 22.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,328 | 65.1 | 33.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 2,557 | 96.2 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,665 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.2 | 74.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 12,483 | 79.8 | 19.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,142 | 64.2 | 34.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,507 | 97.4 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,609 |
| Rural | 34.9 | 64.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 8,658 | 72.9 | 27.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,026 | 62.6 | 35.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2,207 | 95.2 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,381 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 22.8 | 76.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 7,072 | 81.4 | 17.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,612 | 59.2 | 39.0 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 1,313 | 96.8 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 778 |
| North Western | 36.9 | 62.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,672 | 83.8 | 16.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 617 | 70.2 | 28.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 517 | 97.8 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 363 |
| South Central | 32.2 | 66.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 3,689 | 62.7 | 37.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,188 | 54.2 | 43.8 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 745 | 92.7 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 403 |
| South Eastern A | 29.7 | 69.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,434 | 72.4 | 27.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 426 | 67.1 | 31.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 309 | 94.5 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 207 |
| South Eastern B | 33.1 | 66.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,258 | 82.8 | 16.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 416 | 80.1 | 18.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 345 | 94.6 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 276 |
| North Central | 31.7 | 67.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 6,017 | 77.9 | 22.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,909 | 64.8 | 34.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,487 | 98.0 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 964 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 33.5 | 66.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,197 | 68.2 | 31.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,404 | 61.8 | 37.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 957 | 96.1 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 591 |
| Second | 33.6 | 65.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 4,201 | 74.9 | 25.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,410 | 65.0 | 33.1 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 1,055 | 97.2 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 686 |
| Middle | 32.3 | 67.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 4,220 | 77.4 | 22.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,362 | 62.5 | 36.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,054 | 94.8 | 5.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 659 |
| Fourth | 24.2 | 75.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,238 | 81.1 | 17.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,025 | 62.8 | 36.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 832 | 96.8 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 522 |
| Highest | 22.6 | 76.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 4,286 | 84.3 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 967 | 65.3 | 32.0 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 816 | 97.3 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 533 |
| Total | 29.2 | 70.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 21,141 | 76.4 | 23.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 6,167 | 63.4 | 35.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 4,714 | 96.4 | 3.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,991 |

[^6]Table 5.2 Cost of treatment for fever


[^7]Table 5.3 Prevalence, diagnosis, and prompt treatment of children with fever
Percentage of children under age 5 with fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey; and among children under age 5 with fever, the percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought the same or next day following the onset of fever, and percentage who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Children under age 5 |  | Children under age 5 with fever |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage with fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey | Number of children | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought the same or next day ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <12 | 40.0 | 590 | 83.7 | 34.5 | 49.4 | 236 |
| 12-23 | 43.3 | 543 | 85.0 | 27.4 | 59.6 | 235 |
| 24-35 | 39.8 | 512 | 73.4 | 31.1 | 46.7 | 203 |
| 36-47 | 39.0 | 529 | 72.6 | 31.8 | 49.3 | 207 |
| 48-59 | 29.7 | 531 | 72.9 | 36.5 | 40.6 | 158 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 39.9 | 1,367 | 76.7 | 31.5 | 49.0 | 545 |
| Female | 36.9 | 1,339 | 79.7 | 32.5 | 50.7 | 494 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 34.1 | 1,447 | 84.8 | 37.5 | 54.8 | 494 |
| Rural | 43.3 | 1,259 | 72.1 | 27.0 | 45.2 | 545 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 31.0 | 815 | 87.0 | 37.0 | 57.5 | 253 |
| North Western | 53.2 | 226 | 80.7 | 31.1 | 61.1 | 120 |
| South Central | 33.6 | 506 | 78.7 | 24.7 | 44.0 | 170 |
| South Eastern A | 37.9 | 172 | 72.4 | 35.2 | 49.1 | 65 |
| South Eastern B | 44.3 | 157 | 74.6 | 40.7 | 51.1 | 70 |
| North Central | 43.6 | 829 | 72.6 | 29.9 | 43.3 | 361 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 38.6 | 997 | 69.9 | 28.5 | 41.0 | 384 |
| Primary | 42.3 | 717 | 77.8 | 30.3 | 51.0 | 303 |
| Secondary or higher | 35.4 | 992 | 87.5 | 37.3 | 58.5 | 351 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 41.2 | 624 | 72.3 | 24.6 | 42.9 | 257 |
| Second | 41.9 | 597 | 72.5 | 32.7 | 44.7 | 250 |
| Middle | 45.3 | 520 | 78.3 | 34.1 | 52.0 | 236 |
| Fourth | 30.5 | 520 | 88.0 | 28.1 | 58.3 | 158 |
| Highest | 30.9 | 444 | 87.7 | 45.4 | 58.5 | 137 |
| Total | 38.4 | 2,705 | 78.2 | 32.0 | 49.8 | 1,039 |

Note: This table is based on children under 5 born to women age 15-49 interviewed in the survey and is not comparable with results in Table 5.1 which is based on the household population and refers to fever in the previous 4 weeks.
${ }^{1}$ Excludes advice or treatment from a traditional practitioner/black bagger

Table 5.4 Source of advice or treatment for children with fever
Percentage of children under age 5 with fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought from specific sources; and among children under age 5 with fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought, the percentage for whom advice or treatment was sough from specific sources, by background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Percentage for whom advice or } \\ \text { treatment was sought from each } \\ \text { source: }\end{array}$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Among children } \\ \text { with fever for }\end{array}$ |  |  |
| whom advice or |  |  |  |$\}$

Table 5.5 Type of antimalarial drugs used
Among children under age 5 with fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey who took any antimalarial medication, percentage who took specific antimalarial drugs, according to background
characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016 Percentage of children who took

| Background characteristic | Percentage of children who took: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children with fever who took any antimalarial drug |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Any ACT | SP/Fansidar | Chloroquine | Amodiaquine | Quinine pills | $\begin{gathered} \text { Quinine } \\ \text { injection/IV } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Artesunate } \\ & \text { rectal } \end{aligned}$ | Artesunate injection/IV | Other antimalarial |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 80.4 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 8.3 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 46 |
| 6-11 | 67.5 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 2.8 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 7.0 | 87 |
| 12-23 | 82.5 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 165 |
| 24-35 | 88.2 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 5.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 132 |
| 36-47 | 83.2 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 5.6 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 7.7 | 139 |
| 48-59 | 78.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 6.4 | 11.3 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 6.0 | 2.3 | 112 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 83.6 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 7.9 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 362 |
| Female | 78.1 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 6.0 | 318 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 74.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 12.6 | 5.8 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 5.6 | 337 |
| Rural | 88.0 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 343 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 70.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 16.6 | 7.3 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 6.2 | 183 |
| North Western | 87.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 3.8 | 80 |
| South Central | 73.9 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 11.0 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 5.2 | 108 |
| South Eastern A | 92.8 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 39 |
| South Eastern B | 90.8 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 39 |
| North Central | 87.5 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 230 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 87.4 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 3.6 | 219 |
| Primary | 85.3 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 211 |
| Secondary or higher | 72.0 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 12.4 | 7.5 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 251 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 86.5 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 157 |
| Second | 88.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 155 |
| Middle | 82.7 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 6.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 153 |
| Fourth | 70.1 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 15.7 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 5.5 | 115 |
| Highest | 71.8 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 15.9 | 7.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 101 |
| Total | 81.1 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 7.5 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 680 |

Table 5.6 Coverage of testing for anaemia and malaria in children
Percentage of eligible children age 6-59 months who were tested for anaemia and for malaria, according to background characteristics (unweighted), Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Anaemia | Malaria with RDT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age in months |  |  |  |
| 6-8 | 81.3 | 81.3 | 155 |
| 9-11 | 98.2 | 98.2 | 167 |
| 12-17 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 355 |
| 18-23 | 96.5 | 96.1 | 259 |
| 24-35 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 597 |
| 36-47 | 97.8 | 98.0 | 687 |
| 48-59 | 63.8 | 63.6 | 1,030 |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Male | 85.5 | 85.5 | 1,628 |
| Female | 86.3 | 86.2 | 1,622 |
| Mother's interview status |  |  |  |
| Interviewed | 84.2 | 84.1 | 2,587 |
| Not interviewed ${ }^{1}$ | 92.8 | 92.6 | 663 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 85.7 | 85.6 | 1,409 |
| Rural | 86.1 | 86.0 | 1,841 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 83.9 | 83.9 | 484 |
| North Western | 87.6 | 87.6 | 482 |
| South Central | 87.2 | 87.2 | 540 |
| South Eastern A | 79.0 | 78.8 | 480 |
| South Eastern B | 88.0 | 88.0 | 599 |
| North Central | 88.3 | 88.1 | 665 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| No education | 84.6 | 84.6 | 1,114 |
| Primary | 84.6 | 84.6 | 748 |
| Secondary or higher | 82.9 | 82.9 | 725 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 86.1 | 85.9 | 1,019 |
| Second | 88.0 | 88.0 | 714 |
| Middle | 85.5 | 85.5 | 743 |
| Fourth | 83.7 | 83.7 | 447 |
| Highest | 85.0 | 85.0 | 327 |
| Total | 85.9 | 85.8 | 3,250 |

RDT = Rapid diagnostic test
${ }^{1}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased
${ }^{2}$ Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the Household Questionnaire

Table 5.7 Haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl in children
Percentage of children age 6-59 months with haemoglobin lower than $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dll}$, by background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age in months |  |  |
| 6-8 | 10.1 | 119 |
| 9-11 | 5.9 | 165 |
| 12-17 | 10.5 | 376 |
| 18-23 | 12.6 | 233 |
| 24-35 | 10.0 | 610 |
| 36-47 | 6.1 | 677 |
| 48-59 | 6.6 | 694 |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 8.9 | 1,476 |
| Female | 7.7 | 1,397 |
| Mother's interview status |  |  |
| Interviewed | 8.3 | 2,222 |
| Not interviewed ${ }^{1}$ | 8.3 | 651 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 6.7 | 1,507 |
| Rural | 10.1 | 1,366 |
| Region |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 3.2 | 811 |
| North Western | 8.2 | 245 |
| South Central | 10.0 | 541 |
| South Eastern A | 8.6 | 152 |
| South Eastern B | 8.5 | 176 |
| North Central | 11.7 | 948 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| No education | 10.0 | 861 |
| Primary | 8.0 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 6.6 | 766 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.7 | 660 |
| Second | 11.2 | 675 |
| Middle | 7.4 | 586 |
| Fourth | 6.6 | 503 |
| Highest | 0.7 | 449 |
| Total | 8.3 | 2,873 |

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Prevalence of anaemia is based on haemoglobin levels and is adjusted for altitude using CDC formulas (CDC, 1998). Haemoglobin is measured in grams per decilitre ( $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{d} \mathrm{l}$ ).
${ }^{1}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased
${ }^{2}$ Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the Household Questionnaire

Table 5.8 Prevalence of malaria in children
Percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as having malaria, by rapid diagnostic test (RDT), according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Malaria prevalence according to RDT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | RDT positive | Number of children tested |
| Age in months |  |  |
| 6-8 | 29.9 | 119 |
| 9-11 | 24.1 | 165 |
| 12-17 | 30.7 | 376 |
| 18-23 | 40.6 | 233 |
| 24-35 | 48.2 | 610 |
| 36-47 | 50.8 | 680 |
| 48-59 | 52.9 | 690 |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 43.8 | 1,476 |
| Female | 46.0 | 1,396 |
| Mother's interview status |  |  |
| Interviewed | 43.2 | 2,222 |
| Not interviewed ${ }^{1}$ | 50.6 | 650 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 29.5 | 1,506 |
| Rural | 61.9 | 1,366 |
| Region |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 12.4 | 811 |
| North Western | 46.1 | 245 |
| South Central | 52.1 | 541 |
| South Eastern A | 58.4 | 152 |
| South Eastern B | 68.8 | 176 |
| North Central | 61.7 | 947 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 68.0 | 659 |
| Second | 61.1 | 675 |
| Middle | 44.1 | 586 |
| Fourth | 21.8 | 503 |
| Highest | 13.6 | 449 |
| Total | 44.9 | 2,872 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased

## Key Findings

- Vaccination: Forty-five percent of children age 12-23 months had received all basic vaccinations at the time of the survey,
- Vaccination coverage has decreased from $55 \%$ in 2013 to $45 \%$ in 2016.

Information on the vaccination status of young children can help policymakers and programme managers assess the efficacy of current strategies and formulate interventions to improve the health of children. The chapter looks first at current vaccination status, then at trends over time, coverage by residence and region, and finally card ownership and availability.

### 6.1 Vaccination of Children

## All basic vaccinations coverage

Percentage of children age 12-23 months who received specific vaccines at any time before the survey (according to a vaccination card or the mother's report). To have received all basic vaccinations, a child must receive at least:

- one dose of BCG vaccine, which protects against tuberculosis
- three doses of DPT-HepB-Hib, which protects against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), and tetanus
- three doses of polio vaccine
- one dose of measles vaccine

Sample: Living children age 12-23 months

Table 6.1 shows vaccination coverage by source of information (card or report) for each vaccination given by the time the child reaches 23 months and 35 months. The totals for each column indicate the percentage of children receiving vaccines on time. Thirty-nine percent of all basic vaccination information for children age 12-23 months was obtained from their vaccination card. Less information, $29 \%$ of all basic vaccination information, was obtained for children age 24-35 from their vaccination cards.

Forty-five percent of children age 12-23 months had received all basic vaccinations at the time of the survey (Table 6.2). Coverage for children 12-23 months was highest for the first doses of DPT (92\%), and polio ( $93 \%$ ) as well as BCG vaccine ( $93 \%$ ), which requires only one dose. Seventy-four percent received measles vaccine, while $69 \%$ received the yellow fever vaccine (Figure 6.1). The difference between the
percentages of children receiving the first and third doses is 24 percentage points for DPT and 31 percentage points for polio for children 12-23 months.

Trends: The proportion of children 12-23 months in Liberia who have received all basic vaccination increased from $39 \%$ in 2007 to $55 \%$ in 2013 and then dropped to $45 \%$ in 2016 . During the same period, the proportion of children who have had no vaccinations declined from $12 \%$ to $2 \%$ and then increased back to 3\% (Figure 6.2).

## Patterns by background characteristics

Figure 6.2 Trends in childhood vaccinations
Percentage of children age 12-23 months who received all basic vaccinations at any time before the survey


- Urban children are more likely to have received all basic vaccinations than rural children (Figure 6.3)
- Vaccination coverage varies across regions. The proportion of children who received all basic vaccinations ranges from a low of $32 \%$ in South Eastern A to a high of $64 \%$ in North Western (Figure 6.4).

Figure 6.3 Vaccination coverage by residence

Percentage of children age 12-23 months who received all basic vaccines at any time before the survey


## Vaccination Card Ownership and Availability

Vaccination cards are an essential tool in ensuring a child receives all recommended vaccinations on schedule. Not all mothers were able to produce their child's vaccination card at the time of the interview; only $60 \%$ of vaccination cards were seen among children 12-23 months and 48\% among children 24 - 35 months (Table 6.3).

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For more information on vaccinations, see the following tables:

- Table 6.1 Vaccinations by source of information
- Table 6.2 Vaccinations by background characteristics
- Table 6.3 Possession and observation of vaccination cards, according to background characteristics

Table 6.1 Vaccinations by source of information
Percentage of children age 12-23 months and children age 24-35 months who received specific vaccines at any time before the survey, by source of information (vaccination card or mother's report), and percentage who received specific vaccines by the appropriate age, Liberia MIS 2016

| Source of information | Children age 12-23 months vaccinated at any time before the survey according to: |  |  |  | Children age 24-35 months vaccinated at any time before the survey according to: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Vaccination card ${ }^{1}$ | Mother's report | Either source | Vaccinated by appropriate $\mathrm{age}^{2,3}$ | Vaccination card ${ }^{1}$ | Mother's report | Either source | Vaccinated by appropriate age ${ }^{2,3}$ |
| BCG | 58.8 | 34.2 | 93.0 | 92.4 | 44.8 | 44.2 | 89.1 | 87.0 |
| DPT-HepB-Hib ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 58.9 | 32.6 | 91.5 | 91.0 | 45.7 | 42.7 | 88.5 | 84.5 |
| 2 | 57.1 | 28.3 | 85.4 | 82.9 | 43.7 | 35.2 | 78.9 | 74.5 |
| 3 | 49.5 | 18.4 | 68.0 | 67.6 | 38.9 | 20.8 | 59.7 | 54.9 |
| Polio ${ }^{5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 (birth dose) | 46.7 | 31.1 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 40.4 | 40.0 | 80.4 | 78.3 |
| 1 | 59.5 | 33.3 | 92.8 | 92.3 | 47.5 | 42.8 | 90.3 | 87.0 |
| 2 | 57.7 | 23.6 | 81.3 | 80.0 | 45.0 | 31.1 | 76.1 | 73.0 |
| 3 | 51.7 | 10.3 | 62.0 | 60.7 | 41.1 | 10.6 | 51.6 | 48.8 |
| Pneumococcal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 56.4 | 31.4 | 87.8 | 87.3 | 39.6 | 41.4 | 81.0 | 77.7 |
| 2 | 53.2 | 26.0 | 79.2 | 77.7 | 36.6 | 33.8 | 70.4 | 68.0 |
| 3 | 48.2 | 16.8 | 65.0 | 62.3 | 32.7 | 20.5 | 53.3 | 49.1 |
| Rotavirus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 16.4 | 17.2 | 33.6 | 30.3 | 6.1 | 22.6 | 28.7 | 24.0 |
| 2 | 9.4 | 10.4 | 19.8 | 18.4 | 3.1 | 13.4 | 16.5 | 10.9 |
| 3 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 11.2 | 9.2 | 2.3 | 9.7 | 12.0 | 8.0 |
| Measles |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 45.0 | 28.8 | 73.7 | 67.1 | 35.3 | 38.5 | 73.7 | 60.1 |
| Yellow fever | 42.7 | 26.4 | 69.1 | 63.2 | 33.1 | 35.9 | 69.0 | 58.4 |
| All basic vaccinations ${ }^{6}$ All age-appropriate vaccinations ${ }^{7}$ | 39.0 | 6.4 | 45.4 | 42.4 | 29.4 | 5.3 | 34.8 | 28.3 |
|  | 4.1 | 1.9 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 4.2 | 2.0 |
| No vaccinations Number of children | 0.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 | na | 0.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | na |
|  | 327 | 217 | 543 | 543 | 247 | 264 | 512 | 512 |

na $=$ Not applicable
BCG = Bacille Calmette-Guérin
DPT = Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus
HepB $=$ Hepatitis B
Hib = Haemophilus influenzae type b
${ }^{1}$ Vaccination card, booklet, or other home-based record
${ }^{2}$ Received by age 12 months
${ }^{3}$ For children whose vaccination information is based on the mother's report, date of vaccination is not collected. The proportions of vaccinations given during the first and second years of life are assumed to be the same as for children with a written record of vaccination.
${ }^{4}$ DPT-HepB-Hib is sometimes referred to as pentavalent.
${ }^{5}$ Polio 0 is the polio vaccine given at birth.
${ }^{6}$ BCG, three doses of DPT-HepB-Hib, three doses of oral polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth), and one dose of measles vaccine
7 For children 12-23 months and children 24-35 months: BCG, three doses of DPT-HepB-Hib, four doses of oral polio vaccine, three doses of pneumococcal vaccine, three doses of rotavirus vaccine, one dose of measles vaccine, and one dose of yellow fever vaccine
Table 6.2 Vaccinations by background characteristics
 percentage with all age appropriate vaccinations, by background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | BCG | Children age 12-23 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Children age 2435 months: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | DPT-HepB-Hib ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Polio ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  | Pneumococcal |  |  | Rotavirus |  |  | Measles | Yellow fever | All basic vaccinations ${ }^{3}$ | All age appropriate vaccinations ${ }^{4}$ | No vaccinations | Number of children | All age appropriate vaccinations ${ }^{4}$ | Numberofchildren |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | $0 \text { (birth }$ dose) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 92.4 | 91.9 | 85.2 | 66.7 | 77.3 | 92.3 | 82.4 | 63.6 | 85.9 | 77.7 | 63.4 | 36.1 | 19.9 | 8.1 | 72.7 | 67.6 | 45.0 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 282 | 3.5 | 264 |
| Female | 93.6 | 91.1 | 85.5 | 69.4 | 78.2 | 93.4 | 80.1 | 60.2 | 89.9 | 80.8 | 66.7 | 30.9 | 19.7 | 14.5 | 74.8 | 70.7 | 45.8 | 6.5 | 2.4 | 261 | 4.9 | 248 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 95.6 | 93.8 | 88.1 | 70.4 | 78.5 | 94.1 | 81.3 | 64.6 | 89.0 | 80.8 | 64.9 | 34.9 | 19.7 | 12.1 | 79.3 | 74.0 | 49.5 | 7.4 | 1.6 | 307 | 4.5 | 276 |
| Rural | 89.6 | 88.6 | 81.8 | 64.8 | 76.7 | 91.1 | 81.3 | 58.5 | 86.2 | 77.1 | 65.1 | 31.8 | 20.0 | 10.1 | 66.5 | 62.7 | 40.0 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 236 | 3.8 | 235 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 95.7 | 93.4 | 86.3 | 70.9 | 84.4 | 94.3 | 81.9 | 69.4 | 88.6 | 81.3 | 68.1 | 31.9 | 20.3 | 11.9 | 81.8 | 76.7 | 55.1 | 10.3 | 2.6 | 169 | 3.8 | 153 |
| North Western | 95.7 | 94.8 | 88.1 | 82.9 | 82.4 | 94.5 | 91.1 | 75.9 | 94.8 | 89.3 | 85.4 | 47.7 | 35.2 | 19.4 | 82.2 | 82.2 | 63.8 | 16.9 | 2.2 | 48 | 13.2 | 42 |
| South Central | 87.3 | 85.8 | 78.5 | 61.2 | 73.2 | 87.9 | 68.7 | 60.2 | 81.4 | 70.8 | 61.3 | 30.9 | 18.7 | 9.5 | 69.5 | 59.5 | 38.7 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 96 | 2.9 | 86 |
| South Eastern A | 85.2 | 81.6 | 74.2 | 50.1 | 73.0 | 79.4 | 70.0 | 48.0 | 73.9 | 64.1 | 49.4 | 26.0 | 16.2 | 8.6 | 69.3 | 67.8 | 32.0 | 1.8 | 11.0 | 35 | 4.2 | 25 |
| South Eastern B | 92.0 | 96.1 | 88.2 | 67.2 | 80.0 | 97.6 | 82.9 | 64.2 | 94.8 | 85.8 | 62.4 | 39.7 | 19.3 | 9.6 | 64.3 | 62.9 | 39.0 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 31 | 7.2 | 26 |
| North Central | 94.6 | 93.2 | 89.5 | 68.5 | 72.8 | 95.6 | 87.3 | 53.9 | 90.4 | 80.9 | 61.8 | 33.2 | 16.4 | 10.0 | 68.3 | 64.6 | 38.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 164 | 2.6 | 179 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 91.9 | 85.1 | 76.9 | 59.2 | 70.3 | 89.1 | 74.3 | 56.5 | 82.8 | 72.4 | 55.1 | 30.4 | 17.2 | 8.8 | 65.5 | 61.0 | 34.6 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 169 | 5.0 | 182 |
| Primary | 91.6 | 89.9 | 84.1 | 65.8 | 77.0 | 92.7 | 82.0 | 64.4 | 85.4 | 77.4 | 66.0 | 32.6 | 15.3 | 8.3 | 74.6 | 68.7 | 47.1 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 164 | 4.3 | 148 |
| Secondary or higher | 94.6 | 97.7 | 92.6 | 74.9 | 83.9 | 95.6 | 85.3 | 62.7 | 93.1 | 84.9 | 70.0 | 38.8 | 26.7 | 15.9 | 78.2 | 74.4 | 50.2 | 9.4 | 2.2 | 195 | 3.2 | 157 |
| More than secondary |  | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 15 | * | 25 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 85.5 | 84.0 | 74.3 | 59.1 | 71.6 | 86.4 | 71.7 | 53.6 | 81.8 | 73.2 | 56.9 | 28.1 | 14.9 | 7.8 | 63.2 | 57.5 | 34.7 | 3.2 | 6.0 | 138 | 3.7 | 117 |
| Second | 96.3 | 94.1 | 90.3 | 70.3 | 73.9 | 94.3 | 85.5 | 64.2 | 91.9 | 79.8 | 67.1 | 42.0 | 24.2 | 13.6 | 75.0 | 69.8 | 44.7 | 3.4 | 1.8 | 114 | 1.7 | 116 |
| Middle | 95.1 | 95.7 | 90.4 | 71.6 | 77.8 | 95.9 | 86.5 | 65.9 | 89.5 | 79.8 | 70.0 | 31.5 | 14.4 | 6.8 | 75.0 | 71.4 | 49.3 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 94 | 6.6 | 99 |
| Fourth | 93.7 | 97.2 | 92.2 | 65.3 | 78.4 | 93.0 | 79.8 | 58.0 | 89.5 | 79.1 | 56.8 | 38.3 | 26.3 | 11.2 | 75.1 | 71.6 | 39.4 | 5.6 | 2.4 | 111 | 4.4 | 87 |
| Highest | 97.4 | 88.2 | 82.3 | 78.5 | 91.8 | 97.4 | 87.3 | 73.2 | 87.9 | 87.1 | 80.2 | 27.5 | 19.6 | 18.3 | 85.8 | 80.9 | 66.6 | 14.9 | 2.6 | 87 | 5.2 | 92 |
| Total | 93.0 | 91.5 | 85.4 | 68.0 | 77.7 | 92.8 | 81.3 | 62.0 | 87.8 | 79.2 | 65.0 | 33.6 | 19.8 | 11.2 | 73.7 | 69.1 | 45.4 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 543 | 4.2 | 512 |


