

SOWMY 2021 “ESTADO MUNDIAL DE LA PARTERIA EN EL MUNDO- CAPÍTULO: PARAGUAY

THE STATE
OF THE
World's
Midwifery
2021

Paraguay



This country profile should be read in conjunction with the “How to use the country profile” document which can be found at unfpa.org/sowmy

Map is an approximation of actual country borders.

Estimated population	2019	7,044,639
Women of reproductive age (aged 15-49)	2019	1,841,035
Adolescents (aged 10-19)	2019	1,337,773
Total fertility rate (births per woman)	2015-2020	2.45
Live births	2019	142,960
Pregnancies	2019	236,765
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	2015	72
Maternal mortality ratio (maternal deaths per 100,000 live births)	2017	84
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths within 28 days per 1,000 live births)	2018	11
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total births)	2019	11
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	2018	98%
Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (% using modern method)	2019	53%
Unmet need for family planning (% of women of reproductive age)	2019	9%
Caesarean section rate (% of live births)	2014-2016	46%
Coverage for 4+ antenatal care visits (% of live births)	2018	86%

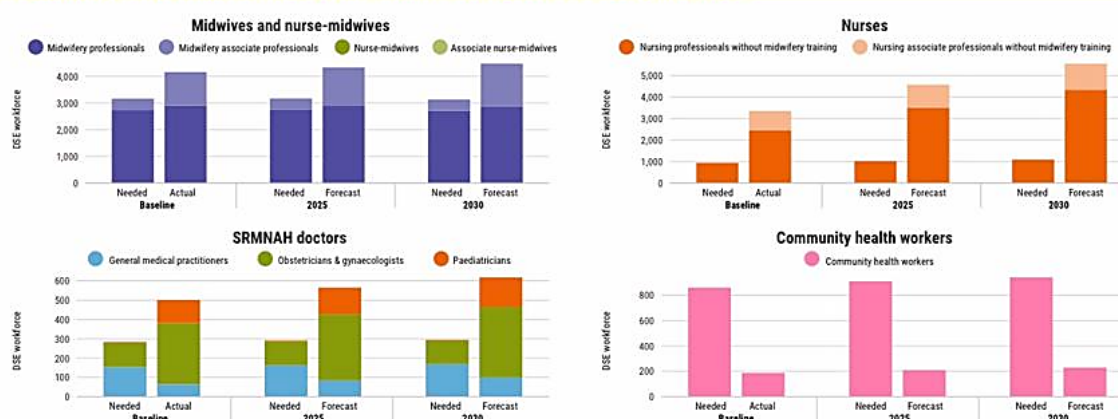
Data sources: see “How to use the country profile” document.

FULL SRMNAH WORKFORCE AVAILABILITY

Occupation group	Year	Headcount (A)	Percentage of time on SRMNAH (B)	Dedicated SRMNAH Equivalent (DSE) (A*B)	Graduates Year	Number	Density per 10,000 population
Midwifery professionals	2019	2,901	100%	2,901	2019	71	4.1
Midwifery associate professionals	2019	1,257	100%	1,257	nr	nr	1.8
Midwives not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Nursing professionals	2018	8,139		2,442	2018	1,046	11.6
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2018	8,139	30%	2,442	2018	1,046	11.6
Nursing associate professionals	2018	2,260		904	nr	nr	3.2
with midwifery training	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
without midwifery training	2018	2,260	40%	904	nr	nr	3.2
Nurses not further defined	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Community health workers	2019	1,877	10%	188	nr	nr	2.7
Paramedical practitioners	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
Medical assistants	nr	nr	na	nr	nr	nr	nr
General medical practitioners	2019	322	20%	64	nr	nr	0.5
Obstetricians & gynaecologists	2019	634	50%	317	2019	56	0.9
Paediatricians	2019	798	15%	120	2019	87	1.1
Total SRMNAH workforce		18,188		8,193			25.8

Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

PROJECTIONS TO 2030, DEDICATED SRMNAH EQUIVALENT (DSE) WORKFORCE

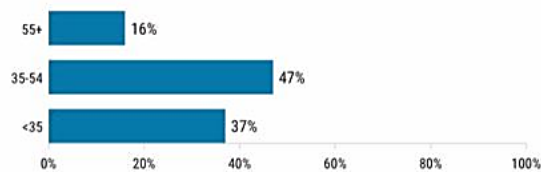


Source: SoWMy analysis, using NHWA data platform, accessed Dec-2020

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WIDER MIDWIFERY WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHY - Midwives and nurse-midwives (professionals and associates)

Age distribution



Source: National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA) data platform, accessed Dec-2020, most recent available year.

Gender distribution



ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Policy environment

National policy guideline that recommends midwife-led care for pregnancy and/or childbirth and/or postnatal period for mother only, or both mother and newborn? *

Pregnancy	Childbirth	Postnatal
Mother & newborn	Mother & newborn	Mother & newborn

Number of midwives in leadership roles in national MoH / sub-national MoH / regulatory authorities

National MoH	Sub-national MoH	Regulatory authorities
10	17	5

Education

National policy / guideline on education of midwifery care providers based on ICM competencies? *

yes

Midwifery education pathway (direct entry / post-nursing / combined)?

Direct entry	Post-nursing	Combined
yes	no	no

Duration of direct entry / post-nursing / combined education programme (months)

Direct entry	Post-nursing	Combined
60	na	na

% of midwifery educators who are midwives

38

Regulation

National policy sets a competency framework for maternal and/or newborn care? *

yes

National policy on regulation of midwifery care providers based on ICM competencies? *

yes

Regulatory body for midwifery practice?

yes

Is licensing compulsory prior to practise? / Is there periodic relicensing? / Is continuing professional development a requirement for relicensing?

License compulsory	Periodic relicensing	Continuing development requirement
yes	yes	no

Association

Is there a professional association specifically for midwives? Is there another professional association open to midwives?

Association specifically for midwives	Other association open to midwives
yes	yes

Source: 2020 ICM survey, except those marked * which are from 2018-2019 WHO SRMNAH policy survey

POTENTIAL TO MEET NEED AND DEMAND, 2019 AND 2030

Potential to meet **NEED** = $\frac{\text{Workforce time available}}{\text{Workforce time needed for universal coverage of essential SRMNAH interventions}}$

SoWMy 2014[§]



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SoWMy 2021



100%

2030



100%

Potential to meet **DEMAND** = $\frac{\text{Supply of health workers}}{\text{Health workers system can support}}$



2030 supply is **moderately below** capacity to employ

§ or most recent regional SoWMy report: East & Southern Africa 2017 or Pacific States 2019

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The midwife education curriculum was recently changed to a competency-based one; the first cohort under the new curriculum graduated in 2019.

Source: Additional information provided by national stakeholders during data collection and validation.

Key:

na = not applicable
nr = not reported

dk = don't know
MoH = Ministry of Health