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| **Qual 3 – Length of maternity leave** | |
| Contact point in international agency |  |
| International agreed definition | According to ILO convention 183 (2000, available at http://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO::P12100\_ILO\_CODE:C183) on maternity protection, women should be entitled to no less than 14 weeks of maternity leave, with paid cash benefits of at least two thirds of their previous earnings.   The indicator contains detailed information on countries' maternity leave duration, whether the leave is compulsory or entitlement. |
| Method of computation | The data was compiled by ILO, available in the World Social Protection Report 2017-19 available at <https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---publ/documents/publication/wcms_604882.pdf> |
| Importance of the indicator in addressing gender issues and its limitation | Maternity protection not only contributes to the health and well-being of mothers and babies; it also promotes effective gender equality at work. Three maternity protection conventions were adopted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 1919, 1952 and 2000. The latest one is the Maternity Protection Convention (No. 183), adopted in 2000, which stipulates that women should be entitled to no less than 14 weeks of maternity leave, with paid cash benefits of at least two thirds of their previous earnings. This convention is accompanied by Recommendation (No. 191) which advises that Members should endeavour to extend the period of maternity leave to at least 18 weeks and that cash benefits should be raised to the full amount of the woman’s previous earnings or of such of those earnings as are taken into account for the purpose of computing benefits. |
| Sources of discrepancies between global and national figures | Not applicable - national information only |
| Process of obtaining data | The data was compiled by ILO through the Social Security Inquiry questionnaire of 2016 together with other data sources. |
| Treatment of missing values | Not applicable |
| Data availability and assessment of countries’ capacity | 111 Countries have at least 14 weeks of maternity leave and 80 Countries have less than 14 weeks of maternity leave |
| Expected time of release |  |
| Data source | Information compiled in this table was compiled by United Nations Statistics Division, based on information from ILO World Social Protection Report 2017–19 (2017). Maternity: Key features of main social security programmes and social protection effective coverage (SDG Indicator 1.3.1 for mothers  with newborns) – Length of maternity leave. Available at: <https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---publ/documents/publication/wcms_604882.pdf>. . |