 25 unweighted cases and has been supressed.
${ }^{1}$ DPT-HepB-Hib is sometimes referred to as pentavalent.
${ }^{2}$ Polio 0 is the polio vaccination given at birth.
 one dose of yellow fever vaccine

Table 6.3 Possession and observation of vaccination cards, according to background characteristics
Percentage of children age 12-23 months and children age 24-35 months who ever had a vaccination card, and percentage with a vaccination card seen, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Children age 12-23 months |  |  | Children age 24-35 months |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who ever had a vaccination card ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with a vaccination card seen ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children | Percentage who ever had a vaccination card ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with a vaccination card seen ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 89.8 | 59.3 | 282 | 92.3 | 45.0 | 264 |
| Female | 91.3 | 61.0 | 261 | 87.9 | 51.8 | 248 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 91.2 | 58.2 | 307 | 93.0 | 43.4 | 276 |
| Rural | 89.7 | 62.6 | 236 | 86.8 | 54.1 | 235 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 89.3 | 51.1 | 169 | 94.4 | 41.3 | 153 |
| North Western | 93.0 | 67.1 | 48 | 86.4 | 61.6 | 42 |
| South Central | 88.1 | 60.6 | 96 | 86.5 | 47.0 | 86 |
| South Eastern A | 82.1 | 49.5 | 35 | 80.4 | 35.8 | 25 |
| South Eastern B | 97.5 | 66.7 | 31 | 93.2 | 53.6 | 26 |
| North Central | 93.1 | 68.2 | 164 | 90.1 | 52.8 | 179 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 86.1 | 55.6 | 169 | 84.0 | 51.6 | 182 |
| Primary | 91.4 | 64.6 | 164 | 90.6 | 51.3 | 148 |
| Secondary or higher | 92.9 | 60.4 | 195 | 95.3 | 42.2 | 157 |
| More than secondary | * | * | 15 | * | * | 25 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 84.3 | 54.0 | 138 | 83.4 | 43.8 | 117 |
| Second | 93.9 | 75.0 | 114 | 92.2 | 59.3 | 116 |
| Middle | 96.5 | 68.7 | 94 | 87.1 | 51.2 | 99 |
| Fourth | 90.4 | 44.4 | 111 | 95.2 | 46.4 | 87 |
| Highest | 89.8 | 61.2 | 87 | 94.5 | 38.9 | 92 |
| Total | 90.5 | 60.2 | 543 | 90.2 | 48.3 | 512 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that the figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Vaccination card, booklet, or other home-based record

## MALARIA KNOWLEDGE AND MESSAGING

## Key Findings

- Knowledge and perceptions of malaria prevention:

Almost all women have heard of malaria ( $99 \%$ ). Among women who have heard of malaria, $95 \%$ know that the illness can be avoided, and $90 \%$ know that mosquitos transmit the virus from person to person.

- Knowledge and perceptions of malaria treatment: Among women who have heard of malaria and know that it can be avoided, almost half (49\%) perceive that people do not take actions to prevent themselves from getting malaria because they don't take malaria seriously or perceive that there is no risk.
- Knowledge and perception of malaria in pregnancy: Among women who know SP/Fansidar is used to prevent malaria in pregnant women, $45 \%$ perceive that pregnant women do not use SP/Fansidar because they are worried about the side effects.
- Malaria messages: Only $58 \%$ of women have seen or heard a message about malaria in the past few months. Sources of the malaria messages include radio ( $66 \%$ ) and community health worker/traditional birth attendant/health promoters ( $62 \%$ ).

Behaviour change communication ( BCC ) and information, education, and communication (IEC) programmes are essential to effective control, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of malaria. Effective communication not only promotes positive action to prevent and control malaria but also identifies community needs and guides their informed choices, which eventually improve health conditions.

This chapter assesses the extent to which malaria communication messages reach women age 15-49 and the channels through which women receive these messages. The data highlight women's basic knowledge of causes, symptoms, treatment, and prevention. Trends over time can be used to assess the success of behaviour change programs.

### 7.1 Knowledge and Perceptions of Malaria Prevention

Knowledge is an important influence in the adoption of recommended malaria prevention behaviours. During the 2016 LMIS, women age 15-49 were asked if they had heard of malaria. Those who had heard of malaria were then asked the signs and symptoms, who is most likely to get the parasite, and what the specific causes of illness are.

Nearly all women in Liberia ( $99 \%$ ) have heard of malaria. Among these women, some of the specific signs and symptoms they report include fever ( $67 \%$ ), chills ( $58 \%$ ), weakness ( $47 \%$ ), vomiting ( $32 \%$ ), and headache ( $31 \%$ ) (Table 7.1). The majority ( $84 \%$ ) say that children are most likely to be infected, and elderly are the least likely ( $11 \%$ ) (Table 7.2). When asked to give specific causes of malaria, $90 \%$ cited mosquitoes as a cause, and $43 \%$ cited dirty surroundings (Table 7.3).

Ninety-five percent of women who have heard of malaria say there are ways to avoid malaria. Of those women, $88 \%$ cited sleeping under a mosquito net as a way to avoid getting malaria, and $19 \%$ each cited using mosquito coils and insecticide spray (Table 7.4). However, women also listed less effective and even ineffective prevention methods such as keeping surroundings clean (52\%) and cutting the grass (12\%).

Women were also asked why they thought people did not take action to prevent themselves from getting malaria. The main perceived reason is that they do not take the risk of malaria seriously, or they think it does not pose a risk ( $49 \%$ ). Eighteen percent of women think that people do not take preventive action because it would cost too much, and one in four women ( $26 \%$ ) don't know why people do not take action to prevent malaria (Table 7.5).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- More rural women (71\%) cited fever as a specific sign and symptom of malaria than urban woman (64\%) (Table 7.1)
- The percentage of women who cited children as the group most affected by malaria ranges from 76\% in South Central to $94 \%$ in North Central (Table 7.2).
- Women with secondary education (98\%) are slightly more likely to know that there are ways to avoid malaria compared with women with no education (92\%) (Table 7.4).


### 7.2 Knowledge and Perceptions of Malaria Treatment

Although the importance of messages about malaria prevention and treatment is documented in the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) communication strategy, sleeping under ITNs remains the focus of messaging about malaria prevention. Increasing awareness of the importance of a definitive diagnosis of malaria and the use of recommended ACTs as first-line treatment for malaria are also key messages.

Almost all women who have heard of malaria (99\%) state that malaria is treatable. When asked what medicines are mainly used to treat malaria, the recommended antimalarial ACT was cited the most often ( $81 \%$ ), followed by quinine ( $26 \%$ ), and aspirin, panadol, and paracetamol ( $22 \%$ ) (Table 7.6). When asked why they think people do not seek prompt treatment for malaria, women were most likely to say that treatment costs too much ( $33 \%$ ). Other common perceived reasons people do not seek prompt treatment include going to a drug store ( $21 \%$ ), thinking they can treat themselves at home ( $17 \%$ ), being too weak or too sick to go for treatment (17\%), and distance or lack of access to a health centre (17\%) (Table 7.7).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Among women who know malaria can be treated, $88 \%$ of women in rural areas cite ACTs as a drug for malaria treatment compared with $78 \%$ of urban women (Table 7.6).
- Forty-five percent of women in the highest wealth quintile perceive that people do not seek prompt treatment because it costs too much, but only $20 \%$ of the women in the lowest wealth quintile give that as a reason (Table 7.7).
- Thirty-seven percent of women in the lowest wealth quintile perceive that people do not seek prompt treatment because there is 'no access/distance to health centre,' while only $6 \%$ of women in the highest wealth quintile agree (Table 7.7).


### 7.3 Knowledge and Perceptions of Malaria in Pregnancy

Intermittent preventive treatment of malaria during pregnancy (IPTp) with more than two doses of $\mathrm{SP} /$ Fansidar is a major tenet of the malaria in pregnancy policy in Liberia. IPTp uptake is promoted at the community level through comprehensive community health education materials that promote antenatal
care (ANC) attendance and the importance of prevention of malaria during pregnancy, as well as nationwide radio campaigns and printing of posters about malaria in pregnancy

Survey data show that among women who have heard of malaria, only $56 \%$ have heard of SP/Fansidar. Among those who have heard of SP/Fansidar, $55 \%$ said that it is used to prevent malaria during pregnancy, while $39 \%$ said that it is used to treat malaria (Table 7.8). When women who know $\mathrm{SP} /$ Fansidar is used to prevent malaria in pregnancy were asked why they think pregnant women don't take any or enough $\mathrm{SP} /$ Fansidar during pregnancy, the most common reason given was that pregnant women are worried about the side effects (45\%) (Table 7.9).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Awareness of SP/Fansidar does not vary much by residence, education, or wealth of the woman; however, it varies by region from $45 \%$ of women in South Eastern B to $63 \%$ of those in South Eastern A and North Central regions (Table 7.8).
- Among women who know SP/Fansidar is used to prevent malaria in pregnant women, women with at least some secondary education are more likely to perceive that pregnant women do not use $\mathrm{SP} /$ /Fansidar because they are worried about the side effects (51\%) than women with no education (36\%) (Table 7.9).


### 7.4 Malaria Messages

The current BCC strategy in Liberia focuses on the dissemination of malaria-related messaging through mass media, interpersonal communication, and community engagement activities. The purpose of these messages is to help ensure that children under age 5 receive a diagnostic test and, if positive, effective ACT treatment within 24 hours; that pregnant women receive IPTp at every ANC visit after the first trimester; and that community members are aware of the benefits of insecticide-treated bed nets and are using them to prevent malaria.

Fifty-eight percent of women interviewed in the survey reported that they had seen or heard a message about malaria in the few months before the survey. Among women who saw or heard a malaria message, the most common messages are those about bed nets, such as 'use your mosquito net' $(98 \%)$, 'everywhere, every night, sleep under the net' $(96 \%)$, and 'hang up, keep up' ( $57 \%$ ). Other messages were also reported by large majorities of women who had been exposed to a malaria message, that is, 'if you have fever, go to the health facility' ( $93 \%$ ) and 'pregnant women should take drugs to prevent malaria' ( $91 \%$ ) (Table 7.10). The most common sources where the malaria messages were seen or heard include radio ( $66 \%$ ) and community health worker/traditional birth attendant/health promoters (62\%) (Table 7.11).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Rural women are much more likely than urban women to have seen or heard a message about malaria in the few months before the survey ( $72 \%$ versus $51 \%$ ) (Table 7.10).
- The proportion of women who saw or heard a malaria message decreases as education and wealth quintile increase. It ranges from only $39 \%$ of women in South Eastern A region to $78 \%$ of those in North Western region (Table 7.10).
- Among those who were exposed to malaria messages, urban women are more likely to have seen or heard malaria messages through radio ( $75 \%$ versus $54 \%$ ) and television ( $43 \%$ versus $0 \%$ ) than rural women (Table 7.11).
- Women with no education are more likely to have seen or heard malaria messages through community health worker/traditional birth attendant/health promoters than women with secondary or higher education ( $67 \%$ versus 59\%) (Table 7.11).


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[^8]Table 7.2 Knowledge of groups most affected by malaria
Among women age 15-49 who have heard of malaria, percentage who cite specific groups of people as most likely to get malaria, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Children | Pregnant women | Adults | Elderly | Everyone | Does not know | Number of women who have heard of malaria |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 80.0 | 18.4 | 12.0 | 10.1 | 16.5 | 5.9 | 892 |
| 20-24 | 82.2 | 24.9 | 11.6 | 12.2 | 14.5 | 4.8 | 838 |
| 25-29 | 83.8 | 28.1 | 13.8 | 11.4 | 15.9 | 3.5 | 704 |
| 30-34 | 87.4 | 28.2 | 13.6 | 9.4 | 13.5 | 2.8 | 675 |
| 35-39 | 88.1 | 26.2 | 12.7 | 10.4 | 11.5 | 2.0 | 501 |
| 40-44 | 86.6 | 25.6 | 12.6 | 10.4 | 12.2 | 3.0 | 351 |
| 45-49 | 81.5 | 22.6 | 16.3 | 15.4 | 20.4 | 2.9 | 284 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 83.4 | 22.2 | 13.7 | 11.3 | 14.8 | 3.9 | 2,722 |
| Rural | 84.7 | 28.9 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 15.0 | 3.9 | 1,523 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 80.9 | 21.5 | 16.9 | 12.5 | 16.7 | 4.9 | 1,657 |
| North Western | 91.3 | 38.0 | 15.8 | 9.1 | 35.6 | 2.4 | 277 |
| South Central | 75.5 | 20.2 | 11.5 | 9.2 | 18.7 | 3.0 | 719 |
| South Eastern A | 77.5 | 21.3 | 9.1 | 5.9 | 20.0 | 4.2 | 262 |
| South Eastern B | 81.6 | 22.3 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 13.6 | 5.7 | 225 |
| North Central | 93.8 | 30.1 | 9.1 | 12.3 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 1,105 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 82.4 | 25.2 | 10.2 | 11.1 | 15.5 | 4.3 | 1,314 |
| Primary | 84.5 | 24.6 | 11.8 | 10.2 | 13.1 | 5.6 | 1,054 |
| Secondary or higher | 84.5 | 24.2 | 15.4 | 11.5 | 15.4 | 2.7 | 1,877 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 84.8 | 23.8 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 11.5 | 3.9 | 683 |
| Second | 88.1 | 31.6 | 9.9 | 13.3 | 10.3 | 4.1 | 745 |
| Middle | 85.2 | 25.5 | 12.9 | 8.7 | 19.0 | 2.6 | 813 |
| Fourth | 80.4 | 22.2 | 14.7 | 9.2 | 16.9 | 5.2 | 953 |
| Highest | 82.2 | 21.6 | 15.4 | 14.0 | 15.2 | 3.6 | 1,051 |
| Total | 83.8 | 24.6 | 12.9 | 11.0 | 14.9 | 3.9 | 4,246 |

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed

Table 7.3 Knowledge of causes of malaria
Among women age 15-49 who have heard of malaria, percentage who cite specific causes of malaria, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Mosquitoes | Dirty water | Dirty surroundings | Beer | Certain foods | Plasmodium parasite | Other ${ }^{1}$ | Does not know any | Number of women who have heard of malaria |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 85.3 | 23.6 | 36.6 | 0.5 | 9.6 | 1.6 | 10.8 | 4.1 | 892 |
| 20-24 | 91.6 | 25.5 | 42.8 | 0.6 | 9.1 | 0.8 | 8.4 | 3.5 | 838 |
| 25-29 | 91.1 | 29.1 | 45.7 | 0.5 | 7.6 | 1.7 | 9.6 | 3.1 | 704 |
| 30-34 | 90.2 | 29.2 | 44.0 | 1.2 | 7.6 | 1.5 | 6.4 | 3.1 | 675 |
| 35-39 | 90.4 | 28.9 | 47.2 | 0.6 | 5.7 | 1.0 | 7.3 | 3.8 | 501 |
| 40-44 | 90.9 | 31.2 | 45.8 | 0.7 | 8.8 | 2.1 | 7.1 | 2.8 | 351 |
| 45-49 | 92.6 | 33.2 | 45.1 | 0.4 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 3.6 | 284 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 91.4 | 27.1 | 46.3 | 0.8 | 7.8 | 1.7 | 7.2 | 2.6 | 2,722 |
| Rural | 87.2 | 28.7 | 37.3 | 0.4 | 8.7 | 1.0 | 10.5 | 5.0 | 1,523 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 89.9 | 31.0 | 49.1 | 0.7 | 8.5 | 1.7 | 7.6 | 3.2 | 1,657 |
| North Western | 91.2 | 49.2 | 61.6 | 0.8 | 16.0 | 0.4 | 10.3 | 2.5 | 277 |
| South Central | 87.2 | 23.7 | 32.7 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 8.2 | 6.0 | 719 |
| South Eastern A | 90.5 | 31.2 | 43.6 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 262 |
| South Eastern B | 84.6 | 22.3 | 44.5 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 1.1 | 13.1 | 5.8 | 225 |
| North Central | 92.1 | 20.2 | 35.8 | 1.1 | 9.4 | 1.3 | 9.2 | 2.2 | 1,105 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 86.5 | 28.4 | 37.6 | 0.4 | 8.2 | 1.1 | 8.8 | 6.0 | 1,314 |
| Primary | 87.7 | 27.2 | 38.9 | 0.3 | 9.9 | 0.5 | 10.4 | 4.3 | 1,054 |
| Secondary or higher | 93.4 | 27.5 | 49.3 | 1.0 | 7.1 | 2.2 | 7.0 | 1.2 | 1,877 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 84.2 | 25.1 | 30.9 | 0.7 | 7.7 | 0.9 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 683 |
| Second | 91.8 | 25.6 | 38.7 | 0.6 | 8.6 | 1.1 | 11.5 | 2.7 | 745 |
| Middle | 90.8 | 28.1 | 44.3 | 0.3 | 8.0 | 1.4 | 8.9 | 1.8 | 813 |
| Fourth | 88.5 | 28.5 | 45.5 | 0.5 | 8.2 | 1.0 | 8.7 | 4.2 | 953 |
| Highest | 92.6 | 29.8 | 50.9 | 1.1 | 8.1 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 1.8 | 1,051 |
| Total | 89.9 | 27.7 | 43.1 | 0.6 | 8.1 | 1.5 | 8.4 | 3.5 | 4,246 |

