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Overview

Burden classification

The Global Nutrition Report classifies this country as experiencing three forms of malnutrition – overweight, anaemia and stunting

Sources: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Group: Joint child malnutrition estimates, NCD Risk Factor Collaboration, WHO Global Health Observatory.

Notes: Thresholds for a country having the form or not: stunting in children aged under 5 years \geq 20%; anaemia in women of reproductive age \geq 20%; overweight (body mass index \geq 25) in adult women aged \geq 18 years \geq 35%.

Progress against global nutrition targets 2018



Under-5 stunting On course



Under-5 wasting On course



Under-5 overweight On course



WRA anaemia Some progress



Exclusive breastfeeding On course



Adult female obesity



Adult male obesity No progress or worsening



Adult female diabetes No progress or worsening

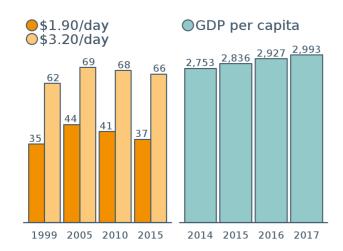


Adult male diabetes No progress or worsening

Sources: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Group: Joint child malnutrition estimates, UNICEF global databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding, NCD Risk Factor Collaboration, WHO Global Health Observatory. Notes: The methodologies for tracking differ between targets. Data on the adult indicators are based on modelled estimates. See Appendix 1 of the 2018 Global Nutrition Report for details of the methods and sources used to assess progress towards global nutrition targets.

Economics and demography

Poverty rates (%) and GDP (PPP\$)



Source: World Bank 2018. Note: GDP = gross domestic product. PPP = purchasing power

Under-5 mortality (per 000 live births)



Source: UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation 2018.

Income inequality

Gini index score ¹	Gini index rank ²	Year	
41	101	2015	

Source: World Bank 2018.

Notes: 0 = perfect equality, 100 = perfect inequality. Countries are ranked from most equal (1) to most unequal (155).

Population

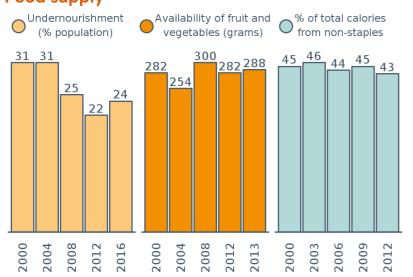
Population (000)	49,700	2017
Under-5 population (000)	7,208	2018
Rural (%)	73	2017
>65 years (000)	1,398	2018

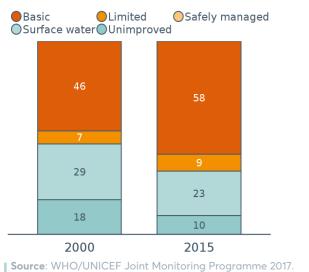
Source: UN Population Division 2017.

Underlying determinants

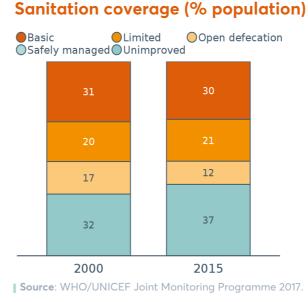
Food supply

Source: FAOSTAT 2018.





Drinking water coverage (% population)



Gender-related determinants

Early childbearing: births by age 18 (%) ¹	23	2014
Gender Inequality Index (score*) ²	0.55	2017
Gender Inequality Index (country rank) ²	135	2017

Sources: UNICEF 2018; UNDP 2018.²

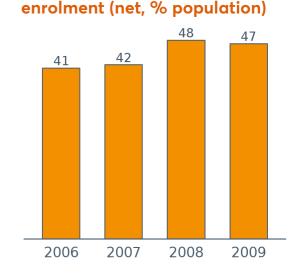
Note: *0 = low inequality, 1 = high inequality.

Population density of health workers per 1,000 people

Physicians	0.2	2014
Nurses and midwives	1.58	2014
Community health workers	NA	NA

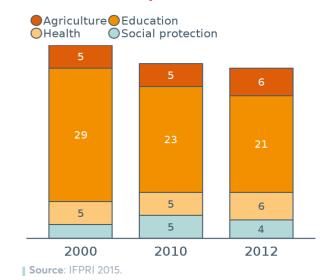
Source: WHO's Global Health Workforce Statistics, OECD, supplemented by country data.

Female secondary education



Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics 2018.

