



List of countries facing a Human Resources for Health crisis

Analysis for the 2006 World Health Report identified 57 countries that were considered to have a severe health worker crisis. All countries in this category had less than 22.8 skilled health professionals per 10,000 population and less than 80% coverage rate for deliveries by skilled birth attendants (an indicator of low health service coverage).

Ahead of the Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health in November 2013, the Global Health Workforce Alliance reviewed trends in these 57 countries to determine which have remained in the crisis category. Three countries (highlighted orange) have no recent data on SBA coverage. Six countries (highlighted green) have improved their SBA coverage to above 80% so exit the crisis group. However the SBA coverage rate in six countries (highlighted yellow) has dropped causing them to enter the crisis category.

Most of the countries classified as having an HRH crisis have seen dramatic reductions in child (under-5) mortality rates suggesting that further research is needed to understand how countries have achieved progress in spite of low density of skilled health professionals.

Country	Number of doctors, nurses & midwives per 10,000 population	% coverage of skilled birth attendants	% decline in child mortality (1990-2012)
Afghanistan	2.67	36.3	44
Angola	18.26	49.4	23
Bangladesh	5.74	31.1	72
Benin	8.3	84.1	50
Bhutan	3.62	58.2	66
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	12.2	71.1	66
Burkina Faso	6.12	67.1	49
Burundi	0.3	60.3	36
Cambodia	10.13	71	66
Cameroon	5.15	63.6	30
Cape Verde	7.48	75.6	64
Central African Republic	3.05	41.4	25
Chad	2.25	16.6	28
Comoros	1.5	n/a	37
Congo	9.19	93.6	4
Cote d'Ivoire	6.27	59.4	29
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1.1	80.4	15
Djibouti	10.29	78.4	32
El Salvador	20.01	84.6	73
Equatorial Guinea	3	n/a	45
Eritrea	0.5	n/a	65
Ethiopia	2.78	10	67
Gambia	9.72	56.1	57

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Ghana	11.31	54.7	44
Guatemala	9.32	51.3	60
Guinea	1.43	46.1	58
Guinea-Bissau	6.55	44	37
Haiti	2.5	26.1	48
Honduras	14.54	66.3	61
India	16.5	57.7	55
Indonesia	15.87	79.8	63
Iraq	19.87	88.5	35
Kenya	9.73	43.8	26
Lao People's Democratic Republic	10.1	37	56
Lesotho	0.5	61.5	-18
Liberia	2.88	46.3	70
Madagascar	1.61	43.9	63
Malawi	3.62	71.4	71
Mali	5.13	49	49
Mauritania	8.02	57.1	34
Morocco	15.1	73.6	61
Mozambique	3.7	54.3	61
Myanmar	13.57	70.6	51
Nepal	2.1	36	71
Nicaragua	3.7	73.7	63
Niger	1.56	17.7	65
Nigeria	20	34.4	42
Pakistan	13.7	45	38
Papua New Guinea	5.1	42.7	29
Peru	21.91	85	77
Rwanda	7.45	69	64
Senegal	4.79	65.1	58
Sierra Leone	1.88	60.8	29
Solomon Islands	22.7	70.1	19
Somalia	1.49	9.4	17
Timor-Leste	1	29.6	67
Togo	3.27	43.9	33
Uganda	14.23	58	61
United Republic of Tanzania	2.5	48.9	68
Vanuatu	18.2	74	48
Yemen	8.74	35.7	52
Zambia	8.5	46.5	54
Zimbabwe	13.13	66.2	-21

All data is taken from the Global Health Workforce Alliance's report 'A Universal Truth: No Health Without a Workforce' (November 2013) except for the child mortality data which is sourced from the UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (September 2013).