[^9]Table 7.4 Knowledge of ways to avoid malaria
Among women age $15-49$ who have heard of malaria, percentage who say there are ways to avoid getting malaria, and among those, percentage who cite specific ways to avoid malaria, according to background
, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Women who have heard of malaria |  | Among women who have heard of malaria and who say there are ways to avoid getting malaria, percentage who cite specific ways to avoid malaria |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who say there are ways to avoid malaria | Number of women who have heard of malaria | Sleep under mosquito net | Use mosquito coils | Use insecticide spray | Keep doors and windows closed | Use insect repellent | Keep surroundings clean | Cut the grass | Pregnant women take medicine | Other ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 91.5 | 892 | 85.1 | 23.7 | 18.0 | 8.7 | 2.8 | 44.3 | 10.4 | 1.8 | 10.1 | 816 |
| 20-24 | 95.3 | 838 | 89.9 | 18.4 | 19.3 | 7.6 | 1.8 | 50.9 | 9.9 | 2.1 | 8.1 | 799 |
| 25-29 | 96.5 | 704 | 91.6 | 18.2 | 20.5 | 7.6 | 3.1 | 53.5 | 15.0 | 3.3 | 8.4 | 680 |
| 30-34 | 95.6 | 675 | 88.7 | 19.8 | 17.8 | 8.4 | 2.9 | 51.4 | 11.6 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 645 |
| 35-39 | 95.4 | 501 | 88.9 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 55.5 | 12.7 | 2.0 | 6.7 | 478 |
| 40-44 | 95.0 | 351 | 85.6 | 14.4 | 22.4 | 7.4 | 2.2 | 58.2 | 14.5 | 2.9 | 9.0 | 334 |
| 45-49 | 95.3 | 284 | 84.7 | 13.6 | 18.6 | 9.6 | 2.9 | 56.9 | 13.0 | 2.7 | 8.5 | 270 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 96.1 | 2,722 | 88.0 | 23.8 | 25.9 | 8.2 | 3.2 | 53.1 | 9.9 | 2.6 | 8.2 | 2,615 |
| Rural | 92.3 | 1,523 | 88.5 | 9.1 | 5.4 | 7.7 | 1.7 | 48.9 | 16.0 | 2.2 | 8.0 | 1,406 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 95.8 | 1,657 | 85.9 | 27.6 | 30.5 | 8.2 | 3.9 | 52.4 | 8.2 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 1,587 |
| North Western | 98.8 | 277 | 92.3 | 10.4 | 8.4 | 10.4 | 1.3 | 74.4 | 30.4 | 2.0 | 7.7 | 274 |
| South Central | 92.9 | 719 | 86.6 | 16.6 | 14.1 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 42.0 | 6.8 | 1.9 | 8.9 | 668 |
| South Eastern A | 94.7 | 262 | 88.8 | 14.9 | 7.6 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 41.1 | 11.2 | 3.5 | 7.8 | 249 |
| South Eastern B | 90.2 | 225 | 83.7 | 5.4 | 11.6 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 53.1 | 21.5 | 2.5 | 14.5 | 203 |
| North Central | 94.2 | 1,105 | 92.4 | 11.9 | 10.6 | 11.2 | 2.7 | 52.8 | 14.8 | 1.7 | 5.8 | 1,041 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 91.7 | 1,314 | 87.8 | 15.4 | 13.1 | 6.4 | 2.2 | 43.8 | 15.1 | 2.3 | 6.8 | 1,205 |
| Primary | 92.2 | 1,054 | 85.5 | 15.8 | 12.7 | 9.3 | 1.9 | 51.4 | 10.3 | 2.5 | 9.1 | 972 |
| Secondary or higher | 98.2 | 1,877 | 89.9 | 22.2 | 25.6 | 8.4 | 3.3 | 56.9 | 10.9 | 2.5 | 8.4 | 1,844 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 90.0 | 683 | 87.3 | 11.8 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 1.9 | 44.3 | 15.4 | 2.9 | 7.5 | 615 |
| Second | 94.7 | 745 | 91.5 | 9.5 | 5.0 | 11.1 | 1.8 | 52.8 | 16.0 | 1.6 | 8.3 | 706 |
| Middle | 95.4 | 813 | 89.2 | 14.2 | 13.0 | 7.0 | 1.8 | 51.8 | 13.3 | 1.6 | 7.6 | 775 |
| Fourth | 94.5 | 953 | 86.7 | 25.2 | 23.9 | 5.8 | 3.3 | 47.4 | 8.4 | 2.9 | 10.4 | 901 |
| Highest | 97.5 | 1,051 | 87.0 | 26.7 | 35.1 | 9.0 | 3.9 | 58.9 | 9.6 | 2.9 | 6.7 | 1,025 |
| Total | 94.7 | 4,246 | 88.2 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 8.0 | 2.7 | 51.6 | 12.0 | 2.4 | 8.1 | 4,022 |

[^10]Table 7.5 Perceived reasons people do not take action to prevent malaria
Among women age 15-49 who have heard of malaria and know that malaria can be avoided, percentage who think people do not take action to prevent themselves from getting malaria for specific perceived reasons, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Perceived reasons people do not take action to prevent themselves from getting malaria |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women who have heard of malaria and know that malaria can be avoided |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Don't take malaria seriously (no risk) | Costs too much | Don't know what to do | Don't think prevention measures will work | Other ${ }^{1}$ | Don't know |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 45.2 | 16.4 | 13.7 | 6.4 | 9.4 | 30.7 | 816 |
| 20-24 | 48.1 | 17.6 | 13.4 | 6.7 | 12.6 | 25.8 | 799 |
| 25-29 | 51.4 | 20.0 | 10.7 | 6.7 | 11.9 | 23.4 | 680 |
| 30-34 | 48.0 | 17.3 | 12.9 | 6.8 | 13.0 | 24.8 | 645 |
| 35-39 | 51.1 | 17.5 | 10.5 | 8.0 | 11.5 | 24.2 | 478 |
| 40-44 | 49.1 | 17.7 | 11.2 | 8.2 | 11.5 | 22.8 | 334 |
| 45-49 | 52.9 | 15.7 | 10.2 | 2.2 | 13.7 | 22.3 | 270 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 48.2 | 22.0 | 13.6 | 7.2 | 12.3 | 22.5 | 2,615 |
| Rural | 49.8 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 5.6 | 10.7 | 31.2 | 1,406 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 49.5 | 24.3 | 9.0 | 6.5 | 13.0 | 21.2 | 1,587 |
| North Western | 59.1 | 9.9 | 15.1 | 14.9 | 8.8 | 23.9 | 274 |
| South Central | 51.0 | 9.6 | 7.5 | 2.3 | 18.3 | 27.6 | 668 |
| South Eastern A | 55.5 | 10.8 | 11.9 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 18.1 | 249 |
| South Eastern B | 44.6 | 5.4 | 9.4 | 4.0 | 11.3 | 35.9 | 203 |
| North Central | 42.8 | 18.5 | 19.8 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 31.1 | 1,041 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 46.1 | 15.0 | 9.3 | 5.6 | 9.0 | 31.5 | 1,205 |
| Primary | 50.9 | 13.5 | 13.1 | 6.1 | 10.0 | 28.2 | 972 |
| Secondary or higher | 49.4 | 21.4 | 13.6 | 7.5 | 14.5 | 20.2 | 1,844 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 47.8 | 14.4 | 12.2 | 6.3 | 12.4 | 26.6 | 615 |
| Second | 43.2 | 13.1 | 14.6 | 6.2 | 8.6 | 35.3 | 706 |
| Middle | 49.7 | 14.1 | 12.1 | 7.6 | 11.0 | 27.5 | 775 |
| Fourth | 50.2 | 20.2 | 10.4 | 5.3 | 11.4 | 23.7 | 901 |
| Highest | 51.3 | 23.0 | 12.1 | 7.5 | 14.5 | 18.3 | 1,025 |
| Total | 48.8 | 17.6 | 12.2 | 6.6 | 11.8 | 25.5 | 4,022 |

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed.
${ }^{1}$ Other includes careless or lazy, do not have net, net too hot/uncomfortable.

Table 7.6 Knowledge of malaria treatment
Among women age 15-49 who have heard of malaria, percentage who say malaria can be treated, and among those, percentage who cite specific drugs for malaria treatment, according background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Percentage who say malaria can be treated | Number of women who have heard of malaria | Among women who have heard of malaria and who say malaria can be treated, percentage who cite specific drugs for malaria treatment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women who know malaria can be treated |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | SP/ <br> Fansidar | Chloroquine | Quinine | Any ACT | Amodiaquine | Aspirin, <br> Panadol, Paracetamol | Other | Does not know any |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 98.6 | 892 | 2.4 | 6.4 | 22.7 | 73.1 | 8.9 | 27.2 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 880 |
| 20-24 | 99.3 | 838 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 25.0 | 82.2 | 8.2 | 19.3 | 6.9 | 2.6 | 832 |
| 25-29 | 99.2 | 704 | 4.7 | 9.6 | 28.7 | 84.4 | 12.2 | 20.4 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 699 |
| 30-34 | 99.5 | 675 | 6.6 | 8.2 | 27.8 | 84.8 | 11.2 | 19.4 | 8.0 | 0.8 | 672 |
| 35-39 | 99.1 | 501 | 4.1 | 9.2 | 25.7 | 83.4 | 7.4 | 24.4 | 5.8 | 2.3 | 497 |
| 40-44 | 98.9 | 351 | 3.7 | 10.0 | 24.8 | 84.3 | 7.8 | 19.7 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 347 |
| 45-49 | 98.9 | 284 | 5.6 | 12.6 | 34.2 | 80.8 | 8.5 | 27.8 | 7.9 | 1.1 | 280 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.3 | 2,722 | 5.6 | 10.5 | 31.3 | 77.6 | 12.4 | 21.1 | 8.8 | 3.3 | 2,702 |
| Rural | 98.8 | 1,523 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 17.2 | 88.0 | 4.1 | 24.6 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1,505 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monrovia | 99.7 | 1,657 | 7.1 | 13.3 | 36.9 | 73.7 | 14.2 | 22.2 | 11.4 | 4.2 | 1,652 |
| North Western | 99.8 | 277 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 34.0 | 85.9 | 6.7 | 47.2 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 277 |
| South Central | 98.6 | 719 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 27.5 | 76.6 | 7.7 | 26.6 | 5.3 | 2.4 | 709 |
| South Eastern A | 99.4 | 262 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 14.6 | 87.6 | 3.3 | 9.4 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 261 |
| South Eastern B | 94.2 | 225 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 12.6 | 88.5 | 6.8 | 22.2 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 212 |
| North Central | 99.2 | 1,105 | 1.6 | 4.6 | 12.8 | 91.7 | 5.9 | 16.8 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1,097 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 98.4 | 1,314 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 19.9 | 81.0 | 6.6 | 25.9 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 1,293 |
| Primary | 99.2 | 1,054 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 20.8 | 81.8 | 7.4 | 24.3 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 1,046 |
| Secondary or higher | 99.5 | 1,877 | 6.1 | 11.7 | 33.7 | 81.2 | 12.5 | 18.8 | 9.8 | 2.3 | 1,868 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 97.6 | 683 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 13.6 | 85.7 | 2.8 | 20.1 | 3.8 | 2.2 | 667 |
| Second | 99.0 | 745 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 14.3 | 88.5 | 5.2 | 20.8 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 738 |
| Middle | 99.4 | 813 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 24.5 | 83.0 | 9.0 | 26.0 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 808 |
| Fourth | 99.1 | 953 | 3.9 | 11.2 | 32.2 | 76.4 | 11.9 | 23.0 | 7.9 | 4.8 | 945 |
| Highest | 99.8 | 1,051 | 8.9 | 13.1 | 38.7 | 76.5 | 14.6 | 21.6 | 12.5 | 2.6 | 1,049 |
| Total | 99.1 | 4,246 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 26.2 | 81.3 | 9.4 | 22.4 | 6.6 | 3.0 | 4,207 |

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed.
Table 7.7 Perceived reasons people do not seek treatment for malaria promptly
Among women age 15-49 who have heard of malaria and know malaria can be treated, percentage who think people do not seek treatment as soon as they feel they have malaria for specific perceived reasons, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Perceived reasons people do not seek prompt treatment for malaria |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women who know malaria can be treated |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No access/ distance to health centre | Costs too much | Didn't know where to go | Think they can treat at home | No drugs at health centre | Negative behaviour of provider | Go to traditional healer | Went to drug store | Illiness not serious | Weakness/ too sick to go | Other | Don't know |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 13.7 | 30.1 | 2.3 | 14.9 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 9.3 | 22.4 | 16.5 | 15.9 | 3.8 | 16.0 | 880 |
| 20-24 | 18.7 | 31.8 | 4.4 | 16.4 | 10.7 | 3.4 | 11.7 | 20.9 | 16.4 | 18.7 | 4.3 | 11.5 | 832 |
| 25-29 | 16.8 | 39.0 | 3.1 | 19.4 | 9.1 | 3.2 | 8.7 | 19.9 | 15.0 | 16.7 | 5.1 | 13.0 | 699 |
| 30-34 | 17.5 | 32.7 | 4.2 | 17.7 | 8.3 | 4.3 | 8.9 | 19.2 | 17.3 | 17.5 | 7.0 | 14.0 | 672 |
| 35-39 | 17.7 | 35.0 | 2.5 | 15.7 | 11.6 | 3.0 | 11.2 | 22.2 | 14.0 | 17.5 | 3.6 | 12.9 | 497 |
| 40-44 | 17.8 | 29.5 | 3.4 | 17.7 | 11.2 | 5.6 | 9.6 | 19.6 | 15.0 | 16.7 | 8.5 | 12.6 | 347 |
| 45-49 | 17.0 | 29.9 | 0.9 | 20.3 | 9.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 21.1 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 5.9 | 15.5 | 280 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.4 | 40.9 | 4.3 | 19.0 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 7.7 | 24.2 | 17.7 | 16.7 | 5.8 | 11.4 | 2,702 |
| Rural | 28.3 | 18.4 | 1.1 | 13.6 | 12.6 | 2.5 | 13.2 | 14.9 | 12.4 | 17.6 | 4.0 | 17.5 | 1,505 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 4.1 | 49.3 | 2.7 | 18.9 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 24.8 | 19.8 | 15.2 | 5.8 | 10.5 | 1,652 |
| North Western | 26.7 | 22.1 | 1.8 | 26.9 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 6.8 | 20.5 | 20.4 | 30.1 | 4.0 | 13.0 | 277 |
| South Central | 19.9 | 22.5 | 1.4 | 22.1 | 9.3 | 2.4 | 10.4 | 19.6 | 14.6 | 13.7 | 4.7 | 10.8 | 709 |
| South Eastern A | 18.4 | 28.8 | 1.0 | 12.3 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 14.1 | 15.2 | 20.4 | 19.7 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 261 |
| South Eastern B | 10.4 | 8.1 | 1.1 | 13.1 | 6.3 | 2.8 | 22.4 | 22.6 | 17.6 | 27.3 | 5.4 | 24.7 | 212 |
| North Central | 32.4 | 23.3 | 6.2 | 10.5 | 21.5 | 4.8 | 14.5 | 16.7 | 8.1 | 16.0 | 4.7 | 20.0 | 1,097 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 19.1 | 24.7 | 2.1 | 15.0 | 10.1 | 2.8 | 10.7 | 17.4 | 13.0 | 16.2 | 4.5 | 19.2 | 1,293 |
| Primary | 21.7 | 27.3 | 3.4 | 14.1 | 11.0 | 3.2 | 11.3 | 17.2 | 16.3 | 17.4 | 5.0 | 13.2 | 1,046 |
| Secondary or higher | 12.6 | 41.5 | 3.7 | 20.2 | 7.8 | 4.7 | 8.1 | 25.3 | 17.6 | 17.4 | 5.6 | 10.0 | 1,868 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 37.0 | 19.5 | 3.4 | 13.5 | 17.8 | 3.6 | 15.7 | 13.7 | 8.4 | 13.3 | 4.3 | 15.5 | 667 |
| Second | 26.0 | 16.9 | 3.5 | 13.4 | 17.9 | 4.7 | 18.2 | 15.2 | 12.0 | 19.8 | 3.5 | 18.3 | 738 |
| Middle | 17.4 | 28.2 | 3.2 | 16.8 | 9.7 | 4.0 | 8.4 | 20.7 | 17.2 | 20.2 | 5.9 | 13.8 | 808 |
| Fourth | 7.5 | 45.3 | 2.7 | 19.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 5.4 | 23.9 | 17.6 | 16.5 | 5.3 | 11.6 | 945 |
| Highest | 5.6 | 44.8 | 3.2 | 20.4 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 26.8 | 20.6 | 15.5 | 6.0 | 10.9 | 1,049 |
| Total | 16.8 | 32.8 | 3.2 | 17.1 | 9.3 | 3.8 | 9.7 | 20.9 | 15.8 | 17.0 | 5.1 | 13.6 | 4,207 |

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed.

Table 7.8 Knowledge of SP/Fansidar
Among women age 15-49 who have heard of malaria, percentage who have heard of SP/Fansidar, and among women who have heard of SP/Fansidar, percentage who cite specific uses of SP/Fansidar, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Heard of SP/Fansidar | Number of women who have heard of malaria | Among women who have heard of SP/Fansidar, percentage who cite specific uses of SP/Fansidar: |  |  |  | Number of women who have heard of SP/Fansidar |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Prevent malaria during pregnancy | Treat malaria | Other | Don't know |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 33.1 | 892 | 47.9 | 39.0 | 1.7 | 15.1 | 296 |
| 20-24 | 59.8 | 838 | 60.1 | 31.7 | 0.1 | 12.5 | 501 |
| 25-29 | 63.8 | 704 | 61.5 | 34.9 | 0.6 | 8.5 | 449 |
| 30-34 | 67.2 | 675 | 57.4 | 40.5 | 0.9 | 7.9 | 454 |
| 35-39 | 65.6 | 501 | 54.2 | 41.9 | 1.7 | 8.1 | 329 |
| 40-44 | 59.7 | 351 | 51.6 | 42.1 | 2.6 | 10.9 | 210 |
| 45-49 | 54.7 | 284 | 39.1 | 60.3 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 155 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 56.2 | 2,722 | 54.9 | 39.1 | 1.3 | 11.5 | 1,531 |
| Rural | 56.6 | 1,523 | 56.3 | 39.0 | 1.0 | 7.4 | 862 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 54.0 | 1,657 | 46.4 | 47.8 | 1.0 | 13.9 | 896 |
| North Western | 59.9 | 277 | 53.2 | 50.3 | 1.6 | 8.3 | 166 |
| South Central | 51.6 | 719 | 67.6 | 24.8 | 1.4 | 9.8 | 371 |
| South Eastern A | 63.1 | 262 | 75.1 | 21.9 | 2.7 | 6.1 | 166 |
| South Eastern B | 45.3 | 225 | 57.0 | 25.8 | 2.8 | 19.6 | 102 |
| North Central | 62.7 | 1,105 | 56.2 | 38.7 | 0.6 | 5.1 | 693 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 53.0 | 1,314 | 54.7 | 40.2 | 1.6 | 8.3 | 697 |
| Primary | 56.1 | 1,054 | 55.7 | 39.7 | 1.2 | 7.3 | 592 |
| Secondary or higher | 58.8 | 1,877 | 55.7 | 38.0 | 1.0 | 12.6 | 1,105 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 54.0 | 683 | 60.6 | 34.0 | 1.1 | 7.3 | 369 |
| Second | 56.1 | 745 | 59.1 | 34.2 | 0.7 | 8.5 | 418 |
| Middle | 62.9 | 813 | 58.1 | 37.7 | 1.8 | 9.2 | 511 |
| Fourth | 55.7 | 953 | 49.5 | 41.4 | 0.8 | 10.4 | 531 |
| Highest | 53.6 | 1,051 | 52.5 | 45.0 | 1.5 | 13.4 | 564 |
| Total | 56.4 | 4,246 | 55.4 | 39.0 | 1.2 | 10.0 | 2,393 |

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed.
Table 7.9 Perceived reasons pregnant women do not prevent malaria through use of SP/Fansidar
Among women age 15-49 who know SP/Fansidar is used to prevent malaria in pregnant women, reasons given why certain pregnant women don't take any or enough SP/Fansidar during pregnancy to prevent malaria, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Perceived reasons pregnant women do not use SP/Fansidar |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women who know SP/Fansidar is used to prevent malaria in pregnant women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No access/ distance to health centre | Costs too much | Didn't think/ know they need to | Don't think it works | Worried about side effects | Don't know where to get it | Not available/ Stock out | Provider didn't explain/ No info | Negative provider interaction | Empty stomach | Other ${ }^{1}$ | Does not know any |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.8 | 5.3 | 9.3 | 1.8 | 52.1 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 4.7 | 28.8 | 142 |
| 20-24 | 26.6 | 5.9 | 9.9 | 0.7 | 48.2 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 7.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 12.1 | 20.3 | 301 |
| 25-29 | 20.2 | 4.9 | 9.3 | 2.5 | 46.7 | 4.1 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 11.3 | 23.7 | 276 |
| 30-34 | 16.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 43.0 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 9.3 | 32.1 | 260 |
| 35-39 | 20.0 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 40.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 9.9 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 11.9 | 26.8 | 178 |
| 40-44 | 27.4 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 41.4 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 10.2 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 10.6 | 24.5 | 108 |
| 45-49 | 28.3 | 5.0 | 17.8 | 8.8 | 41.6 | 6.9 | 9.1 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 22.9 | 61 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.9 | 5.6 | 10.5 | 2.6 | 46.7 | 6.5 | 4.6 | 8.8 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 10.3 | 26.0 | 841 |
| Rural | 24.9 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 43.2 | 2.4 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 10.1 | 24.8 | 486 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 14.1 | 4.9 | 11.4 | 2.6 | 40.8 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 1.1 | 12.6 | 28.6 | 415 |
| North Western | 9.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 73.7 | 1.0 | 5.8 | 16.9 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 5.8 | 89 |
| South Central | 21.4 | 1.4 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 21.9 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 19.2 | 34.6 | 251 |
| South Eastern A | 8.6 | 7.0 | 9.9 | 4.3 | 33.2 | 3.3 | 7.3 | 11.3 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 3.8 | 31.5 | 124 |
| South Eastern B | 1.7 | 1.5 | 6.9 | 1.4 | 39.2 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 13.6 | 14.2 | 37.0 | 58 |
| North Central | 42.1 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 63.8 | 8.0 | 5.9 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 5.4 | 17.4 | 390 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 20.5 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 2.9 | 36.3 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 9.4 | 32.9 | 381 |
| Primary | 25.9 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 2.4 | 46.4 | 5.9 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 9.7 | 21.3 | 330 |
| Secondary or higher | 21.5 | 3.8 | 10.2 | 1.8 | 50.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 11.0 | 23.3 | 615 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 24.2 | 6.3 | 5.0 | 1.6 | 43.5 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 10.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 7.0 | 28.6 | 224 |
| Second | 35.5 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 1.9 | 48.1 | 5.5 | 8.4 | 10.7 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 10.5 | 17.0 | 247 |
| Middle | 21.7 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 2.4 | 50.6 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 9.6 | 24.1 | 297 |
| Fourth | 11.8 | 3.9 | 10.8 | 2.9 | 38.7 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 10.0 | 33.6 | 263 |
| Highest | 19.9 | 3.3 | 10.9 | 2.4 | 45.4 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 1.0 | 13.3 | 24.8 | 296 |
| Total | 22.3 | 4.7 | 8.0 | 2.3 | 45.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 10.2 | 25.6 | 1,326 |