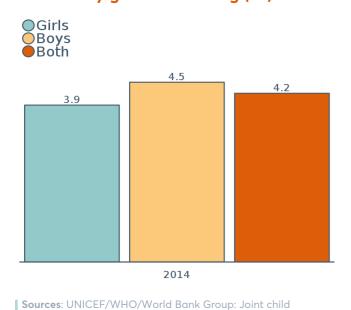
Government expenditures (% total)



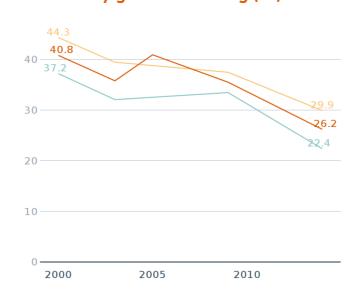
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Children (under 5) nutrition status

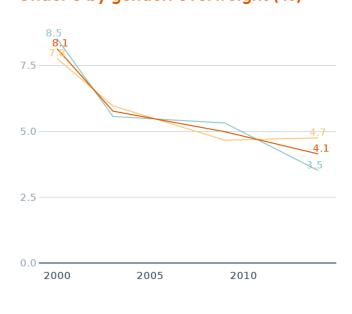
Under 5 by gender: wasting (%)



Under 5 by gender: stunting (%)

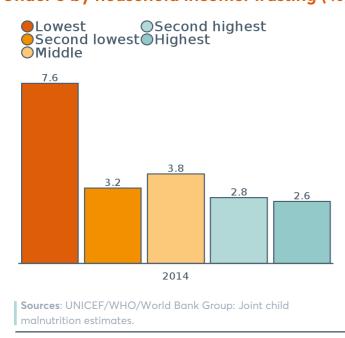


Under 5 by gender: overweight (%)

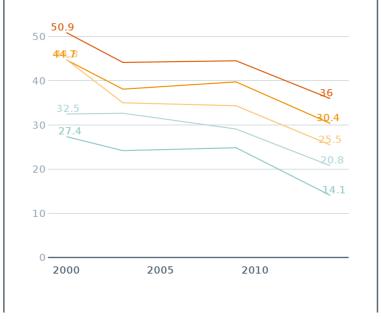


Under 5 by household income: wasting (%)

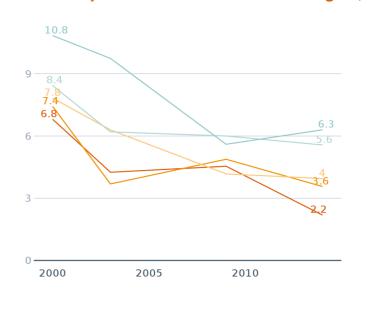
malnutrition estimates.

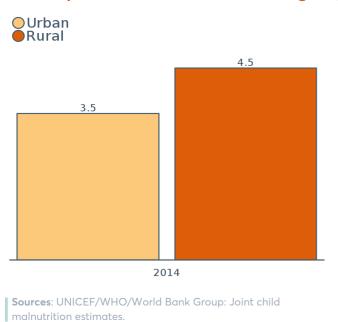


Under 5 by household income: stunting (%)



Under 5 by household income: overweight (%)

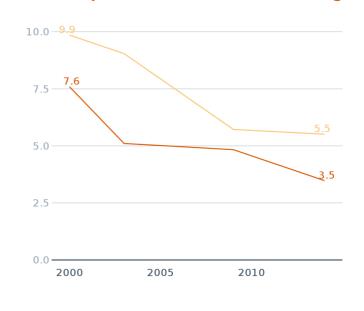




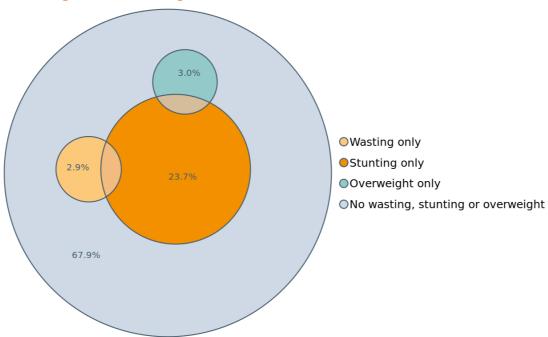
Under 5 by household location: wasting (%) | Under 5 by household location: stunting (%)



Under 5 by household location: overweight (%)



