COUNTRY 2019 PROFILES: NATIONAL, EQUITY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

A RESOURCE FOR MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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Countdown to 2030: New set of country profiles and interactive dashboard

• First set of country profiles launched in 2005
• National and equity country profiles have been produced every 2 years since 2005
• The first ECD Countdown profiles were launched in 2017
• New 2019 country profiles are now available: national, equity, ECD
Countdown Country Profiles:

*To bring together in one place a range of data on women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health for planning, monitoring, and advocacy purposes*

- Demographic data:
  - Population, mortality, fertility, nutritional status
- Intervention coverage across the RMNCAH and nutrition continuum of care
- Patterns of equity in intervention coverage
- WASH
- Policies, financing and health systems measures
- Child development (ECD profiles only)
Countdown Country Profiles: Country list and products

- Country list has expanded from 60 in 2005, to 75 in 2007 to 81 in 2015 to **139** in 2019
- Products:
  - National:
    - 2-page country profile and underlying datasets
    - Interactive dashboard with regional comparisons and downloadable graphs
    - Produced by UNICEF in collaboration with all Countdown partners
  - Equity:
    - 4-page country profile
    - Produced by Federal University of Pelotas in collaboration with all Countdown partners
  - ECD:
    - 1-page country profile
    - Produced by UNICEF in collaboration with the ECD Countdown group
Step 1: Review the evidence

• Is the country on track for the SDG 3 mortality targets?
• Is intervention coverage equitable
• Are supportive policies and sufficient financing in place?

Step 2: Identify opportunities for scale up and gaps to be addressed

• What policy and systems changes need to be introduced to address any inequities and interventions with low coverage?
• Shows selected indicators disaggregated by wealth quintiles, urban/rural residence, maternal education, child’s sex, and region of the country
• Includes co-coverage and the composite coverage index
• Includes additional wealth measures: ratio and difference between the richest and poorest, slope index of inequality and concentration index
Countdown Country Profiles: What’s next in 2020??

- TECHNICAL REVIEW PROCESS TO REVIEW AND UPDATE:
  - The country list
  - The indicator list
- Indicators will be revised based on:
  - Changes in the evidence base
  - Improvements in measurement (i.e., effective coverage, digital and other innovations in data collection)
  - Changes in global and country priorities
    - i.e., Life course perspective, survive, thrive and transform dimensions of the Global Strategy
    - UHC and PHC emphasis
- STAY TUNED!!!