[^11]| Table 7.10 Exposure to malaria messages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among women age 15-49 who have heard of malaria, percentage who have seen or heard a message about malaria in the past few months, and among those who have seen or heard a message about malaria, percentage who cited specific messages, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who have seen or heard a message about malaria | Number of women who have heard of malaria | Among women who have seen or heard malaria messages, percentage who have seen or heard specific messages |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women who saw or heard a malaria message |
|  |  |  | If have fever, go to the health facility | Everywhere, every night, sleep under the net | Pregnant women should take drugs to prevent malaria | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hang up keep } \\ & \text { up } \end{aligned}$ | Use your mosquito net | Other |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 49.4 | 892 | 89.3 | 96.0 | 82.2 | 45.3 | 97.4 | 6.8 | 441 |
| 20-24 | 59.9 | 838 | 93.1 | 95.8 | 91.9 | 57.2 | 97.9 | 6.5 | 502 |
| 25-29 | 61.1 | 704 | 92.8 | 94.1 | 92.2 | 57.4 | 99.3 | 7.3 | 430 |
| 30-34 | 55.7 | 675 | 93.5 | 96.2 | 92.9 | 63.6 | 98.8 | 8.3 | 376 |
| 35-39 | 64.9 | 501 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 93.2 | 61.2 | 98.8 | 5.4 | 325 |
| 40-44 | 61.7 | 351 | 96.1 | 95.1 | 92.8 | 61.4 | 97.5 | 9.5 | 217 |
| 45-49 | 60.8 | 284 | 97.0 | 96.8 | 94.0 | 60.6 | 96.9 | 6.5 | 172 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 50.5 | 2,722 | 92.3 | 93.8 | 90.9 | 56.2 | 97.9 | 7.8 | 1,375 |
| Rural | 71.5 | 1,523 | 94.8 | 98.1 | 90.6 | 58.5 | 98.5 | 6.2 | 1,089 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater Monrovia | 45.8 | 1,657 | 89.4 | 92.1 | 87.9 | 46.2 | 97.7 | 8.7 | 759 |
| North Western | 77.6 | 277 | 97.5 | 99.4 | 87.2 | 66.4 | 99.1 | 8.6 | 215 |
| South Central | 71.7 | 719 | 91.5 | 97.1 | 91.7 | 51.6 | 98.8 | 7.3 | 515 |
| South Eastern A | 38.6 | 262 | 91.4 | 95.2 | 86.6 | 51.1 | 97.6 | 11.1 | 101 |
| South Eastern B | 50.6 | 225 | 96.2 | 94.6 | 95.3 | 41.2 | 96.4 | 15.2 | 114 |
| North Central | 68.8 | 1,105 | 97.4 | 97.5 | 93.9 | 72.7 | 98.4 | 3.2 | 760 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 62.9 | 1,314 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 91.6 | 58.6 | 98.5 | 7.4 | 826 |
| Primary | 63.0 | 1,054 | 91.9 | 97.0 | 89.6 | 58.5 | 98.6 | 6.1 | 665 |
| Secondary or higher | 51.8 | 1,877 | 93.1 | 95.5 | 90.9 | 55.2 | 97.7 | 7.6 | 973 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 62.2 | 683 | 95.7 | 98.6 | 93.7 | 64.8 | 98.4 | 3.7 | 425 |
| Second | 68.4 | 745 | 95.0 | 97.5 | 90.0 | 57.3 | 98.1 | 8.2 | 509 |
| Middle | 64.5 | 813 | 94.5 | 96.8 | 90.3 | 64.4 | 98.3 | 5.9 | 525 |
| Fourth | 54.8 | 953 | 89.4 | 92.0 | 90.4 | 48.6 | 98.7 | 7.2 | 522 |
| Highest | 46.0 | 1,051 | 92.9 | 94.1 | 89.9 | 52.0 | 97.4 | 10.1 | 483 |
| Total | 58.0 | 4,246 | 93.4 | 95.7 | 90.8 | 57.2 | 98.2 | 7.1 | 2,464 |

Table 7.11 Sources of malaria messages
Among women age 15-49 who have seen or heard a malaria message in the few months before the survey, percentage who cited specific places they saw/heard a message, according to background characteristics, Liberia MIS 2016

| Background characteristic | Place where malaria message was seen or heard |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of women who have seen or heard a malaria message |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Radio | Billboard | Poster | T-shirt | Leaflet/ factsheet/ brochure | Television | Video club | School | Community health worker/ traditional birth attendant/ health promoters | Peer education | Other ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 66.7 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 11.0 | 59.7 | 12.8 | 15.2 | 441 |
| 20-24 | 57.3 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 64.4 | 10.8 | 19.6 | 502 |
| 25-29 | 65.7 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 61.6 | 9.3 | 19.8 | 430 |
| 30-34 | 68.6 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 61.9 | 12.8 | 15.2 | 376 |
| 35-39 | 66.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 62.4 | 7.9 | 20.3 | 325 |
| 40-44 | 73.0 | 1.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 56.9 | 13.1 | 17.2 | 217 |
| 45-49 | 69.4 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 67.9 | 11.2 | 13.1 | 172 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 74.5 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 3.3 | 59.7 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 1,375 |
| Rural | 54.4 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 65.0 | 12.1 | 26.8 | 1,089 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greater |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monrovia | 76.4 | 3.1 | 7.0 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 56.0 | 14.0 | 11.1 | 759 |
| North Western | 76.3 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 6.9 | 84.2 | 42.6 | 11.9 | 215 |
| South Central | 58.8 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 80.7 | 6.6 | 8.6 | 515 |
| South Eastern A | 57.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 75.7 | 19.0 | 2.6 | 101 |
| South Eastern B | 34.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 81.2 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 114 |
| North Central | 62.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 44.4 | 1.8 | 35.6 | 760 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 57.2 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 67.0 | 10.0 | 21.8 | 826 |
| Primary | 60.7 | 0.2 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 60.8 | 9.7 | 21.0 | 665 |
| Secondary or higher | 76.1 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 5.9 | 58.6 | 12.9 | 11.7 | 973 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 55.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 64.1 | 6.4 | 21.1 | 425 |
| Second | 51.9 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 62.6 | 9.7 | 33.0 | 509 |
| Middle | 66.8 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 3.1 | 68.1 | 13.6 | 14.8 | 525 |
| Fourth | 72.2 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 4.0 | 58.1 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 522 |
| Highest | 80.7 | 4.3 | 7.9 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 9.3 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 57.2 | 13.9 | 8.4 | 483 |
| Total | 65.6 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 3.1 | 62.0 | 11.1 | 17.6 | 2,464 |

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed.
Other includes hospital, clinic.

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## A. 1 Introduction

This appendix describes the objectives of the survey, the overall sample size, survey domains, and any subsamples used.

The 2016 Liberia Malaria Indicator Survey (LMIS) is a nationwide survey with a nationally representative sample of approximately 4,500 households. The survey provides information on key malaria control indictors, such as the proportion of households having at least one bed net and at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN). Among children, it looks at the proportion under age 5 who slept under a bed net the previous night and under an ITN, in addition to prevalence of malaria among children age 6-59 months. Among pregnant women, the survey assesses the proportion of pregnant women who slept under a bed net the previous night and who received intermittent preventive treatment (IPT) for malaria during their last pregnancy.

In Liberia, there are 15 counties. Each county consists of districts, and each district consists of clans. For this survey, the counties were regrouped to form five geographical regions, each region consisting of three counties. In addition to reporting the survey estimates for the country as a whole and for urban and rural areas separately, the survey reports estimates for the capital city, Greater Monrovia, and for each of the five geographical regions as follows:

- North Western: Bomi, Grand Cape Mount, and Gbarpolu
- South Central: Montserrado (excluding Greater Monrovia district), Margibi, and Grand Bassa
- North Central: Bong, Nimba, and Lofa
- South Eastern A: River Cess, Sinoe, and Grand Gedeh
- South Eastern B: River Gee, Grand Kru, and Maryland


## A. 2 Sample Frame

The sampling frame used for the 2016 LMIS is the National Population and Housing Census conducted in March 2008 (NPHC 2008). A total of 7,012 enumeration areas (EAs) were constructed for the census, which had complete coverage of the country. The census frame had been updated several times to reflect the correct urban/rural distribution in the country. A final complete list of EAs is available at the Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-Information Services (LISGIS). In this list, each EA contains its identification information and the number of households from the summary sheets of the census. Table A. 1 below shows distribution of residential households in the sampling frame by region and by residence type. In Liberia, about $56 \%$ of residential households are in urban areas. Thirty percent of households are in the capital city, Monrovia.

Table A. 1 Households
Distribution of residential households in the sampling frame by region and residence, Liberia 2016

|  | Number of households in frame |  |  |  | Percentage of <br> total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| total <br> households in <br> the frame | Percent urban |  |  |  |  |
| Region | Urban |  |  | Rural | Total |

Source: The 2008 NPHC provided by the LISGIS

* Greater Monrovia district in South Central region
** Excluding Greater Monrovia district

Table A. 2 below shows the distribution of EAs and the average EA size (number of residential households residing in the EA) by region and by type of residence. On average, an EA has 96 households, 103 in urban areas and 88 in rural areas. The average size of EAs makes them convenient as a first-stage survey cluster with a sample 'take' of around 30 households per cluster at the second stage of sampling. Therefore, a 2016 LMIS cluster corresponds to a census EA.

| Distribution of the enumeration areas in the sampling frame and average number of residential households per enumeration area, by region and residence, Liberia 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Numb | enumer in frame |  | Avera house | mber in enum | ential <br> n area |
| Region | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Greater Monrovia* | 1,967 | 0 | 1,967 | 102 | NA | 102 |
| North Western | 84 | 615 | 699 | 87 | 84 | 85 |
| South Central****** | 454 | 728 | 1,182 | 115 | 99 | 105 |
| North Central | 930 | 1,279 | 2,209 | 99 | 85 | 91 |
| South Eastern A | 111 | 435 | 546 | 101 | 85 | 88 |
| South Eastern B | 109 | 300 | 409 | 117 | 84 | 93 |
| Liberia | 3,655 | 3,357 | 7,012 | 103 | 88 | 96 |
| Source: The 2008 NPHC provided by the LISGIS <br> * Greater Monrovia district in South Central Region <br> ** Excluding Greater Monrovia district |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## A. 3 Sample Design and Implementation

The sample for the 2016 LMIS is a stratified sample selected in two stages. In the first stage, 150 EAs were selected with a stratified probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling from the sampling frame. The EA size is the number of residential households residing in the EA as recorded in the census. Stratification was achieved by separating every region into urban and rural areas; Greater Monrovia was assigned a separate stratum. Therefore, the 2016 LMIS contains 11 sampling strata, including 5 rural strata, and 6 urban strata. Samples were selected independently in every stratum, with a predetermined number of EAs to be selected, as shown in Table A.3.

A household listing operation was carried out in all of the selected EAs before the main survey. The household listing operation consisted of visiting each of the 150 selected EAs, drawing a location map and a detailed sketch map, and recording on the household listing forms all residential households found in the EA with the address and the name of the head of the household. The resulting list of households served as the sampling frame for the selection of households in the second stage.

At the second stage, for each selected EA, a fixed number of 30 households was selected from the list created during the household listing. Household selection was performed in the central office prior to the main survey. The survey interviewers interviewed only the pre-selected households. To prevent bias, no
replacements and no changes of the pre-selected households were allowed in the implementing stages. All women age 15-49 in the selected households were eligible for an interview.

Table A. 3 below shows the sample allocation of enumeration areas (clusters) by region and by urban-rural residence. Because of the desire to produce results by region, as well as budgetary and implementing constraints, the sample allocation is an equal size allocation at the regional level, with 25 clusters in each region. The 25 clusters in each region were then allocated to each of the counties in the region and to its urban/rural areas. Among the 150 clusters selected, 70 clusters are in urban areas and 80 clusters are in rural areas. Table A. 3 below shows the number of households selected by region and by type of residence. The total number of households selected in the 2016 LMIS is 4,500 , with 2,100 in urban areas and 2,400 in rural areas.

| Sample allocation of enumeration areas and selected households by region, according to residence, Liberia 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Allocatio | enume | n areas |  | tion of s ouseho |  |
| Region | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Greater Monrovia* | 25 | 0 | 25 | 750 | 0 | 750 |
| North Western | 4 | 21 | 25 | 120 | 630 | 750 |
| South Central** | 11 | 14 | 25 | 330 | 420 | 750 |
| North Central | 12 | 13 | 25 | 360 | 390 | 750 |
| South Eastern A | 7 | 18 | 25 | 210 | 540 | 750 |
| South Eastern B | 11 | 14 | 25 | 330 | 420 | 750 |
| Liberia | 70 | 80 | 150 | 2,100 | 2,400 | 4,500 |
| * Greater Monrovia district in South Central Region <br> ** Excluding Greater Monrovia district |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table A. 4 below shows the expected number of women age 15-49 in the sampled households and the expected number of completed interviews with women by region and type of residence. The total expected number of interviewed women in the 2016 LMIS is 4,355 , with 2,185 in urban areas and 2,170 in rural areas.

Table A. 5 shows the expected number of children age 6-59 months in sampled households by region and by type of residence. The same table shows the expected number of children 6-59 months tested for malaria. These calculations were based on the results obtained from the 2013 LDHS and 2011 LMIS, using the following assumptions: the household completion rate is $96 \%$ in both urban and rural areas; the response rate for women is $98 \%$ in both urban and rural areas; in urban areas, there is about 1 woman per household, whereas in rural areas there are about 0.96 women per household; there are about 0.68 children 6-59 months per household, and the completion rate for the malaria rapid diagnostic test among these children is about $97 \%$.

| Sample allocation of expected number of women age 15-49 found and sample allocation of expected number of completed interviews with women by region, according to residence, Liberia 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Region | Expected number of women 15-49 in interviewed households |  |  | Expected number of women 15-49 with completed interviews |  |  |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Greater Monrovia* | 799 | 0 | 799 | 781 | 0 | 781 |
| North Western | 128 | 583 | 711 | 125 | 569 | 694 |
| South Central* | 351 | 389 | 740 | 343 | 380 | 723 |
| North Central | 383 | 361 | 744 | 374 | 352 | 726 |
| South Eastern A | 224 | 501 | 725 | 219 | 489 | 708 |
| South Eastern B | 351 | 389 | 740 | 343 | 380 | 723 |
| Liberia | 2,236 | 2,223 | 4,459 | 2,185 | 2,170 | 4,355 |

* Greater Monrovia district in South Central Region
** Excluding Greater Monrovia district

Table A. 5 Sample allocations of completed rapid diagnostic tests for malaria in children
Sample allocation of expected number of children age 6-59 months and sample allocation of expected number of children age 6-59 months tested with rapid diagnostic test (RDT) for malaria by region, according to residence, Liberia 2016

| Region | Expected number of children 6-59 months |  |  | Expected number of children 6-59 months tested for malaria (RDT) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Greater Monrovia* | 493 | 0 | 493 | 479 | 0 | 479 |
| North Western | 79 | 413 | 492 | 77 | 401 | 478 |
| South Central* | 216 | 276 | 492 | 210 | 268 | 478 |
| North Central | 236 | 256 | 492 | 229 | 249 | 478 |
| South Eastern A | 138 | 355 | 493 | 134 | 345 | 479 |
| South Eastern B | 216 | 276 | 492 | 210 | 268 | 478 |
| Liberia | 1,378 | 1,576 | 2,954 | 1,339 | 1,531 | 2,870 |

* Greater Monrovia district in South Central Region
** Excluding Greater Monrovia district


## A. 4 Sample Probabilities and Sampling Weights

Because of the nonproportional allocation of the sample to the different reporting domains, sampling weights will be required for any analysis using the 2016 LMIS data to ensure the actual representativity of the sample. Because the 2016 LMIS sample is a two-stage stratified cluster sample, sampling weights were calculated based on sampling probabilities, which were calculated separately for each sampling stage and for each cluster. We use the following notations:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
P_{1 h i}: & \text { first stage's sampling probability of the } i^{t h} \text { cluster in stratum } h \\
P_{2 h i}: & \text { second-stage's sampling probability within the } i^{t h} \text { cluster (households) } \\
P_{h i}: & \text { overall sampling probability of any households of the } i^{t h} \text { cluster in stratum } h
\end{array}
$$

Let $a_{h}$ be the number of clusters selected in stratum $h, M_{h i}$ the number of households according to the sampling frame in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster, and $\sum M_{h i}$ the total number of households in the stratum $h$. The probability of selecting the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in stratum $h$ is calculated as follows:

$$
\frac{a_{h} M_{h i}}{\sum M_{h i}}
$$

Let $b_{h i}$ be the proportion of households in the selected cluster compared to the total number of households in EA $i$ in stratum $h$ if the EA is segmented; otherwise $b_{h i}=1$. Then the probability of selecting cluster $i$ in the sample is:

$$
P_{l h i}=\frac{a_{h} M_{h i}}{\sum M_{h i}} \times b_{h i}
$$

Let $L_{h i}$ be the number of households listed in the household listing operation in cluster $i$ in stratum $h$, let $g_{h i}$ be the number of households selected in the cluster. The second stage's selection probability for each household in the cluster is calculated as follows:

$$
P_{2 h i}=\frac{g_{h i}}{L_{h i}}
$$

The overall selection probability of each household in cluster $i$ of stratum $h$ is therefore the product of the two stages of selection probabilities:

$$
P_{h i}=P_{1 h i} \times P_{2 h i}
$$

The sampling weight for each household in cluster $i$ of stratum $h$ is the inverse of its overall selection probability:

$$
W_{h i}=1 / P_{h i}
$$

A spreadsheet containing all sampling parameters and selection probabilities was constructed to facilitate the calculation of sampling weights. Household sampling weights and individual sampling weights are obtained by adjusting the previous calculated weight to compensate household nonresponse and individual nonresponse, respectively. These weights were further normalized at the national level to produce unweighted cases equal to weighted cases for both households and individuals at the national level. The normalized weights are valid for estimation of proportions and means at any aggregation levels, but not valid for estimation of totals.

## ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERRORS

TThe estimates from a sample survey are affected by two types of errors: nonsampling errors and sampling errors. Nonsampling errors are the results of mistakes made in implementing data collection and data processing, such as failure to locate and interview the correct household, misunderstanding of the questions on the part of either the interviewer or the respondent, and data entry errors. Although numerous efforts were made during the implementation of the 2016 Liberia Malaria Indicator Survey (LMIS) to minimize this type of error, nonsampling errors are impossible to avoid and difficult to evaluate statistically.

Sampling errors, on the other hand, can be evaluated statistically. The sample of respondents selected in the 2016 LMIS is only one of many samples that could have been selected from the same population, using the same design and expected size. Each of these samples would yield results that differ somewhat from the results of the actual sample selected. Sampling errors are a measure of the variability between amongpossible samples. Although the degree of variability is not known exactly, it can be estimated from the survey results.

Sampling error is usually measured in terms of the standard error for a particular statistic (mean, percentage, etc.), which is the square root of the variance. The standard error can be used to calculate confidence intervals within which the true value for the population can reasonably be assumed to fall. For example, for any given statistic calculated from a sample survey, the value of that statistic will fall within a range of plus or minus two times the standard error of that statistic in 95 percent of all possible samples of identical size and design.

If the sample of respondents had been selected as a simple random sample, it would have been possible to use straightforward formulas for calculating sampling errors. However, the 2016 LMIS sample is the result of a multi-stage stratified design, and, consequently, it was necessary to use more complex formulas.
Sampling errors are computed in SAS, using programs developed by ICF. These programs use the Taylor linearization method of variance estimation for survey estimates that are means, proportions, or ratios.

The Taylor linearization method treats any percentage or average as a ratio estimate, $r=y / x$, where $y$ represents the total sample value for variable $y$, and $x$ represents the total number of cases in the group or subgroup under consideration. The variance of $r$ is computed using the formula given below, with the standard error being the square root of the variance:

$$
S E^{2}(r)=\operatorname{var}(r)=\frac{1-f}{x^{2}} \sum_{h=1}^{H}\left[\frac{m_{h}}{m_{h}-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m_{h}} z_{h i}^{2}-\frac{z_{h}^{2}}{m_{h}}\right)\right]
$$

in which

$$
z_{h i}=y_{h i}-r x_{h i}, \text { and } z_{h}=y_{h}-r x_{h}
$$

where $h \quad$ represents the stratum which varies from 1 to $H$,
$m_{h} \quad$ is the total number of clusters selected in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum,
$y_{h i} \quad$ is the sum of the weighted values of variable $y$ in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum,
$x_{h i} \quad$ is the sum of the weighted number of cases in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum, and
$f \quad$ is the overall sampling fraction, which is so small that it is ignored.
In addition to the standard error, the design effect (DEFT) for each estimate is also calculated. The design effect is defined as the ratio between the standard error using the given sample design and the standard
error that would result if a simple random sample had been used. A DEFT value of 1.0 indicates that the sample design is as efficient as a simple random sample, while a value greater than 1.0 indicates the increase in the sampling error due to the use of a more complex and less statistically efficient design. Relative standard errors and confidence limits for the estimates are also calculated.

Sampling errors for the 2016 LMIS are calculated for selected variables considered to be of primary interest. The results are presented in this appendix for the country as a whole, for urban and rural areas, and for each of the country's regions. For each variable, the type of statistic (mean, proportion, or rate) and the base population are given in Table B.1. Tables B. 2 through B. 10 present the value of the statistic (R), its standard error (SE), the number of unweighted ( N ) and weighted (WN) cases, the design effect (DEFT), the relative standard error (SE/R), and the 95 percent confidence limits ( $\mathrm{R} \pm 2 \mathrm{SE}$ ), for each variable. The DEFT is considered undefined when the standard error considering a simple random sample is zero (when the estimate is close to 0 or 1 ).

The confidence interval (e.g., as calculated for the child who has a fever in the last 2 weeks) can be interpreted as follows: the overall average from the national sample is 0.384 , and its standard error is 0.015. Therefore, to obtain the 95 percent confidence limits, one adds and subtracts twice the standard error to the sample estimate, i.e., $0.384 \pm 2 \times 0.015$. There is a high probability ( 95 percent) that the true proportion of children who have a fever in the last 2 weeks is between 0.354 and 0.414 .