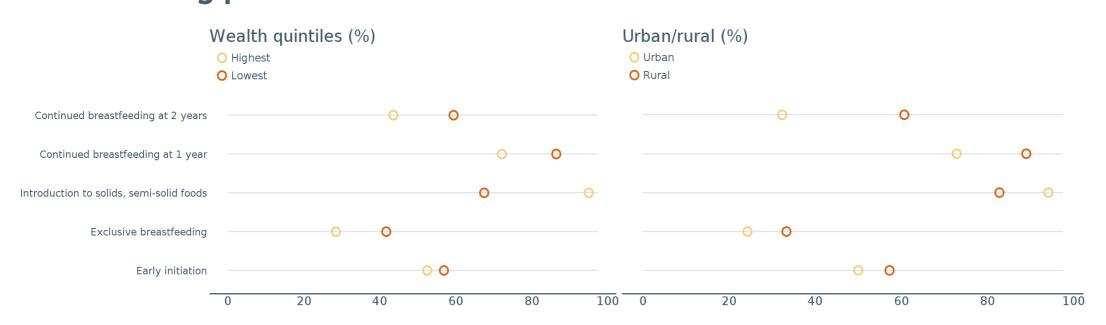
Under-5 coexistence of wasting, stunting and overweight



Sources: UNICEF, Division of Data Research and Policy (2018), Global UNICEF Global Databases: Overlapping Stunting, Wasting and Overweight, New York, May 2018.

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Child feeding practices



Sources: UNICEF, Division of Data Research and Policy (2018), Global UNICEF Global Databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding, New York, May 2018.

Children and adolescent (aged 5-19) nutrition status

Ages 5–19 by gender: underweight (%)

Boys
Girls

40 38.6

23.9

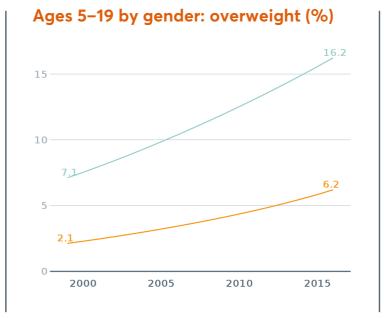
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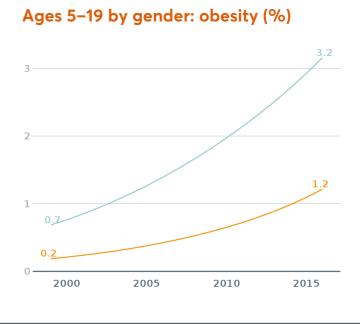
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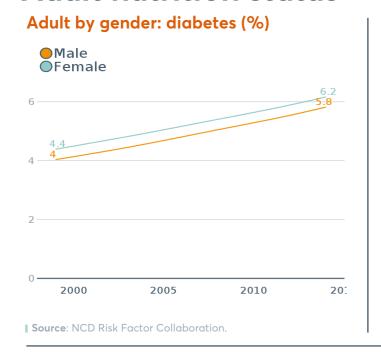
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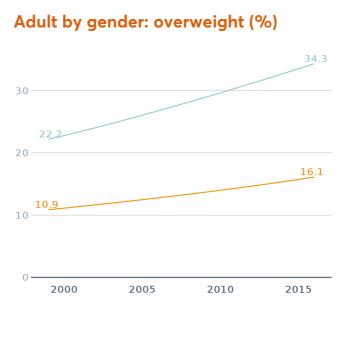
Source: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration.

