

The comparison of registered births with estimated live births at national level shows a slight decrease of birth registration completeness rate, from 92.9% in 2022 to 90.0% in 2023.

The proportion of births registered within 30 days of occurrence underwent an upward shift, from 95.9% in 2022 to 98.5% in 2023.

The positive change in timely registration of birth may be attributed to the decentralization of registration services at health facilities and cells, strengthened awareness on birth registration and changes in registration processes, familiarity of civil registration staff with the use of NCI-CRVS system and enhanced monitoring of registration practices at all registration points.

The computation of fertility indicators in 2023 adopted the use of adjustment approach where the results show a crude birth rate (CBR) equivalent to 27.5‰, general fertility rate (GFR) equivalent to 104.9‰ and total fertility rate (TFR) equivalent to 3.6. The results are very close to the findings from 5-PHC projections by 2023 where TFR is 3.6; GFR is 104.9‰; and CBR is 27.5‰.

Further analysis of CRVS data show an average weight at birth equivalent to 3,075 grams in 2023 slightly down from 3,081grams in 2022. The same data show a share of low-birth-weight equivalent to 7.8% in 2023 which is close to 7.7% obtained in 2022. The sex ratio at birth was found to be 102 male births per 100 female births, similar to the 2022 result.

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