For the total sample, the value of the DEFT, averaged over all variables, is 1.75 . This means that, due to multi-stage clustering of the sample, the average standard error is increased by a factor of 1.75 over that in an equivalent simple random sample.

| Variable | Type of estimate | Base population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No education | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| At least some secondary education | Proportion | All women 15-49 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | Proportion | Households |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | Proportion | Children under five in households |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | Proportion | All pregnant women 15-49 in households |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | Proportion | Last birth of women 15-49 with live births last 2 years |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | Proportion | Child under 5 in women's birth history |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | Proportion | Child under 5 with fever in last 2 weeks |
| Child took ACT | Proportion | Child under 5 with fever in last 2 weeks who received any antimalarial drugs |
| Child has anaemia (haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | Proportion | Child 6-59 tested for anaemia |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | Proportion | Children 6-59 tested (rapid test) for malaria |

Table B. 2 Sampling errors: Total sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Design } \\ \text { effect } \\ \text { (DEFT) } \end{gathered}$ | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted ( N ) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| No education | 0.312 | 0.015 | 4,290 | 4,290 | 2.188 | 0.050 | 0.281 | 0.343 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.439 | 0.019 | 4,290 | 4,290 | 2.527 | 0.044 | 0.401 | 0.478 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.615 | 0.016 | 4,218 | 4,218 | 2.198 | 0.027 | 0.582 | 0.648 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.437 | 0.019 | 3,232 | 3,315 | 1.747 | 0.043 | 0.400 | 0.474 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.395 | 0.043 | 300 | 304 | 1.513 | 0.108 | 0.310 | 0.480 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.545 | 0.021 | 1,219 | 1,146 | 1.430 | 0.039 | 0.503 | 0.587 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.384 | 0.015 | 2,843 | 2,705 | 1.496 | 0.039 | 0.354 | 0.414 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.782 | 0.020 | 1,134 | 1,039 | 1.464 | 0.026 | 0.741 | 0.822 |
| Child took ACT | 0.811 | 0.021 | 720 | 680 | 1.302 | 0.026 | 0.768 | 0.853 |
| Child has anaemia (haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.083 | 0.008 | 2,792 | 2,873 | 1.507 | 0.098 | 0.067 | 0.099 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.449 | 0.020 | 2,790 | 2,872 | 1.942 | 0.045 | 0.409 | 0.489 |

Table B. 3 Sampling errors: Urban sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| No education | 0.217 | 0.017 | 2,331 | 2,749 | 2.031 | 0.080 | 0.182 | 0.252 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.589 | 0.018 | 2,331 | 2,749 | 1.766 | 0.031 | 0.553 | 0.625 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.589 | 0.024 | 1,974 | 2,382 | 2.159 | 0.041 | 0.541 | 0.636 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.420 | 0.027 | 1,399 | 1,740 | 1.694 | 0.065 | 0.366 | 0.474 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.354 | 0.056 | 143 | 177 | 1.406 | 0.158 | 0.242 | 0.466 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.516 | 0.027 | 542 | 639 | 1.249 | 0.052 | 0.463 | 0.570 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.341 | 0.020 | 1,235 | 1,447 | 1.359 | 0.057 | 0.302 | 0.380 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.848 | 0.023 | 443 | 494 | 1.239 | 0.027 | 0.802 | 0.895 |
| Child took ACT | 0.740 | 0.034 | 280 | 337 | 1.196 | 0.046 | 0.672 | 0.808 |
| Child has anaemia (haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.067 | 0.014 | 1,207 | 1,507 | 1.799 | 0.207 | 0.039 | 0.095 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.295 | 0.022 | 1,206 | 1,506 | 1.594 | 0.076 | 0.250 | 0.340 |

Table B. 4 Sampling errors: Rural sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| No education | 0.481 | 0.026 | 1,959 | 1,541 | 2.295 | 0.054 | 0.429 | 0.533 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.172 | 0.025 | 1,959 | 1,541 | 2.932 | 0.146 | 0.122 | 0.222 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.650 | 0.021 | 2,244 | 1,836 | 2.124 | 0.033 | 0.607 | 0.693 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.456 | 0.026 | 1,833 | 1,575 | 1.811 | 0.056 | 0.405 | 0.507 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.453 | 0.064 | 157 | 127 | 1.596 | 0.141 | 0.325 | 0.580 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.582 | 0.033 | 677 | 507 | 1.712 | 0.057 | 0.515 | 0.648 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.433 | 0.023 | 1,608 | 1,259 | 1.708 | 0.053 | 0.387 | 0.479 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.721 | 0.028 | 691 | 545 | 1.533 | 0.039 | 0.664 | 0.778 |
| Child took ACT | 0.880 | 0.024 | 440 | 343 | 1.470 | 0.027 | 0.832 | 0.928 |
| Child has anaemia (haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.101 | 0.008 | 1,585 | 1,366 | 1.052 | 0.079 | 0.085 | 0.117 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.619 | 0.026 | 1,584 | 1,366 | 2.067 | 0.043 | 0.566 | 0.672 |

Table B. 5 Sampling errors: Greater Monrovia sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standarderror(SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| No education | 0.190 | 0.023 | 913 | 1,679 | 1.751 | 0.120 | 0.144 | 0.235 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.662 | 0.020 | 913 | 1,679 | 1.282 | 0.030 | 0.621 | 0.702 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.555 | 0.035 | 721 | 1,392 | 1.877 | 0.063 | 0.485 | 0.624 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.367 | 0.036 | 479 | 942 | 1.406 | 0.098 | 0.295 | 0.439 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.292 | 0.096 | 44 | 91 | 1.434 | 0.330 | 0.099 | 0.484 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.471 | 0.028 | 202 | 368 | 0.793 | 0.059 | 0.415 | 0.527 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.310 | 0.032 | 442 | 815 | 1.339 | 0.102 | 0.247 | 0.373 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.870 | 0.030 | 134 | 253 | 0.966 | 0.035 | 0.810 | 0.930 |
| Child took ACT | 0.700 | 0.057 | 95 | 183 | 1.105 | 0.081 | 0.586 | 0.814 |
| Child has anaemia (Haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.032 | 0.018 | 406 | 811 | 1.692 | 0.560 | 0.000 | 0.068 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.124 | 0.016 | 406 | 811 | 0.970 | 0.129 | 0.092 | 0.156 |

Table B. 6 Sampling errors: North Western sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted ( N ) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| No education | 0.448 | 0.038 | 522 | 279 | 1.749 | 0.085 | 0.372 | 0.525 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.285 | 0.058 | 522 | 279 | 2.889 | 0.202 | 0.170 | 0.400 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.633 | 0.040 | 718 | 424 | 2.232 | 0.064 | 0.553 | 0.714 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.559 | 0.033 | 482 | 283 | 1.235 | 0.060 | 0.492 | 0.625 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.604 | 0.084 | 43 | 25 | 1.122 | 0.140 | 0.435 | 0.772 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.678 | 0.057 | 182 | 98 | 1.648 | 0.084 | 0.564 | 0.792 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.532 | 0.040 | 427 | 226 | 1.560 | 0.076 | 0.451 | 0.613 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.807 | 0.048 | 215 | 120 | 1.688 | 0.059 | 0.711 | 0.902 |
| Child took ACT | 0.871 | 0.038 | 152 | 80 | 1.248 | 0.043 | 0.795 | 0.946 |
| Child has anaemia (haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.082 | 0.016 | 422 | 245 | 1.102 | 0.195 | 0.050 | 0.114 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.461 | 0.032 | 422 | 245 | 1.288 | 0.070 | 0.397 | 0.526 |

Table B. 7 Sampling errors: South Central sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| No education | 0.469 | 0.041 | 728 | 729 | 2.207 | 0.087 | 0.387 | 0.551 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.269 | 0.049 | 728 | 729 | 2.960 | 0.182 | 0.171 | 0.367 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.454 | 0.035 | 692 | 761 | 1.837 | 0.077 | 0.385 | 0.524 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.312 | 0.040 | 537 | 620 | 1.591 | 0.127 | 0.233 | 0.391 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.264 | 0.059 | 63 | 70 | 1.066 | 0.224 | 0.146 | 0.382 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.386 | 0.067 | 189 | 208 | 1.993 | 0.175 | 0.251 | 0.521 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.336 | 0.030 | 464 | 506 | 1.387 | 0.090 | 0.275 | 0.396 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.787 | 0.047 | 157 | 170 | 1.460 | 0.059 | 0.694 | 0.880 |
| Child took ACT | 0.739 | 0.039 | 99 | 108 | 0.922 | 0.053 | 0.660 | 0.817 |
| Child has anaemia (haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.100 | 0.021 | 471 | 541 | 1.548 | 0.215 | 0.057 | 0.142 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.521 | 0.040 | 471 | 541 | 1.603 | 0.077 | 0.441 | 0.601 |

Table B. 8 Sampling errors: North Central sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| No education | 0.326 | 0.033 | 742 | 1,106 | 1.929 | 0.102 | 0.260 | 0.393 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.332 | 0.046 | 742 | 1,106 | 2.624 | 0.137 | 0.240 | 0.423 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.769 | 0.026 | 703 | 1,119 | 1.653 | 0.034 | 0.716 | 0.822 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.558 | 0.030 | 662 | 1,073 | 1.244 | 0.054 | 0.497 | 0.618 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.553 | 0.083 | 48 | 76 | 1.149 | 0.150 | 0.388 | 0.718 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.649 | 0.036 | 222 | 322 | 1.092 | 0.055 | 0.577 | 0.720 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.436 | 0.028 | 559 | 829 | 1.254 | 0.065 | 0.379 | 0.493 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.726 | 0.043 | 242 | 361 | 1.358 | 0.059 | 0.640 | 0.811 |
| Child took ACT | 0.875 | 0.034 | 148 | 230 | 1.217 | 0.039 | 0.806 | 0.943 |
| Child has anaemia (Haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.117 | 0.013 | 587 | 948 | 1.006 | 0.115 | 0.090 | 0.144 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.617 | 0.034 | 586 | 947 | 1.691 | 0.056 | 0.549 | 0.686 |

Table B. 9 Sampling errors: South Eastern A sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted (N) <br> ( N ) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Upper } \\ & (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{aligned}$ |
| No education | 0.396 | 0.023 | 640 | 264 | 1.165 | 0.057 | 0.351 | 0.441 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.230 | 0.040 | 640 | 264 | 2.386 | 0.173 | 0.150 | 0.310 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.639 | 0.032 | 680 | 291 | 1.728 | 0.050 | 0.576 | 0.703 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.331 | 0.045 | 479 | 197 | 1.699 | 0.137 | 0.241 | 0.421 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.335 | 0.077 | 62 | 28 | 1.298 | 0.230 | 0.181 | 0.489 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.606 | 0.049 | 208 | 86 | 1.451 | 0.081 | 0.508 | 0.705 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.379 | 0.032 | 427 | 172 | 1.279 | 0.084 | 0.315 | 0.442 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.724 | 0.055 | 153 | 65 | 1.503 | 0.076 | 0.615 | 0.834 |
| Child took ACT | 0.928 | 0.035 | 92 | 39 | 1.331 | 0.038 | 0.858 | 0.999 |
| Child has anaemia (haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.086 | 0.017 | 379 | 152 | 1.132 | 0.195 | 0.052 | 0.119 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.584 | 0.047 | 378 | 152 | 1.648 | 0.081 | 0.489 | 0.679 |

Table B. 10 Sampling errors: South Eastern B sample, Liberia 2016

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| No education | 0.374 | 0.024 | 745 | 233 | 1.377 | 0.065 | 0.326 | 0.423 |
| At least some secondary education | 0.307 | 0.029 | 745 | 233 | 1.717 | 0.095 | 0.249 | 0.365 |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.703 | 0.037 | 704 | 231 | 2.138 | 0.053 | 0.629 | 0.777 |
| Child slept under an ITN last night | 0.439 | 0.035 | 593 | 201 | 1.399 | 0.079 | 0.369 | 0.508 |
| Pregnant women slept under an ITN last night | 0.601 | 0.077 | 40 | 15 | 1.080 | 0.128 | 0.447 | 0.755 |
| Received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar during antenatal visit | 0.684 | 0.033 | 216 | 64 | 1.031 | 0.049 | 0.617 | 0.751 |
| Child has fever in last 2 weeks | 0.443 | 0.034 | 524 | 157 | 1.400 | 0.077 | 0.375 | 0.511 |
| Child sought care/treatment from a health facility | 0.746 | 0.056 | 233 | 70 | 1.597 | 0.075 | 0.634 | 0.858 |
| Child took ACT | 0.908 | 0.027 | 134 | 39 | 1.000 | 0.029 | 0.855 | 0.962 |
| Child has anaemia (haemoglobin <8.0 g/dl) | 0.085 | 0.012 | 527 | 176 | 0.976 | 0.142 | 0.061 | 0.109 |
| Child has malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.688 | 0.044 | 527 | 176 | 2.046 | 0.064 | 0.600 | 0.776 |

## Table A. 5 Sample implementation: Women

Percent distribution of households and eligible women by results of the household and individual interviews, and household, eligible women and overall women response rates, according to urban-rural residence and region (unweighted), Liberia MIS 2016

| Result | Residence |  | Region |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Monrovia | North Western | South Central | South Eastern A | South Eastern B | North Central |  |
| Selected households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (C) | 94.4 | 93.8 | 96.1 | 95.6 | 93.9 | 90.8 | 92.9 | 95.1 | 94.1 |
| Household present but no competent respondent at home (HP) | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Refused (R) | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Dwelling not found (DNF) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Household absent (HA) | 2.1 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Dwelling vacant/address not a dwelling (DV) | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| Dwelling destroyed (DD) | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Other (O) | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of sampled households | 2,092 | 2,392 | 750 | 751 | 737 | 749 | 758 | 739 | 4,484 |
| Household response rate (HRR) ${ }^{1}$ | 98.8 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 99.4 | 98.4 | 98.1 | 99.0 | 99.9 | 99.0 |
| Eligible women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (EWC) | 97.3 | 97.4 | 97.1 | 99.2 | 96.6 | 95.8 | 97.1 | 98.7 | 97.3 |
| Not at home (EWNH) | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.9 |
| Postponed (EWP) | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Refused (EWR) | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Incapacitated (EWI) | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Other (EWO) | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 2,396 | 2,011 | 940 | 526 | 754 | 668 | 767 | 752 | 4,407 |
| Eligible women response rate (EWRR) ${ }^{2}$ | 97.3 | 97.4 | 97.1 | 99.2 | 96.6 | 95.8 | 97.1 | 98.7 | 97.3 |
| Overall women response rate (ORR) ${ }^{3}$ | 96.2 | 96.6 | 96.2 | 98.7 | 95.0 | 94.0 | 96.2 | 98.5 | 96.4 |

${ }^{1}$ Using the number of households falling into specific response categories, the household response rate (HRR) is calculated as:
100 * C
$\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{HP}+\mathrm{P}+\mathrm{R}+\mathrm{DNF}$
${ }^{2}$ The eligible women response rate (EWRR) is equivalent to the percentage of interviews completed (EWC)
${ }^{3}$ The overall women response rate (OWRR) is calculated as:
OWRR $=\mathrm{HRR}$ * EWRR/ 100

| Single-year age distribution of the de facto household population by sex (weighted), Liberia MIS 2016 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 0 | 320 | 3.0 | 336 | 3.3 |
| 1 | 308 | 2.8 | 317 | 3.1 |
| 2 | 288 | 2.7 | 322 | 3.1 |
| 3 | 348 | 3.2 | 341 | 3.3 |
| 4 | 344 | 3.2 | 400 | 3.9 |
| 5 | 304 | 2.8 | 276 | 2.7 |
| 6 | 369 | 3.4 | 405 | 3.9 |
| 7 | 355 | 3.3 | 348 | 3.4 |
| 8 | 343 | 3.2 | 315 | 3.1 |
| 9 | 299 | 2.8 | 313 | 3.0 |
| 10 | 345 | 3.2 | 375 | 3.6 |
| 11 | 269 | 2.5 | 286 | 2.8 |
| 12 | 272 | 2.5 | 304 | 2.9 |
| 13 | 329 | 3.0 | 287 | 2.8 |
| 14 | 306 | 2.8 | 229 | 2.2 |
| 15 | 183 | 1.7 | 258 | 2.5 |
| 16 | 233 | 2.2 | 244 | 2.4 |
| 17 | 174 | 1.6 | 211 | 2.0 |
| 18 | 181 | 1.7 | 190 | 1.8 |
| 19 | 212 | 2.0 | 163 | 1.6 |
| 20 | 252 | 2.3 | 172 | 1.7 |
| 21 | 168 | 1.6 | 163 | 1.6 |
| 22 | 214 | 2.0 | 167 | 1.6 |
| 23 | 198 | 1.8 | 135 | 1.3 |
| 24 | 177 | 1.6 | 124 | 1.2 |
| 25 | 123 | 1.1 | 145 | 1.4 |
| 26 | 197 | 1.8 | 152 | 1.5 |
| 27 | 135 | 1.2 | 107 | 1.0 |
| 28 | 173 | 1.6 | 136 | 1.3 |
| 29 | 151 | 1.4 | 124 | 1.2 |
| 30 | 225 | 2.1 | 131 | 1.3 |
| 31 | 110 | 1.0 | 97 | 0.9 |
| 32 | 141 | 1.3 | 140 | 1.4 |
| 33 | 140 | 1.3 | 89 | 0.9 |
| 34 | 108 | 1.0 | 107 | 1.0 |
| 35 | 116 | 1.1 | 162 | 1.6 |
| 36 | 146 | 1.4 | 122 | 1.2 |
| 37 | 90 | 0.8 | 102 | 1.0 |
| 38 | 116 | 1.1 | 100 | 1.0 |
| 39 | 110 | 1.0 | 113 | 1.1 |
| 40 | 110 | 1.0 | 135 | 1.3 |
| 41 | 77 | 0.7 | 80 | 0.8 |
| 42 | 74 | 0.7 | 107 | 1.0 |
| 43 | 72 | 0.7 | 63 | 0.6 |
| 44 | 55 | 0.5 | 63 | 0.6 |
| 45 | 98 | 0.9 | 108 | 1.0 |
| 46 | 49 | 0.5 | 101 | 1.0 |
| 47 | 40 | 0.4 | 46 | 0.4 |
| 48 | 75 | 0.7 | 84 | 0.8 |
| 49 | 35 | 0.3 | 74 | 0.7 |
| 50 | 116 | 1.1 | 64 | 0.6 |
| 51 | 95 | 0.9 | 34 | 0.3 |
| 52 | 107 | 1.0 | 60 | 0.6 |
| 53 | 60 | 0.6 | 33 | 0.3 |
| 54 | 54 | 0.5 | 46 | 0.4 |
| 55 | 67 | 0.6 | 36 | 0.4 |
| 56 | 61 | 0.6 | 52 | 0.5 |
| 57 | 31 | 0.3 | 34 | 0.3 |
| 58 | 39 | 0.4 | 54 | 0.5 |
| 59 | 35 | 0.3 | 36 | 0.3 |
| 60 | 76 | 0.7 | 61 | 0.6 |
| 61 | 23 | 0.2 | 21 | 0.2 |
| 62 | 37 | 0.3 | 41 | 0.4 |
| 63 | 23 | 0.2 | 23 | 0.2 |
| 64 | 32 | 0.3 | 22 | 0.2 |
| 65 | 55 | 0.5 | 27 | 0.3 |
| 66 | 18 | 0.2 | 10 | 0.1 |
| 67 | 22 | 0.2 | 12 | 0.1 |
| 68 | 36 | 0.3 | 23 | 0.2 |
| 69 | 21 | 0.2 | 17 | 0.2 |
| 70+ | 257 | 2.4 | 215 | 2.1 |
| Don't know/missing | 6 | 0.1 | 20 | 0.2 |
| Total | 10,833 | 100.0 | 10,308 | 100.0 |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who stayed in the household the night before the interview.

Table C.2.1 Age distribution of eligible and interviewed women
De facto household population of women age 10-54, interviewed women age 15-49; and percent distribution and percentage of eligible women who were interviewed (weighted), by 5 -year age groups, Liberia MIS 2016

|  | Household <br> population of <br> women age | Interviewed women age <br> $15-49$ | Percentage <br> of eligible <br> women |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | $10-54$ | Number | Percentage |
| interviewed |  |  |  |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Weights for both household population of women and interviewed women are household weights. Age is based on the household questionnaire na $=$ Not applicable

Table C. 3 Completeness of reporting
Percentage of observations missing information for selected demographic and health questions (weighted), Liberia MIS 2016

| Subject | Percentage with <br> information <br> missing | Number of <br> cases |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Month only (births in the 15 years preceding the survey) | 1.19 | 3,219 |
| Month and year (births in the 15 years preceding the survey) | 0.00 | 3,219 |
| Age at death (deceased children born in the 15 years preceding the survey) | 0.00 | 120 |
| Respondent's education (all women age 15-49) | 0.04 | 4,290 |
| Diarrhea in last 2 weeks (living children 0-59 months) | 0.00 | 2,705 |
| Height (living children age 0-59 months from the household questionnaire) | 100.00 | 3,337 |
| Weight (living children age 0-59 months from the household questionnaire) | 100.00 | 3,337 |
| Height or weight (living children age 0-59 months from the household questionnaire) | 100.00 | 3,337 |
| Anemia (living children age 6-59 months from the household questionnaire) | 4.88 | 3,021 |

${ }^{1}$ Both year and age missing

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Hello. My name is $\qquad$ I am working with the Ministry of Health. We are conducting a survey about malaria all over Liberia. The information we collect will help the government to plan health services. Your household was selected for the survey. I would like to ask you some questions about your household. The questions usually take about 15 to 20 minutes. All of the answers you give will be confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. You don't have to be in the survey, but we hope you will agree to answer the questions since your views are important. If I ask you any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question or you can stop the interview at any time. In case you need more information about the survey, you may contact the person listed on this card.

GIVE FACT SHEET WITH CONTACT INFORMATION.

Do you have any questions?
May I begin the interview now?

SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER $\qquad$ DATE $\qquad$
RESPONDENT AGREES

## RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE TO BE INTERVIEWED . . $2 \longrightarrow$ END

RECORD THE TIME


HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { LINE } \\ & \text { NO. } \end{aligned}$ | USUAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS | RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF household | SEX | RESIDENCE |  | AGE | ELIGIBILITY |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|  | Please give me the names of the persons who usually live in your household and guests of the household who stayed here last night, starting with the head of the household. <br> AFTER LISTING THE NAMES AND RECORDING THE RELATIONSHIP AND SEX FOR EACH PERSON, ASK QUESTIONS 2A-2C TO BE SURE THAT THE LISTING IS COMPLETE. <br> THEN ASK APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS IN COLUMNS 5-15 FOR EACH PERSON. | What is the relationship of (NAME) to the head of the household? BELOW. | Is <br> (NAME) <br> male or <br> female? | Does <br> (NAME) <br> usually <br> live <br> here? | Did <br> (NAME) <br> stay <br> here <br> last <br> night? | How old is (NAME)? <br> IF 95 <br> OR MORE, RECORD '95'. | CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER <br> OF ALL <br> WOMEN <br> AGE <br> 15-49 | CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER <br> OF ALL <br> CHILDREN <br> AGE 0-5 |
| 01 |  |  | $\begin{array}{cc} M & F \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} Y & N \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} Y & N \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | IN YEARS | 01 | 01 |
| 02 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 | $1$ | 02 | 02 |
| 03 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 03 | 03 |
| 04 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 04 | 04 |
| 05 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 05 | 05 |
| 06 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 06 | 06 |
| 07 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 07 | 07 |
| 08 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 08 | 08 |
| 09 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 09 | 09 |
| 10 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | 10 | 10 |



CODES FOR Q. 3: RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
$01=$ HEAD $07=$ PARENT-IN-LAW
$02=$ WIFE OR HUSBAND
03 = SON OR DAUGHTER $04=$ SON-IN-LAW OR
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
05 = GRANDCHILD
$06=$ PARENT

07 = PARENT-IN-LAW
$08=$ BROTHER OR SISTER
09 = OTHER RELATIVE
10 = ADOPTED/FOSTER/
STEPCHILD
11 = NOT RELATED
$12=$ CO-WIFE
98 = DON'T KNOW

FOR EVERYONE TREATMENT AND FEVER

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { LINE } \\ & \text { NO. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|  | In the last 4 weeks, has (NAME) been sick with a fever at any time? | Did (NAME) get any treatment for the fever in the last 4 weeks? | Where did (NAME) go for treatment? <br> USE CODES BELOW. <br> IF MORE than one PLACE, RECORD FIRST PLACE TREATMENT WAS SOUGHT. | How much did the treatment cost? <br> INCLUDE COST OF DOCTOR, NURSE, DRUGS, TESTS. <br> IF > 9990 LIBERIAN DOLLARS, RECORD '9990' <br> IF 'FREE', RECORD '9995' <br> IF 'DON'T KNOW', RECORD '9998' | Did (NAME) get tested for malaria? | Did (NAME) get told the results? |
| 01 | $\begin{array}{llll} Y & N & D K \\ 1 & 2 & \mp & 8 \end{array}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $\begin{array}{lll} Y & N & D K \\ 1 & 2 & \square \end{array}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  | LIBERIAN DOLLARS | $\begin{array}{llll} Y & N & D K \\ 1 & 2 & \square & 8 \end{array}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $\begin{array}{lll} Y & N & D K \\ 1 & 2 & \square \end{array}$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 02 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \square 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 03 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 04 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> next Line | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 05 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|l\|}  & & \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 06 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 07 | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|l\|}  \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 08 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 09 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 10 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |

CODES FOR Q. 12: TREATMENT FOR FEVER

01 = GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL
$02=$ GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER
03 = GOVERNMENT HEALTH CLINIC
04 = PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC
$05=$ PHARMACY
06 = PRIVATE DOCTOR
$07=$ MOBILE CLINIC
$08=$ MEDICINE STORE/DRUG STORE
$09=$ TRADITIONAL PRACTITIONER
10 = BLACK BAGGER DRUG PEDDLER
96 = OTHER
98 = DOES NOT KNOW

HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE


FOR EVERYONE TREATMENT AND FEVER

| LINE <br> NO. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|  | In the last 4 weeks, has (NAME) been sick with a fever at any time? | Did (NAME) get any treatment for the fever in the last 4 weeks? | Where did (NAME) go for treatment? <br> USE CODES BELOW. <br> IF MORE THAN ONE PLACE, RECORD FIRST PLACE TREATMENT WAS SOUGHT. | How much did the treatment cost? <br> INCLUDE COST OF DOCTOR, NURSE, DRUGS, TESTS. <br> IF > 9990 LIBERIAN <br> DOLLARS, RECORD '9990' <br> IF 'FREE', RECORD '9995' <br> IF 'DON'T KNOW', RECORD '9998' | Did (NAME) get tested for malaria? | Did (NAME) get told the results? |
| 11 | $\begin{array}{llll} Y & N & D K \\ 1 & 2 & \mp & 8 \end{array}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $\begin{array}{llll} Y & N & D K \\ 1 & 2 & \mp & 8 \end{array}$ <br> NEXT LINE |   | LIBERIAN DOLLARS | $\begin{array}{llll} Y & N & D K \\ 1 & 2 & \square & 8 \end{array}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $\begin{array}{lll} Y & N & D K \\ 1 & 2 & \square \end{array}$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 12 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |     | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 13 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \square 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 14 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 15 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 16 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 17 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  | \begin{tabular}{ll\|l|l|}
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\end{tabular} | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 18 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 19 | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |
| 20 | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \nabla^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE |  |  | $12 \square^{8}$ <br> NEXT LINE | $12 \mp 8$ <br> NEXT LINE |

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09 = TRADITIONAL
PRACTITIONER
10 = BLACK BAGGER, DRUG PEDDLER
$96=$ OTHER
98 = DOES NOT KNOW

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | What is the main source of drinking water for members of your household? |  |  |
| 102 | What is the main source of water used by your household for other purposes such as cooking and handwashing? |  |  |
| 103 | Where is that water source located? |  | $\mapsto 105$ |
| 104 | How long does it take to go there, get water, and come back? | MINUTES <br> DON'T KNOW <br> 998 |  |

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 105 | What kind of toilet facility do members of your household usually use? <br> IF NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE, ASK PERMISSION TO OBSERVE THE FACILITY. |  | $\longrightarrow 108$ |
| 106 | Do you share this toilet facility with other households? |  | $\longrightarrow 108$ |
| 107 | Including your own household, how many households use this toilet facility? |  |  |
| 108 | What type of fuel does your household mainly use for cooking? <br> PROBE: By what means do you cook your food? |  |  |
| 109 | How many rooms in this household are used for sleeping? | ROOMS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |
| 110 | Does this household own any livestock, herds, other farm animals, or poultry like chickens, ducks or guinea fowl? |  | $\longrightarrow 112$ |
| 111 | How many of the following animals does this household own? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. <br> IF 95 OR MORE, RECORD '95'. <br> IF UNKNOWN, RECORD '98'. <br> a) Cows or bulls? <br> b) Pigs? <br> c) Goats? <br> d) Sheep? <br> e) Chickens, ducks or guinea fowl? | a) COWS/BULLS <br> b) PIGS <br> c) GOATS <br> d) SHEEP <br> e) CHICKENS/POULTRY |  |

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 112 | Does any member of your household farm any agricultural land? |  | $\rightarrow 114$ |
| 113 | How many acres of agricultural land do members of this household farm? <br> IF 95 OR MORE, CIRCLE '950'. |  |  |
| 114 | Does your household have: <br> a) Electricity that is connected? <br> b) A generator? <br> c) A radio? <br> d) A mobile telephone? <br> e) An ice box? <br> f) A table? <br> g) Chairs? <br> h) A cupboard? <br> i) A mattress (not made of straw or grass)? <br> j) A sewing machine? <br> k) A television? <br> I) A computer? <br> m) A bench or stool? |  |  |
| 115 | Does any member of this household own: <br> a) A watch? <br> b) A bicycle? <br> c) A motorcycle or motor scooter? <br> d) A car or truck? <br> e) A boat or a canoe? |  |  |
| 116 | Does any member of this household have a bank account? |  |  |
| 117 | At any time in the past 12 months, has anyone come into your dwelling to spray the interior walls against mosquitoes? |  | $\longrightarrow 119$ |
| 118 | Who sprayed the dwelling? |  |  |
| 119 | Does your household have any mosquito nets? |  | $\rightarrow 120$ |
| 119A | Why doesn't your household have any mosquito nets? |  | $\rightarrow 130 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 120 | How many mosquito nets does your household have? <br> IF 7 OR MORE NETS, RECORD '7'. | NUMBER OF NETS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\square$ |  |


|  |  | NET \#1 | NET \#2 | NET \#3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 121 | ASK THE RESPONDENT TO SHOW YOU ALL THE NETS IN THE HOUSEHOLD. <br> IF MORE THAN 3 NETS, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). | OBSERVED .......... 1  <br> NOT OBSERVED ... 2 | OBSERVED ........... 1  <br> NOT OBSERVED .... 2 | OBSERVED .......... 1  <br> NOT OBSERVED ... 2 |
| 122 | How many months ago did your household get the mosquito net? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH AGO, RECORD '00'. |  |  |  |
| 123 | OBSERVE OR ASK <br> BRAND/TYPE OF MOSQUITO NET. <br> IF BRAND IS UNKNOWN AND YOU CANNOT OBSERVE THE NET, SHOW PICTURES OF TYPICAL NET TYPES/BRANDS TO RESPONDENT. |  |  |  |
| 124 | Since you got the net, was it ever soaked or dipped in a liquid to kill or repel mosquitoes? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>  (SKIP TO 126) $\ldots$  <br> NOT SURE $\ldots . . . \ldots$. 8  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>  (SKIP TO 126)  <br> NOT SURE $\ldots \ldots . .$. 8  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>  (SKIP TO 126)  <br> NOT SURE $\ldots \ldots .$.   |
| 125 | How many months ago was the net last soaked or dipped? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH AGO, RECORD '00'. |  |  |  |
| 126 | Did you get the net through a mass distribution campaign, during an antenatal care visit, or during a delivery in a health facility? |  |  |  |
| 127 | Where did you get the net? |  |  |  |


|  |  | NET \#1 | NET \#2 | NET \#3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 127A | Did you buy the net or was it given to you for free? | BOUGHT $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> FREE $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> (SKIP TO 128) $\ldots$  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots$. 8 | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { BOUGHT } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { FREE } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \text { (SKIP TO } 128) \longleftarrow & \\ \text { DON'T KNOW } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 127B | How much did you pay for the net? <br> IF 995 OR MORE, <br> RECORD '995'. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { COST IN } \\ & \text { LIB. } \$ \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { COST IN } \\ & \text { LIB. \$ } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { COST IN } \\ & \text { LIB. } \$ \end{aligned}$ |
| 128 | Did anyone sleep under this mosquito net last night? |  |  |  |
| 128A | What are some of the reasons why this mosquito net was not used? <br> CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY |  |  |  |
| 129 | Who slept under this mosquito net last night? <br> RECORD THE PERSON'S NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE. | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ |
|  |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ $\square$ |  | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
|  |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\square$ | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$  |
|  |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
| 130 |  | GO BACK TO 121 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 130B. | GO BACK TO 121 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 130B. | GO TO 121 IN FIRST COLUMN OF A NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 130B. |

MOSQUITO NETS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | ISKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 130A | In the last 12 months, did any member of your household have a mosquito net? |  | $\rightarrow 130 \mathrm{~F}$ |
| 130B | In the last 12 months has any member of your household disposed of a mosquito net? |  | $\longrightarrow 130 \mathrm{~F}$ |
| 130C | Now I want to talk about the last net that was disposed of. For how long did the household member use this net? |  |  |
| 130D | What was the main reason the household member disposed of this mosquito net? |  |  |
| 130E | Was this a soft mosquito net or a hard mosquito net? |  |  |
| 130F | If you had a choice, would you like to have a soft mosquito net or a hard mosquito net? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 131 | OBSERVE MAIN MATERIAL OF THE FLOOR OF THE DWELLING. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. | NATURAL FLOOR <br> EARTH/SAND/MUD <br> RUDIMENTARY FLOOR <br> WOOD PLANKS <br> FINISHED FLOOR <br> PARQUET OR POLISHED WOOD floor mat, Linoleum, VINYL CERAMIC TILES/TERRAZO CONCRETE, CEMENT CARPET <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 21 \\ & 31 \\ & 32 \\ & 33 \\ & 34 \\ & 35 \\ & 96 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 132 | OBSERVE MAIN MATERIAL OF THE ROOF OF THE DWELLING. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. | NATURAL ROOFING <br> THATCH/PALM LEAF <br> RUDIMENTARY ROOFING <br> RUSTIC MAT <br> PALM/BAMBOO <br> WOOD PLANKS <br> TARPAULIN, PLASTIC <br> FINISHED ROOFING <br> ZINC/METAL/ALUMINUM <br> WOOD <br> CERAMIC TILES <br> CONCRETE/ CEMENT <br> ASBESTOS SHEETS/ SHINGLES <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & 21 \\ & 22 \\ & 23 \\ & 24 \\ & \\ & 31 \\ & 32 \\ & 34 \\ & 35 \\ & 36 \\ & 96 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 133 | OBSERVE MAIN MATERIAL OF THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF THE DWELLING. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. | NATURAL WALLS <br> MUD AND STICKS <br> CANE/ PALM/ TRUNKS <br> STRAW/ THATCH MATS <br> RUDIMENTARY WALLS <br> MUD BRICKS <br> PLYWOOD <br> CARDBOARD/ PLASTIC <br> REUSED WOOD <br> FINISHED WALLS <br> ZINC/ METAL <br> CEMENT <br> STONE BLOCKS <br> BRICKS <br> WOOD PLANKS/ SHINGLES <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 12 \\ & 13 \\ & 21 \\ & 22 \\ & 22 \\ & 23 \\ & 24 \\ & \\ & 31 \\ & 32 \\ & 33 \\ & 34 \\ & 35 \\ & \\ & 96 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 134 | RECORD THE TIME. | HOURS <br> MINUTES |  |  |

## TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW

COMMENTS ABOUT INTERVIEW

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

## 2016 LIBERIA MALARIA INDICATOR SURVEY

WOMAN'S QUESTIONNAIRE
NATIONAL MALARIA CONTROL PROGRAM-MINISTRY OF HEALTH LIBERIA INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS AND GEO-INFORMATION SERVICES


Hello. My name is $\qquad$ I am working with the Ministry of Health. We are conducting a survey
about malaria all over Liberia. The information we collect will help the government to plan health services. Your household was selected for the survey. The questions usually take about 30 minutes. All of the answers you give will be confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. You don't have to be in the survey, but we hope you will agree to answer the questions since your views are important. If I ask you any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question or you can stop the interview at any time.

In case you need more information about the survey, you may contact the person listed on the card that has already been given to your household.

Do you have any questions?
May I begin the interview now?
SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER $\qquad$ DATE $\qquad$
RESPONDENT AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED . . 1

## RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE

 TO BE INTERVIEWED . . $2 \longrightarrow$ ENDSECTION 1. RESPONDENT'S BACKGROUND

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATE |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | RECORD THE TIME. | HOURS <br> MINUTES |  |  |
| 102 | In what month and year were you born? | MONTH <br> DON'T KNOW MONTH <br> YEAR <br> DON'T KNOW YEAR |   <br> $\ldots$ |  |
| 103 | How old were you at your last birthday? <br> COMPARE AND CORRECT 102 AND/OR 103 IF INCONSISTENT. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS |  |  |
| 104 | Have you ever attended school? | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } \\ \text { NO } & \text {. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 108$ |
| 105 | What is the highest level of school you attended: elementary, junior high, senior high, or higher? | ELEMENTARY (1-6) JUNIOR HIGH (7-9) SENIOR HIGH (10-12) HIGHER | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots \ldots & 3 \\ \ldots \ldots \ldots & 4 \end{array}$ | $\rightarrow$ 106A |
| 106 | What is the highest grade you completed? <br> IF COMPLETED NO GRADES, RECORD '00'. | GRADE |  | $\rightarrow 107$ |
| 106A | How many years of higher education did you complete? <br> IF COMPLETED LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RECORD '00'. | YEARS |  |  |
| 107 | CHECK 105: <br> ELEMENTARY OR <br> JUNIOR HIGH OR SENIOR HIGH | GHER |  | $\rightarrow 109$ |

SECTION 1. RESPONDENT'S BACKGROUND

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 108 | Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. <br> SHOW CARD TO RESPONDENT. <br> IF RESPONDENT CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: <br> Can you read any part of the sentence to me? |  |  |
| 109 | What is your religion? |  |  |
| 110A | What dialect do you speak well (besides English)? <br> IF RESPONDENT CAN SPEAK SEVERAL DIALECTS, ASK WHICH ONE SHE SPEAKS MOST, OR WHICH IS HER FIRST LANGUAGE, OR MOTHER TONGUE |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 201 | Now I would like to ask about all the births you have had during your life. Have you ever given birth? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .  | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 202 | Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth (belly born) who are now living with you? |  | $\longrightarrow 204$ |
| 203 | a) How many sons live with you? <br> b) And how many daughters live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) SONS AT HOME <br> b) DAUGHTERS AT HOME |  |
| 204 | Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth (belly born) who are alive but do not live with you? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .   | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 205 | a) How many sons are alive but do not live with you? <br> b) And how many daughters are alive but do not live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) SONS ELSEWHERE <br> b) DAUGHTERS ELSEWHERE |  |
| 206 | Have you ever given birth to a boy or girl who was belly born alive but later died? <br> IF NO, PROBE: Any baby who cried, who made any movement, sound, or effort to breathe, or who showed any other signs of life even if for a very short time? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 208$ |
| 207 | a) How many boys have died? <br> b) And how many girls have died? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) BOYS DEAD <br> b) GIRLS DEAD |  |
| 208 | SUM ANSWERS TO 203, 205, AND 207, AND ENTER TOTAL. IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | TOTAL BIRTHS |  |
| 209 | CHECK 208: <br> Just to make sure that I have this right: you have had in TOT correct? | $\qquad$ births (belly born) during your life. Is that <br> NECESSARY. |  |
| 210 | CHECK 208: <br> ONE OR MORE BIRTHS | NO BIRTHS | $\longrightarrow 225$ |
| 211 | Now l'd like to ask you about your more recent births. How many births have you had since January 2011? <br> RECORD NUMBER OF LIVE BIRTHS FROM 2011-2016 <br> IF NONE CIRCLE '00" | TOTAL IN 2011-2016 $\qquad$ $\qquad$ | $\rightarrow 225$ |

Now I would like to record the names of all your births in 2011-2016, whether still alive or not, starting with the most recent one you had.
RECORD IN 213 NAMES OF ALL THE BIRTHS IN 2011-2016. RECORD TWINS AND TRIPLETS ON SEPARATE ROWS. IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 5 BIRTHS, USE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE STARTING WITH THE SECOND ROW.

| 213 | 214 | 215 | 216 | 217 | $\begin{aligned} & 218 \\ & \text { IF ALIVE: } \end{aligned}$ | $219$ <br> IF ALIVE: | $220$ <br> IF ALIVE: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What name was given to your (most recent/ previous) baby? | Is (NAME) <br> a boy or a girl? | Were any of these births twins? | On what day, month, and year was (NAME) born? | Is (NAME) still alive? | How old was (NAME) at (NAME)'s last birthday? | Is (NAME) living with you? | RECORD HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER OF CHILD. RECORD '00' IF CHILD NOT LISTED IN HOUSEHOLD. | Were there any other live births between (NAME) and (NAME OF PREVIOUS BIRTH), including any children who died after birth? |
| RECORD NAME. <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER. |  |  |  |  | RECORD <br> AGE IN <br> COMP- <br> LETED <br> YEARS. |  |  |  |
| 01 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { BOY } & 1 \\ \text { GIRL } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\text { SING } \quad 1$ <br> MULT 2 |  | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } \\ & \downarrow \\ \\ \text { (NEXT } \\ \text { BIRTH) } \end{array}$ | AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \end{array}$ | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER <br> (NEXT BIRTH) |  |
| 02 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { BOY } & 1 \\ \text { GIRL } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\text { SING } 1$ <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br>  $\downarrow$ <br> (SKIP TO  <br>  221 ) | AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \end{array}$ | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER |  |
| 03 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { BOY } & 1 \\ \text { GIRL } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\text { SING } \quad 1$ <br> MULT 2 |  | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { (SKIP TO } \\ & 221 \text { ) } \end{array}$ | AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \end{array}$ | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER |  |
| 04 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { BOY } & 1 \\ \text { GIRL } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\text { SING } \quad 1$ <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br>  $\downarrow$ <br>  $\downarrow$ <br> (SKIP TO  <br>  221 ) | AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \end{array}$ | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & (\text { ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH) } \\ & \\ & \text { NO .... } \\ & \text { (NEXT } \\ & \text { BIRTH) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 05 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { BOY } & 1 \\ \text { GIRL } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\text { SING } 1$ <br> MULT 2 |  | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { (SKIP TO } \\ & 221 \text { ) } \end{array}$ | AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \end{array}$ | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER | $\begin{aligned} & \underset{(\text { ADD }}{\text { YES }} \\ & \text { BIRTH) } \\ & \\ & \text { NO .... } \\ & \left(\begin{array}{l} \text { (NEXT } \\ \text { BIRTH) } \end{array}\right. \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 222 | Have you had any live births since the birth of (NAME OF MOST RECENT BIRTH)? |  |  |
| 223 | COMPARE 211 WITH NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN BIRTH H <br> NUMBERS <br> ARE SAME | ORY |  |
| 224 | CHECK 216: ENTER THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN 2011-2016 | NUMBER OF BIRTHS $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> NONE |  |
| 225 | Are you pregnant now? |  | $\rightarrow 226 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 226 | How many months pregnant are you? <br> RECORD NUMBER OF COMPLETED MONTHS. |  | $\longrightarrow 227$ |
| 226A | Are you or your partner currently doing something or using any method to delay or avoid getting pregnant? |  | $\rightarrow 226 \mathrm{D}$ |
| 226B | Which method are you using? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. <br> IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD MENTIONED, FOLLOW SKIP INSTRUCTION FOR HIGHEST METHOD IN LIST. |  | $\longrightarrow 227$ $\begin{aligned} & \xrightarrow{\longrightarrow 227} \\ & \longrightarrow 227 \end{aligned}$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 226C | Where did you obtain (CURRENT METHOD) the last time? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER <br> HEALTH CLINIC $\qquad$ <br> MOBILE CLINIC <br> COMMUNITY HEALTH <br> WORKER/ OUTREACH <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC <br> PHARMACY/ MED. STORE <br> PRIVATE DOCTOR $\qquad$ <br> PLANNED PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION OF LIBERIA <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER SOURCE <br> SHOP <br> CHURCH <br> FRIEND/RELATIVE <br> OTHER | 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 14 <br> 15 <br> 16 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 23 <br> 25 <br> 26 <br> 31 <br> 32 <br> 33 <br> 96 | $\rightarrow 227$ |
| 226D | Do you know of a place where you can obtain a method of family planning? | YES <br> NO |  |  |
| 227 | CHECK 224: <br> ONE OR MORE BIRTHS IN $2011-2016$ $($ GO TO 301) | NO BIRTHS IN <br> 2011-2016 $\square$ <br> Q. 224 IS BLANK $\square$ |  | $701$ <br> 701 |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 301 | RECORD BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER FOR THE MOST RECENT BIRTH IN 2011-2016 FROM 213 IN BIRTH HISTORY. | MOST RECENT BIRTH |  |  |
| 301A | RECORD THE NAME AND SURVIVAL STATUS OF THE MOST RECENT BIRTH FROM 213 AND 217, LINE 01: | NAME |  |  |
| 302 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about your last pregnancy that resulted in a live birth. <br> When you got pregnant with (NAME), did you see anyone for antenatal care for this pregnancy? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow$ 303E |
| 303 | Whom did you see? <br> Anyone else? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY EACH TYPE OF PERSON AND RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | HEALTH PERSONNEL <br> DOCTOR <br> NURSE/MIDWIFE <br> PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT <br> OTHER PERSON <br> TRADITIONAL BIRTH ATTENDANT COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER/ OUTREACH <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | A B <br> C <br> D <br> E <br> X |  |
| 303A | Where did you receive antenatal care for this pregnancy? <br> Anywhere else? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | HOME <br> HER HOME <br> OTHER HOME <br> PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CLINIC <br> COMMUNITY HEALTH <br> WORKER/ OUTREACH <br> OTHER PUBLIC <br> MEDICAL SECTOR <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/ CLINIC <br> PRIVATE DOCTOR <br> PLANNED PARENTHOOD ASSN. LIB. <br> OTHER PRIVATE <br> MEDICAL SECTOR <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER <br> (SPECIFY) | A <br> B <br> C <br> D <br> E <br> F <br> G <br> H <br> I <br> J <br> K <br> X |  |
| 303B | How many months pregnant were you when you first received antenatal care for this pregnancy? | MONTHS <br> DON'T KNOW/ DON'T REMEMBER |  |  |
| 303C | How many times did you receive antenatal care during this pregnancy? | NUMBER <br> OF TIMES <br> DON'T KNOW/ DON'T REMEMBER |  |  |