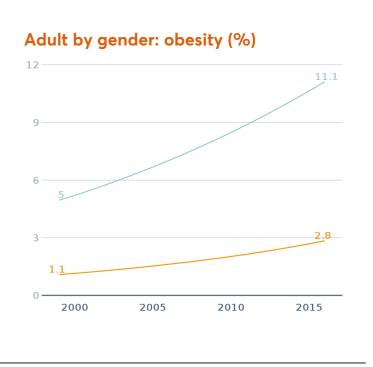




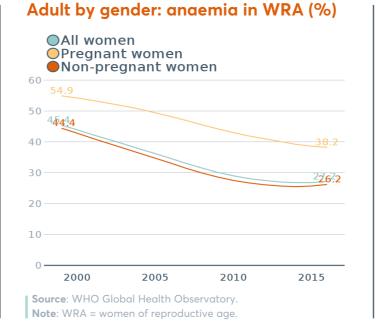
Adult nutrition status

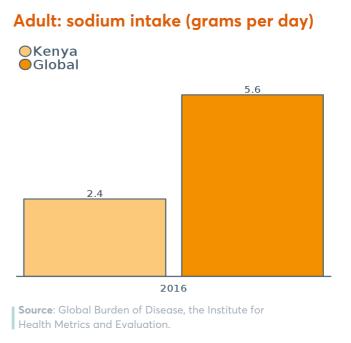






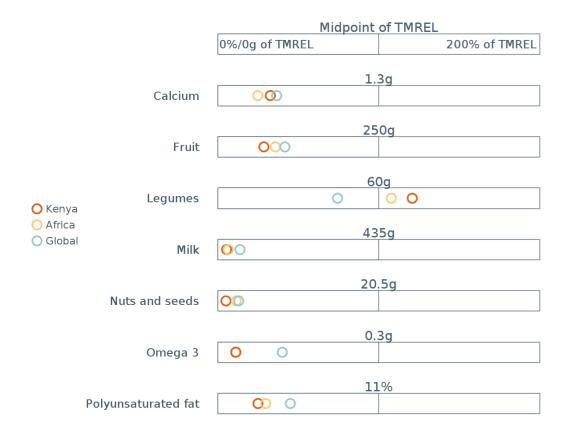
Adult by gender: raised blood pressure (%) Male Female 26,2 20 10 2000 2005 2010 2015 Source: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration.

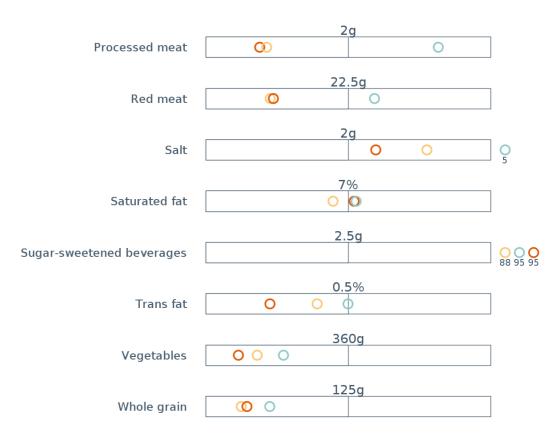






Dietary needs

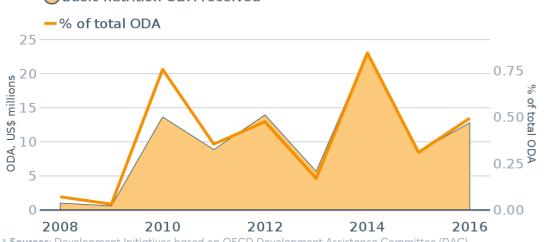




Source: Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. Notes: Men and women aged 25 and older. TMREL = theoretical minimum risk exposure level.

Financial resources and policy, legislation and institutional arrangements

Development assistance Basic nutrition ODA received —% of total ODA



Sources: Development Initiatives based on OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Creditor Reporting System (CRS).

Notes: ODA = official development assistance. Amounts based on gross ODA disbursements, constant 2016 prices. Figure includes ODA grants and loans, but excludes other official flows and private grants.

National policies

Mandatory legislation for salt iodisation	Yes
Sugar-sweetened beverage tax	No
Food-based dietary guidelines	Yes
Multisectoral comprehensive nutrition plan	Yes

Sources: Global Fortification Data Exchange 2018; Sugar-sweetened data prepared using data from the NOURISHING database, academic references and market reports; FAO 2018; WHO Global database on the Implementation of Nutrition Action (GINA), 2nd Global Nutrition Policy Review.

Targets included in national (nutrition or other) plan

Stunting	Anaemia	Low birth weight	Child overweight	Exclusive breastfeeding	Wasting	Salt intake	Overweight adults and adolescents
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Intervention coverage

Coverage/practice indicator	%	Male	Female	Year
Children 0–59 months with diarrhoea who received zinc treatment	8	NA	NA	2014
Children 6–59 months who received vitamin A supplements in last 6 months	72	72	72	2014
Children 6–59 months given iron supplements in past 7 days		3	3	2014
Women with a birth in last five years who received iron and folic acid during their most recent pregnancy			69	2014
Household consumption of any iodised salt	100	NA	NA	2014

Sources: Kothari M. and Huestis A., based on 2016 Global Nutrition Report and UNICEF global databases, 2018. Notes: Data is compiled using STATcompiler and taken from country Demographic and Health Surveys for 2005–2017.