SECTION 3. PREGNANCY AND INTERMITTENT PREVENTIVE TREATMENT

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 303D | Did you get a mosquito net during any ANC visit? |  |  |
| 303E | Did you get a mosquito net during your delivery? |  |  |
| 303F | During this pregnancy, did anyone tell you that you were supposed to get two mosquito nets, one at an ANC visit and one at delivery? |  |  |
| 303G | During this pregnancy, did anyone tell you that pregnant women need to take some kind of medicine to keep them from getting malaria? <br> EMPHASIZE THE WORD "KEEP". |  |  |
| 304 | During this pregnancy, did you take any medicine to keep you from getting malaria? <br> EMPHASIZE 'KEEP'. DO NOT CIRCLE '1' IF SHE WAS ONLY GIVEN DRUGS BECAUSE SHE HAD MALARIA. |  | $\rightarrow 403$ |
| 304A | What medicine did you take to keep you from getting malaria? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. IF SHE DOES NOT KNOW THE TYPE OF DRUGS, SHOW HER TYPICAL ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS. TREATMENT WITH SP/FANSIDAR USUALLY CONSISTS OF TAKING 3 BIG WHITE TABLETS AT THE HEALTH FACILITY. | $\qquad$ |  |
| 304B | CHECK 304A: DRUGS TAKEN FOR MALARIA PREVEN $\begin{gathered} \text { CODE 'A' } \\ \text { CIRCLED } \\ \\ \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | CODE 'B' OR 'X' $\square$ OR 'Z' CIRCLED BUT NOT 'A' | $\rightarrow 403$ |
| 305 | How many times did you take SP/Fansidar during this pregnancy? | TIMES ....... |  |
| 306 | Did you get the SP/Fansidar during any antenatal care visit, during another visit to a health facility or from another source? <br> IF MORE THAN ONE SOURCE, RECORD THE HIGHEST SOURCE ON THE LIST. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CAT | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 403 | RECORD BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER FOR THE MOST RECENT BIRTH FROM 213 IN BIRTH HISTORY. | MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER |  |
| 404 | FROM 213 AND 217: |  |  |
| 405 | Where did you give birth to (NAME)? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) | $\qquad$ <br> OTHER HOME ......... 12 <br> PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOV. HOSPITAL ......... 21 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH <br> CENTER ............ 22 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CLINIC ............... 23 <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ 26 <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/ <br> CLINIC $\qquad$ <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ $\qquad$ 96 |  |
| 405A | CHECK 405: PLACE OF DELIVERY |  |  |
| 406 | I would like to talk to you about checks on your health after delivery, for example, someone asking you questions about your health or examining you. Did anyone check on your health while you were still in the facility? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1   <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2   <br>  $($ SKIP TO 409)    |  |



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 413 | How long after delivery did that check take place? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS; <br> IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS ....... 1 <br> DAYS .......... 2 <br> WEEKS ........ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW | $98$ |  |
| 414 | Who checked on your health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PERSONNE <br> DOCTOR ...... <br> NURSE/MIDWIFE <br> PHYSICIAN ASST <br> OTHER PERSON <br> TRADITIONAL BIR <br> ATTENDANT <br> COMMUNITY HEA <br> WORKER/ <br> OUTREACH <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 96 |  |
| 415 | Where did the check take place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | HOME <br> HER HOME <br> OTHER HOME <br> PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOV. HOSPITAL <br> GOVERNMENT H <br> CENTER <br> GOVERNMENT H <br> CLINIC . . . . . <br> OTHER PUBLIC S <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL <br> PRIVATE HOSPIT <br> CLINIC . . . . . <br> OTHER PRIVATE <br> MEDICAL SEC <br> (SPEC <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | 11 <br> 12 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 23 <br> 26 <br> 31 <br> 36 <br> 96 |  |
| 416 | I would like to talk to you about checks on (NAME)'s health after you left (FACILITY IN 405). Did any health care provider or a traditional birth attendant check on (NAME)'s health in the two months after you left (FACILITY IN 405)? | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 421 | How long after delivery did the first check take place? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS; <br> IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS ....... 1 <br> DAYS .......... 2 <br> WEEKS ....... 3 <br> DON'T KNOW |  |  |
| 422 | Who checked on your health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PERSONNE DOCTOR <br> NURSE/MIDWIFE <br> PHYSICIAN ASST <br> OTHER PERSON <br> TRADITIONAL BIR <br> ATTENDANT <br> COMMUNITY HEA <br> WORKER/ <br> OUTREACH <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 96 |  |
| 423 | Where did this first check take place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | HER HOME <br> OTHER HOME <br> PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOV. HOSPITAL <br> GOVERNMENT H <br> CENTER <br> GOVERNMENT <br> CLINIC . . . . <br> OTHER PUBLIC S <br> (SPEC <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL <br> PRIVATE HOSPIT <br> CLINIC . . . . <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SEC <br> (SPEC <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | 11 <br> 12 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 23 <br> 26 <br> 31 <br> 36 <br> 96 |  |
| 424 | I would like to talk to you about checks on (NAME)'s health after delivery - for example, someone examining (NAME), checking the cord, or seeing if (NAME) is OK. In the two months after (NAME) was born, did any health care provider or a traditional birth attendant check on (NAME)'s health? | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |




SECTION 5. FEVER IN CHILDREN

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 508 | CHECK 507: |  |  |
| 509 | Where did you first seek advice or treatment? <br> USE LETTER CODE FROM 507 | FIRST PLACE ...... | FIRST PLACE |
| 510 | How many days after the illness began did you first seek advice or treatment for (NAME)? <br> IF THE SAME DAY RECORD ' 00 '. | DAYS $\ldots \ldots \ldots . \square$ | DAYS |
| 510A | At any time during the illness, did (NAME) have blood taken from (NAME)'s finger or heel for testing? |  |  |
| 510B | Were you given malaria medicine for (NAME) after this test? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> (SKIP TO 512$)$   <br> NO  2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> (SKIP TO 512$)$   <br> NO  2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 8 |
| 511 | At any time during the illness, did (NAME) take any drugs for the illness? |  |  |
| 512 | What drugs did (NAME) take? <br> Any other drugs? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. <br> PROBE: IF AMODIAQUINE IS NAMED CLARIFY TO VERIFY IF IT IS ACT. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 513 | CHECK 512: <br> ANY CODE A-I CIRCLED? |  |  |
| 514 | CHECK 512: <br> ARTEMISININ COMBINATION THERAPY ('A') GIVEN |  |  |
| 515 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take an artemisinin combination therapy? | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 8 | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots$. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 8 |
| 516 | CHECK 512: <br> SP/FANSIDAR ('B') GIVEN |  |  |
| 517 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take SP/Fansidar? | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 8 | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 8 |
| 518 | CHECK 512: <br> CHLOROQUINE ('C') GIVEN |  |  |
| 519 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take chloroquine? | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots . \ldots \ldots$. 8 | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots . . \ldots \ldots$ 8 |
| 520 | CHECK 512: <br> AMODIAQUINE ('D') GIVEN |  |  |
| 521 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take amodiaquine? | SAME DAY $\quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .$. 8 | SAME DAY $\quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots . \ldots \ldots$. 8 |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-MOST RECENT BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 522 | CHECK 512: <br> QUININE ('E' OR 'F') GIVEN |  |  |
| 523 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take quinine? | SAME DAY <br> NEXT DAY <br> TWO DAYS AFTER <br> FEVER <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS <br> AFTER FEVER <br> DON'T KNOW | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots .$. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .$. 8 |
| 524 | CHECK 512: <br> ARTESUNATE ('G' OR 'H') GIVEN | CODE CODE <br> 'G' OR 'H' 'G' OR 'H' <br> CIRCLED NOT <br> $\square$ CIRCLED <br> $\square$ (SKIP TO 526) |  |
| 525 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take artesunate? | SAME DAY <br> NEXT DAY <br> TWO DAYS AFTER <br> FEVER <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS <br> AFTER FEVER <br> DON'T KNOW | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots .$. 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots . \ldots . .$. 8 |
| 526 | CHECK 512: <br> OTHER ANTIMALARIAL ('I') GIVEN |  |  |
| 527 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take (OTHER ANTIMALARIAL)? | SAME DAY <br> NEXT DAY <br> TWO DAYS AFTER <br> FEVER <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS <br> AFTER FEVER <br> DON'T KNOW | SAME DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 0 <br> NEXT DAY $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> TWO DAYS AFTER  <br> FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 2 <br> THREE OR MORE DAYS  <br> AFTER FEVER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots . \ldots \ldots$ 8 |
| 528 |  | GO BACK TO 503 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 601A. | GO TO 503 IN FIRST COLUMN OF NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 601A. |

SECTION 6A. CHILD IMMUNIZATION (MOST RECENT BIRTH)

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 601A | CHECK 216 IN THE BIRTH HISTORY: ANY BIRTHS IN ONE OR MORE BIRTHS IN 2013-2016 $\square$ | 3-2016? <br> NO BIRTHS IN 2013-2016 | $\rightarrow 701$ |
| 602A | RECORD THE NAME AND BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER <br> NAME OF MOST RECENT BIRTH $\qquad$ | OM 213 OF THE LAST CHILD BORN IN 2013-2016. <br> BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ |  |
| 603A | CHECK 217 FOR CHILD: <br> LIVING | DEAD | $\rightarrow$ 601B |
| 604A | Do you have a card or other document where (NAME)'s vaccinations are written down? | YES, HAS ONLY A CARD $\ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 1  <br> YES, HAS ONLY AN OTHER DOCUMENT $\ldots$. 2 <br> YES, HAS CARD AND OTHER DOCUMENT $\ldots$. 3 <br> NO, NO CARD AND NO OTHER DOCUMENT .. 4 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \longrightarrow 607 \mathrm{~A} \\ \longrightarrow 607 \mathrm{~A} \end{array}$ |
| 605A | Did you ever have a vaccination card for (NAME)? |  |  |
| 606A | CHECK 604A: <br> CODE '2' CIRCLED | CODE '4' CIRCLED | $\rightarrow$ 611A |
| 607A | May I see the card or other document where (NAME)'s vaccinations are written down? | YES, ONLY CARD SEEN ..................... 1  <br> YES, ONLY OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN ........ 2  <br> YES, CARD AND OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN . 3 <br> NO CARD AND NO OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN . 4 | $\rightarrow 611 \mathrm{~A}$ |




| No. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NAME OF MOST RECENT BIRTH | BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER |  |  |
| 611A | Did (NAME) ever receive any vaccinations to prevent (NAME) from getting diseases, including vaccinations received in campaigns or immunization days or child health days? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \quad \ldots \ldots . . \\ & \text { NO } \quad \ldots . . . \\ & \text { DON'T KNOW } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow$ 626A |
| 612A | Has (NAME) ever received a BCG vaccination against tuberculosis, that is, an injection in the upper right arm that usually causes a scar? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ DON'T KNOW <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 |  |
| 614A | Has (NAME) ever received oral polio vaccine, that is, about two drops in the mouth to prevent polio? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 | $\rightarrow$ 617A |
| 615A | Did (NAME) receive the first oral polio vaccine in the first two weeks after birth or later? | FIRST TWO WEEKS LATER | 2 |  |
| 616A | How many times did (NAME) receive the oral polio vaccine? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 617A | Has (NAME) ever received a pentavalent vaccination, that is, an injection given in the upper left thigh sometimes at the same time as polio drops? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow$ 619A |
| 618A | How many times did (NAME) receive the pentavalent vaccine? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 619A | Has (NAME) ever received a pneumococcal vaccination, that is, an injection in the upper right thigh to prevent pneumonia? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow}$ 621A |
| 620A | How many times did (NAME) receive the pneumococcal vaccine? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 621A | Has (NAME) ever received a rotavirus vaccination, that is, liquid in the mouth to prevent diarrhea? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 623 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 622A | How many times did (NAME) receive the rotavirus vaccine? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 623A | Has (NAME) ever received a measles vaccination, that is, an injection in the upper left arm to prevent measles? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 |  |
| 625A | Has (NAME) ever received a yellow fever vaccination, that is, an injection in the upper right arm to prevent yellow fever? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 626A | Did you ever have a certificate for outstanding parent for (NAME)? | YES <br> NO |  | $\longrightarrow 628 \mathrm{~A}$ |
| 627A | May I see the certificate for outstanding parent for (NAME)? | YES, SEEN YES, NOT SEEN |  |  |
| 628A | CONTINUE WITH 601B. |  |  |  |

SECTION 6B. CHILD IMMUNIZATION (NEXT MOST RECENT BIRTH)

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 601B | CHECK 216 IN THE BIRTH HISTORY: ANY MORE BIR MORE BIRTHS IN 2013-2016 $\square$ | N 2013-2016? <br> RE BIRTHS IN 2013-2016 | $\rightarrow 701$ |
| 602B | RECORD THE NAME AND BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER 2013-2016. <br> NAME OF NEXT-TO- <br> MOST RECENT BIRTH $\qquad$ | M 213 OF NEXT-TO-MOST RECENT CHILD BORN IN <br> BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ |  |
| 603B | CHECK 217 FOR CHILD: <br> LIVING | DEAD | $\rightarrow$ 628B |
| 604B | Do you have a card or other document where (NAME)'s vaccinations are written down? | YES, HAS ONLY A CARD $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. 1 <br> YES, HAS ONLY AN OTHER DOCUMENT $\ldots$. 2 <br> YES, HAS CARD AND OTHER DOCUMENT $\ldots$. 3 <br> NO, NO CARD AND NO OTHER DOCUMENT . 4 | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { 607B } \\ \longrightarrow 607 \mathrm{~B} \end{array}$ |
| 605B | Did you ever have a vaccination card for (NAME)? |  |  |
| 606B | CHECK 604B: CODE '2' CIRCLED | CODE '4' CIRCLED | $\rightarrow 611 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| 607B | May I see the card or other document where (NAME)'s vaccinations are written down? | YES, ONLY CARD SEEN $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 2  <br> YES, ONLY OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN ....... 2  <br> YES, CARD AND OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN . 3 <br> NO CARD AND NO OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN . 4 | $\longrightarrow 611 \mathrm{~B}$ |




| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NAME OF NEXT-TO- <br> MOST RECENT BIRTH | BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER |  |  |
| 611B | Did (NAME) ever receive any vaccinations to prevent (NAME) from getting diseases, including vaccinations received in campaigns or immunization days or child health days? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow}$ 626B |
| 612B | Has (NAME) ever received a BCG vaccination against tuberculosis, that is, an injection in the upper right arm that usually causes a scar? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 8 |  |
| 614B | Has (NAME) ever received oral polio vaccine, that is, about two drops in the mouth to prevent polio? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 | $\rightarrow$ 617B |
| 615B | Did (NAME) receive the first oral polio vaccine in the first two weeks after birth or later? | FIRST TWO WEEKS LATER | 1 2 |  |
| 616B | How many times did (NAME) receive the oral polio vaccine? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 617B | Has (NAME) ever received a pentavalent vaccination, that is, an injection given in the upper left thigh sometimes at the same time as polio drops? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 | $\rightarrow$ 619B |
| 618B | How many times did (NAME) receive the pentavalent vaccine? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 619B | Has (NAME) ever received a pneumococcal vaccination, that is, an injection in the upper right thigh to prevent pneumonia? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow$ 621B |
| 620B | How many times did (NAME) receive the pneumococcal vaccine? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 621B | Has (NAME) ever received a rotavirus vaccination, that is, liquid in the mouth to prevent diarrhea? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 623 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| 622B | How many times did (NAME) receive the rotavirus vaccine? | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |  |
| 623B | Has (NAME) ever received a measles vaccination, that is, an injection in the upper left arm to prevent measles? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 |  |
| 625B | Has (NAME) ever received a yellow fever vaccination, that is, an injection in the upper right arm to prevent yellow fever? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 626B | Did you ever have a certificate for outstanding parent for (NAME)? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 | $\longrightarrow 628 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| 627B | May I see the certificate for outstanding parent for (NAME)? | YES, SEEN YES, NOT SEEN |  |  |
| 628B | CHECK 216 IN BIRTH HISTORY: ANY MORE BIRTHS IN <br> MORE BIRTHS IN 2013-2016 $\square$ <br> (GO TO 602B IN AN ADDITIONAL | 13-2016? <br> NO MORE BIRTHS <br> IN 2013-2016 $\square$ |  | $\rightarrow 701$ |

SECTION 7. KNOWLEDGE OF MALARIA

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 701 | Now I would like to talk about something else. Before this interview, had you ever heard of a sickness called malaria? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 717$ |
| 702 | What are the things that can happen to you when you have malaria? <br> Anything else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 703 | Who do you think can get sick from malaria more often? <br> Who else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 704 | In your opinion, what causes malaria? <br> Anything else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 705 | Are there things people can do to stop them from getting malaria? |  | $\rightarrow 708$ |
| 706 | What are some of these things that you think people can do to stop them from getting malaria? <br> What else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. | SLEEP UNDER MOSQUITO NET . . . . . . . . . . . . . A <br> USE MOSQUITO COILS ........................ B <br> USE INSECTICIDE SPRAY .................... C <br> KEEP DOORS AND WINDOWS CLOSED ..... D <br> USE INSECT REPELLENT ....................... E <br> KEEP SURROUNDINGS CLEAN ................ F <br> CUT THE GRASS ................................ G <br> PREGNANT WOMEN TAKE MEDICINE .......... H <br> OTHER $\qquad$ |  |
| 707 | Why do you think people are not doing these things to stop them from getting malaria? <br> Anything else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 708 | Can malaria be treated? |  | $\xrightarrow{\square} 714$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 709 | Why do you think people do not go for treatment as soon as they feel that they have got malaria? <br> Anything else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. | NO ACCESS/DISTANCE TO HEALTH CENTER . . A COSTS TOO MUCH <br> DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO <br> THINK THEY CAN TREAT AT HOME .............. D <br> NO DRUGS AT HEALTH CENTER .............. E <br> NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR OF PROVIDER ......... F <br> GO TO TRADITIONAL HEALER ................ G <br> WENT TO DRUG STORE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . H <br> ILLNESS NOT SERIOUS .......................... I <br> WEAKNESS/ TOO SICK TO GO ............... J <br> OTHER |  |
| 710 | What medicines are mainly used to treat malaria? <br> Anything else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. <br> PROBE: IF AMODIAQUINE IS NAMED CLARIFY TO VERIFY IF IT IS ACT |  | $\rightarrow 710 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| 710A | Have you heard of a medicine called SP/Fansidar? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\rightarrow 714$ |
| 710B | What is SP/Fansidar used for? <br> Anything else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. | PREVENTON OF MALARIA DURING |  |
| 710C | CHECK 710B: CODE 'A' PREVENTON OF MALARIA DUR <br> YES, CODE <br> 'A' CIRCLED | G PREGNANCY CIRCLED? <br> OTHER $\square$ | $\rightarrow 714$ |
| 711 | Why do you think pregnant women don't take any or enough SP/Fansidar during pregnancy? <br> Anything else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. | NO ACCESS TO HEALTH CENTER ............. A COSTS TOO MUCH .......................... B <br> DON'T THINK/KNOW THEY NEED TO .......... C <br> DON'T THINK IT WORKS ................... D <br> WORRIED ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS .............. E <br> DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GET IT .............. F <br> NOT AVAILABLE/STOCK-OUTS .............. G <br> PROVIDER DIDN'T EXPLAIN/NO INFO ......... H <br> NEGATIVE PROVIDER INTERACTION ......... I <br> EMPTY STOMACH ................................ J <br> NO WATER TO TAKE MEDICINE ............... K <br> HUSBAND WOULDN'T LET HER GO .............. L <br> OTHER $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DOES NOT KNOW ANY <br> ..................... Z |  |
| 714 | In the past few months, have you seen or heard any messages about malaria? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO 2  | $\rightarrow 717$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 715 | In the past few months, have you heard or seen any of the following malaria messages? <br> a) If have fever, go to the health facility? <br> b) Everywhere, Every night. Sleep under the net? <br> c) Pregnant women should take drugs to prevent malaria? <br> d) Hang up keep up? <br> e) Use your mosquito net? <br> f) Other malaria messages? | a) IF HAVE FEVER, GO TO HEALTH FACILITY <br> b) EVERYWHERE, EVERY NIGHT SLEEP UNDER THE NET <br> c) PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD TAKE DRUGS TO PREVENT MALARIA <br> d) HANG UP KEEP UP <br> e) USE YOUR MOSQUITO NET <br> f) OTHER | YES <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 | NO 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 |  |
| 715A | CHECK 715: ANY MALARIA MESSAGES HEARD OR $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES, ANY } \\ & \text { CODE '1' } \\ & \text { CIRCLED } \end{aligned}$ | OTHER |  |  | 717 |
| 716 | Where did you hear or see the messages? <br> Anywhere else? <br> CIRCLE ALL MENTIONED. | RADIO <br> BILLBOARD <br> POSTER <br> T-SHIRT <br> LEAFLET/FACT SHEET/ BROCHURE <br> TELEVISION <br> VIDEO CLUB <br> SCHOOL <br> COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS <br> TTM, TBA, HEALTH PROMOTERS PEER EDUCATORS <br> OTHER $\qquad$ |  |  |  |
| 717 | RECORD THE TIME. | HOUR <br> MINUTES |  |  |  |

## TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW

COMMENTS ABOUT INTERVIEW

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

PLACE NAME

NAME OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD


LMIS CLUSTER NUMBER
HOUSEHOLD NUMBER


BIOMARKER WORKER VISITS


|  | SUPERVISOR |  | INTERVIEWER | OFFICE EDITOR | KEYED BY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NAME | NUMBER | NAME | NUMBER NUMBER |  | NUMBER |

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| 101 | CHECK COLUMN 9 IN HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. RECORD THE LINE NUMBER AND NAME FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS IN QUESTION 102; IF MORE THAN SIX CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | CHILD 1 |  | CHILD 2 |  | CHILD 3 |  |
| 102 | CHECK HOUSEHOLD <br> QUESTIONNAIRE: <br> LINE NUMBER FROM COLUMN 9. <br> NAME FROM COLUMN 2. | LINE NUMBER NAME |  | LINE NUMBER NAME |  | LINE NUMBER NAME |  |


| 103 | IF MOTHER INTERVIEWED: COPY CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (DAY, MONTH, AND YEAR) FROM BIRTH HISTORY. IF MOTHER NOT INTERVIEWED ASK: <br> What is (NAME)'s date of birth? | DAY <br> MONTH <br> YEAR | DAY <br> MONTH <br> YEAR $\square$ | DAY $\ldots . . . . .$    <br>     <br> MONTH .......    <br> YEAR ...    |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 104 | CHECK 103: CHILD BORN IN 20112016? | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \ldots \ldots \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ & \\ & (\text { SKIP TO 130 })\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ & \\ & (\text { SKIP TO 130 })\end{array}$ |
| 105 | CHECK 103: CHILD AGE 0-5 MONTHS, I.E., WAS CHILD BORN IN MONTH OF INTERVIEW OR 5 PREVIOUS MONTHS? |  | O-5 MONTHS $\ldots \ldots . \quad 1$ (SKIP TO 130) OLDER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. |  |
| 106 | CHECK HOUSEHOLD <br> QUESTIONNAIRE: LINE NUMBER OF PARENT/OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD FROM COLUMN 1 AND NAME FROM COLUMN 2. | LINE NUMBER $\square$ (RECORD '00' IF NOT LISTED) NAME $\qquad$ | LINE NUMBER $\square$ (RECORD '00' IF NOT LISTED) NAME $\qquad$ | LINE NUMBER $\square$ (RECORD '00' IF NOT LISTED) NAME $\qquad$ |
| 107 | ASK CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of this survey, we are ask serious health problem that usual survey will assist the governmen children born in 2011 or later tak from a finger or heel. The equipm been used before and will be thro <br> The blood will be tested for anem result will be kept strictly confiden survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? You can say yes or no. It is up to Will you allow (NAME OF CHILD) | ing children all over the country to y results from poor nutrition, infectio to develop programs to prevent and part in anemia testing in this surve ent used to take the blood is clean wn away after each test. <br> a immediately, and the result will be ial and will not be shared with anyo <br> you to decide. <br> to participate in the anemia test? | ke an anemia test. Anemia is a n, or chronic disease. This treat anemia. We ask that all and give a few drops of blood and completely safe. It has never <br> told to you right away. The ne other than members of our |
| 108 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. |  | GRANTED $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ $\left.\begin{array}{ccc}(\text { SIGN }) & & \\ \text { REFUSED } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \text { NOT PRESENT/OTHER . } & 3\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc}\text { GRANTED } \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \begin{array}{c}(\text { SIGN }) \\ \text { REFUSED } \ldots \ldots \ldots\end{array} \\ \text { NOT PRESENT/OTHER . } & 2\end{array}\right]$ |


|  | CHILD 1 |  | CHILD 2 |  | CHILD 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHECK HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE: <br> LINE NUMBER FROM COLUMN 9. NAME FROM COLUMN 2. | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME | $\ldots \ldots . \square$ | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  |


| 109 | ASK CONSENT FOR MALARIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of this survey, we are asking children all over the country to take a test to see if they have malaria. Malaria is a serious illness caused by a parasite transmitted by a mosquito bite. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent malaria. <br> We ask that all children born in 2011 or later take part in malaria testing in this survey and give a few drops of blood from a finger or heel. One blood drop will be tested for malaria immediately, and the result will be told to you right away. All results will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you allow (NAME OF CHILD) to participate in the malaria test? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 110 | CIRCLE THE CODE, SIGN YOUR NAME, AND ENTER YOUR BIOMARKER WORKER NUMBER. | GRANTED $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> REFUSED $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>   $]$ <br> (SIGN AND ENTER YOUR BIOMARKER WORKER NUMBER) <br> NOT PRESENT/OTHER . 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GRANTED } \\ & \text { REFUSED } \\ & \text { RE. .......... } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | GRANTED ........... 1 <br> REFUSED ........... $2-1$ <br> (SIGN AND ENTER YOUR BIOMARKER WORKER NUMBER) |
| 111 | PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ONLY FOR THE TEST(S) FOR WHICH CONSENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND PROCEED WITH THE TEST(S). |  |  |  |
| 113 | RECORD HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL HERE AND IN THE ANEMIA AND MALARIA PAMPHLET. |  |  |  |
| 114 | CIRCLE THE CODE FOR THE MALARIA RDT. |  |  |  |
| 115 | RECORD THE RESULT OF THE MALARIA RDT HERE AND IN THE ANEMIA AND MALARIA PAMPHLET. |  |  |  |



| 116 | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 117 | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL FORM. | The anemia test shows that (NAM taken to a health facility immediate <br> (SKIP TO 130) | E OF CHILD) has severe anemia ly. | Your child is very ill and must be |
| 118 | Does (NAME) suffer from any of the following illnesses or symptoms: <br> a) Extreme weakness? <br> b) Heart problems? <br> c) Loss of consciousness? <br> d) Rapid or difficult breathing? <br> e) Seizures? <br> f) Abnormal bleeding? <br> g) Jaundice or yellow skin? <br> h) Dark urine? |  YES NO <br> a) EXTREME <br> WEAKNESS 1 2 <br> b) HEART   <br> $\quad$ PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c)POSS OF   <br> $\quad$ CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |  YES NO <br> a) EXTREME <br> WEAKNESS 1 2 <br> b) HEART   <br> $\quad$ PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c)POSS OF   <br> $\quad$ CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |  YES NO <br> a) EXTREME <br> WEAKNESS 1 2 <br> b) HEART  $\quad$$\quad$ PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c)LOSS OF   <br> $\quad$ CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |
| 119 | CHECK 118: <br> ANY 'YES' CIRCLED? | NO  <br> $\square$ YES $\square$ | NO $\square$ $\square$ | NO  <br> $\square$ YES $\square$ <br> $\square$  |
| 120 | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, <br>  | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA $($ SKIP TO 122) $\stackrel{1}{\rightleftarrows}$ 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE ... 2 NOT PRESENT ........ 3 REFUSED OTHER |  |
| 121 | In the past two weeks has (NAME) taken or is taking ACT given by a doctor or health center to treat the malaria? <br> VERIFY BY ASKING TO SEE TREATMENT |  |  |  |

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|  | CHILD 1 |  | CHILD 2 |  | CHILD 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHECK HOUSEHOLD <br> QUESTIONNAIRE: <br> LINE NUMBER FROM COLUMN 9. NAME FROM COLUMN 2. | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER NAME |  |


| 122 | SEVERE MALARIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE MALARIA RDT ON THE REFERRAL FORM. | The malaria test shows that (NAME OF CHILD) has malaria. Your child also has symptoms of severe malaria. The malaria treatment I have will not help your child, and I cannot give you the medication. Your child is very ill and must be taked to a health facility right away. <br> (SKIP TO 128) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 123 | ALREADY TAKING ACT MEDICATION REFERRAL STATEMENT | You have told me that (NAME OF CHILD) had already received ACT for malaria. Therefore, I cannot give you additional ACT. However, the test shows that he/she has malaria. If your child has a fever for two days after the last dose of ACT, you should take the child to the nearest health facility for further examination. <br> (SKIP TO 130) |  |  |  |
| 124 | READ INFORMATION FOR MALARIA TREATMENT AND CONSENT STATEMENT TO PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | The malaria test shows that your child has malaria. We can give you free medicine. The medicine is called Artesunate and Amodiaquine (AS-AQ) Fixed Dose Combination. AS-AQ is very effective and in a few days it should get rid of the fever and other symptoms. You do not have to give the child the medicine. This is up to you. Please tell me whether you accept the medicine or not. |  |  |  |
| 125 | CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. |  |  |  | $\left[\begin{array}{lll}\text { ACCEPTED MEDICINE } & 1 \\ \left.\begin{array}{ll}(\text { SIGN }) & \\ \text { REFUSED } \ldots \ldots & \ldots \\ \text { OTHER } \ldots \ldots & 2\end{array}\right]\end{array}\right]$ |
| 126 | CHECK 125: <br> MEDICATION ACCEPTED | ACCEPTED MEDICINE .1 <br> REFUSED $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ <br> OTHER .............. <br> (SKIP TO 130). |  |  |  |
| 127 | READ INFORMATION FOR MALARIA TREATMENT AND CONSENT STATEMENT TO PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | TREATMENT FIRST LINE: AMODIAQUINE(AS)+ARTESUNATE(AQ) Fixed Dose Combination |  |  |  |
|  |  | Weight* | Age | (AS-AQ) tablet content | Dosage |
|  |  | $\geq 4.5 \mathrm{~kg}<9 \mathrm{~kg}$. $\geq 9 \mathrm{~kg}<18 \mathrm{~kg}$. | $6-11$ months $1-5$ years | $\left\|\begin{array}{l}25 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{AS}+67.5 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{AQ} \\ 50 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{AS}+135 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{AQ}\end{array}\right\|$ | 1 tablet once a day for 3 days <br> 1 tablet once a day for 3 days |
|  |  | ALSO TELL THE PARENT/OTHER ADULT: If [NAME] has a high fever, fast or difficult breathing, is not able to drink or breastfeed, gets sicker or does not get better in two days, you should take him/her to a health professional for treatment right away. <br> (SKIP TO 130) |  |  |  |
| 128 | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL <br> SEVERE ANEM 8.0 G/DL OR ABO NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP | $\begin{array}{ccc}  & & \\ = & \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots & 3 \\ \ldots & 4 \\ \ldots . & 6 \\ 130) & \leftarrow \end{array}-$ |  |  |
| 129 | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL FORM. | The anemia test shows that (NAME OF CHILD) has severe anemia. Your child is very ill and must be taken to a health facility immediately. |  |  |  |
| 130 | GO BACK TO 103 IN NEXT COLUMN OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF THE NEXT PAGE; IF NO MORE CHILDREN, END INTERVIEW. |  |  |  |  |

HEMOGLOBIN MEASUREMENT AND MALARIA TESTING FOR CHILDREN AGE 0-5

| 101 | CHECK COLUMN 9 IN HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. RECORD THE LINE NUMBER AND NAME FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS IN QUESTION 102; IF MORE THAN SIX CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | CHILD 4 |  | CHILD 5 |  | CHILD 6 |  |
| 102 | CHECK HOUSEHOLD <br> QUESTIONNAIRE: <br> LINE NUMBER FROM COLUMN 9. <br> NAME FROM COLUMN 2. | LINE NUMBER NAME |  | LINE NUMBER NAME |  | LINE NUMBER NAME |  |


| 103 | IF MOTHER INTERVIEWED: COPY CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (DAY, MONTH, AND YEAR) FROM BIRTH HISTORY. IF MOTHER NOT INTERVIEWED ASK: <br> What is (NAME)'s date of birth? |  | DAY <br> MONTH <br> YEAR |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 104 | CHECK 103: CHILD BORN IN 2011- 2016 ? 2016? | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \ldots \ldots \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \ldots \ldots \end{array}$ |
| 105 | CHECK 103: CHILD AGE 0-5 MONTHS, I.E., WAS CHILD BORN IN MONTH OF INTERVIEW OR 5 PREVIOUS MONTHS? |  | 0-5 MONTHS $\ldots \ldots \ldots \quad 1$ (SKIP TO 130) OLDER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. | 0-5 MONTHS $\ldots \ldots \ldots \quad 1$ (SKIP TO 130) OLDER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. |
| 106 | CHECK HOUSEHOLD <br> QUESTIONNAIRE: LINE NUMBER OF PARENT/OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD FROM COLUMN 1 AND NAME FROM COLUMN 2. | LINE NUMBER $\square$ (RECORD '00' IF NOT LISTED) NAME $\qquad$ | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ (RECORD '00' IF NOT LISTED) NAME $\qquad$ | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ (RECORD '00' IF NOT LISTED) NAME $\qquad$ |
| 107 | ASK CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of this survey, we are ask serious health problem that usual survey will assist the governmen children born in 2011 or later tak from a finger or heel. The equipm been used before and will be thro <br> The blood will be tested for anem result will be kept strictly confiden survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? You can say yes or no. It is up to Will you allow (NAME OF CHILD) | ing children all over the country to y results from poor nutrition, infectio to develop programs to prevent and part in anemia testing in this surve ent used to take the blood is clean wn away after each test. <br> a immediately, and the result will be ial and will not be shared with anyo <br> you to decide. <br> to participate in the anemia test? | ke an anemia test. Anemia is a n, or chronic disease. This treat anemia. We ask that all and give a few drops of blood and completely safe. It has never <br> told to you right away. The ne other than members of our |
| 108 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. |  |  | GRANTED $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> (SIGN) <br> REFUSED $\ldots \ldots .$.  <br> NOT PRESENT/OTHER .  |


|  | CHILD 4 |  | CHILD 5 |  | CHILD 6 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHECK HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE: <br> LINE NUMBER FROM COLUMN 9. NAME FROM COLUMN 2. | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  |


| 109 | ASK CONSENT FOR MALARIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of this survey, we are asking children all over the country to take a test to see if they have malaria. Malaria is a serious illness caused by a parasite transmitted by a mosquito bite. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent malaria. <br> We ask that all children born in 2011 or later take part in malaria testing in this survey and give a few drops of blood from a finger or heel. One blood drop will be tested for malaria immediately, and the result will be told to you right away. All results will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you allow (NAME OF CHILD) to participate in the malaria test? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 110 | CIRCLE THE CODE, SIGN YOUR NAME, AND ENTER YOUR BIOMARKER WORKER NUMBER. | NOT PRESENT/OTHER . 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GRANTED } \\ & \text { REFUSED } \\ & \text { R............ } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ <br> NOT PRESENT/OTHER . 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GRANTED } \\ & \text { REFUSED } \\ & \text { RE. ............ } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ <br> NOT PRESENT/OTHER . 3 |
| 111 | PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ONLY FOR THE TEST(S) FOR WHICH CONSENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND PROCEED WITH THE TEST(S). |  |  |  |
| 113 | RECORD HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL HERE AND IN THE ANEMIA AND MALARIA PAMPHLET. |  |  |  |
| 114 | CIRCLE THE CODE FOR THE MALARIA RDT. |  |  |  |
| 115 | RECORD THE RESULT OF THE MALARIA RDT HERE AND IN THE ANEMIA AND MALARIA PAMPHLET. |  |  |  |



| 116 | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 117 | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL FORM. | The anemia test shows that (NAM taken to a health facility immediate <br> (SKIP TO 130) | E OF CHILD) has severe anemia ly. | Your child is very ill and must be |
| 118 | Does (NAME) suffer from any of the following illnesses or symptoms: <br> a) Extreme weakness? <br> b) Heart problems? <br> c) Loss of consciousness? <br> d) Rapid or difficult breathing? <br> e) Seizures? <br> f) Abnormal bleeding? <br> g) Jaundice or yellow skin? <br> h) Dark urine? |  YES NO <br> a) EXTREME <br> WEAKNESS 1 2 <br> b) HEART   <br> $\quad$ PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c)POSS OF   <br> $\quad$ CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |  YES NO <br> a) EXTREME <br> WEAKNESS 1 2 <br> b) HEART   <br> $\quad$ PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c)POSS OF   <br> $\quad$ CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |  YES NO <br> a) EXTREME <br> $\quad$ WEAKNESS 1 2 <br> b) HEART   <br> $\quad$ PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c)POSS OF   <br> $\quad$ CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |
| 119 | CHECK 118: <br> ANY 'YES' CIRCLED? | NO YES $\square$ <br> $\square$  | NO  <br> $\square$  <br> $\square$ YES $\square$ | NO  <br> $\square$ YES $\square$ <br> $\square$  |
| 120 | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, <br>  | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA $($ SKIP TO 122) $\stackrel{1}{\rightleftarrows}$ 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE ... 2 NOT PRESENT ........ 3 REFUSED OTHER |  |
| 121 | In the past two weeks has (NAME) taken or is taking ACT given by a doctor or health center to treat the malaria? <br> VERIFY BY ASKING TO SEE TREATMENT |  |  |  |

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|  | CHILD 4 |  | CHILD 5 |  | CHILD 6 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHECK HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE: <br> LINE NUMBER FROM COLUMN 9. NAME FROM COLUMN 2. | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME | $\ldots \ldots . \square$ | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  |


| 122 | SEVERE MALARIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE MALARIA RDT ON THE REFERRAL FORM. | The malaria test shows that (NAME OF CHILD) has malaria. Your child also has symptoms of severe malaria. The malaria treatment I have will not help your child, and I cannot give you the medication. Your child is very ill and must be taked to a health facility right away. <br> (SKIP TO 128) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 123 | ALREADY TAKING ACT MEDICATION REFERRAL STATEMENT | You have told me that (NAME OF CHILD) had already received ACT for malaria. Therefore, I cannot give you additional ACT. However, the test shows that he/she has malaria. If your child has a fever for two days after the last dose of ACT, you should take the child to the nearest health facility for further examination. <br> (SKIP TO 130) |  |  |  |
| 124 | READ INFORMATION FOR MALARIA TREATMENT AND CONSENT STATEMENT TO PARENT/OTHER | The malaria test shows that your child has malaria. We can give you free medicine. The medicine is called Artesunate and Amodiaquine (AS-AQ) Fixed Dose Combination. AS-AQ is very effective and in a few days it should get rid of the fever and other symptoms. You do not have to give the child the medicine. This is up to you. Please tell me whether you accept the medicine or not. |  |  |  |
| 125 | CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. |  |  |  |  |
| 126 | CHECK 125: <br> MEDICATION ACCEPTED |  |  |  |  |
| 127 | READ INFORMATION FOR MALARIA TREATMENT AND CONSENT STATEMENT TO PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | TREATMENT FIRST LINE: AMODIAQUINE(AS)+ARTESUNATE(AQ) Fixed Dose Combination |  |  |  |
|  |  | Weight* | Age | (AS)+(AQ) tablet content | Dosage |
|  |  | $\geq 4.5 \mathrm{~kg}<9 \mathrm{~kg}$. $\geq 9 \mathrm{~kg}<18 \mathrm{~kg}$. | 6-11 months $1-5$ years | $\begin{gathered} 25 \mathrm{mg} \text { AS }+67.5 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{AQ} \\ 50 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{AS}+135 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{AQ} \end{gathered}$ | 1 tablet once a day for 3 days 1 tablet once a day for 3 days |
|  |  | ALSO TELL THE PARENT/OTHER ADULT: If [NAME] has a high fever, fast or difficult breathing, is not able to drink or breastfeed, gets sicker or does not get better in two days, you should take him/her to a health professional for treatment right away. <br> (SKIP TO 130) |  |  |  |
| 128 | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL <br> SEVERE ANE 8.0 G/DL OR ABO NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER |  | BELOW 8.0 G/DL,    <br> $\begin{array}{llll}\text { SEVERE ANEMIA } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { NOT PRESENT } & \ldots & \ldots & 3 \\ \text { REFUSED } & \ldots . & \ldots & .\end{array}$ 4   <br> OTHER $\ldots . . .$. $\ldots$ 6 | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA ... 1 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER |
| 129 | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL FORM. | The anemia test shows that (NAME OF CHILD) has severe anemia. Your child is very ill and must be taken to a health facility immediately. |  |  |  |
| 130 | GO BACK TO 103 IN NEXT COLUMN OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF THE NEXT PAGE; IF NO MORE CHILDREN, END INTERVIEW. |  |  |  |  |

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| 111 | What is your religion? |  |  |
| 113 | What languages can you speak? <br> RECORD ALL LANGUAGES YOU CAN SPEAK. |  |  |
| 114 | What is your mother tongue/native language (language spoken at home growing up)? |  |  |
| 115 | Have you ever worked on a MIS survey prior to this one? |  |  |
| 116 | Have you ever worked on any other survey prior to this one (not an MIS)? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO 2  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
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| 117 | Were you already working for NMCP/MOH or LISGIS at the time you were employed to work on this MIS? |  | $\longrightarrow 119$ |
| 118 | Are you a permanent or temporary employee of NMCP/MOH or LISGIS? | PERMANENT . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> TEMPORARY . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .   |  |
| 119 | If you have comments, please write them here. |  |  |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Households were asked if any member of the household farmed agricultura land. Such land need not be owned by the household.
    ${ }^{2}$ Cattle/bulls, pigs, goats, sheep, or chicken, ducks, or guinea fowl

[^1]:    Note: Table is based on de jure household members, i.e., usual residents.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level
    ${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level
    $\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than $50 \%$ of the respondents have completed one year of school

[^3]:    Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation
    SDM = Standard days method; LAM = Lactational amenorrhea method

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN) or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months.
    ${ }^{2}$ Percentage of the de facto household population who could sleep under an ITN if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment (LLIN) or a net that has been soaked with insecticide within the past 12 months
    ${ }_{2}$ Indoor residual spraying (IRS) is limited to spraying conducted by a government, private, or non-governmental organization.
    Note: Total includes a small number of persons whose age is missing

[^6]:    Note: Data are based on reports from the respondent to the Household Questionnaire and not necessarily the household member with fever. Total includes a small number of cases with age missing.

[^7]:    Notes: Data are based on reports from the respondent to the Household Questionnaire and not necessarily the household member with fever Costs are in Liberian
    dollars. Mean costs are based only on respondents who provided a cost. An asterisk indicates that the figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has
    been suppressed. Figures in parentheses are based on $25-49$ unweighted cases. been suppressed. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

[^8]:    Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed
    Other includes eyes/urine turn yellow/other colour.

[^9]:    Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed
    ${ }^{1}$ Other includes cold surroundings.

[^10]:    Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed.
    ${ }^{1}$ Other includes use clean food/water.

[^11]:    Note: Percentages may add to more than 100 since multiple responses were allowed.
    1 Other includes husband wouldn't let her go.

