

## KNOWLEDGE OF PREGNANCY WARNING SIGNS

Output indicator

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### Indicator Phrasing

**English:** % of women of reproductive age who are able to state at least three warning signs during pregnancy

**French:** % de femmes en âge de procréer qui sont capables de citer au moins trois signes d'alerte pendant la grossesse

**Portuguese:** % de mulheres em idade reprodutiva que são capazes de identificar pelo menos três sinais de aviso durante a gravidez

**Czech:** % žen v reprodukčním věku schopných uvést alespoň tři rizikové příznaky v průběhu těhotenství

### What is its purpose?

The indicator assesses the proportion of women of reproductive age aware of at least three warning signs during pregnancy – a key pre-condition for seeking timely and appropriate care.

### How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Collect the following data by conducting individual interviews with a [representative sample](#) of women of reproductive age:

#### **RECOMMENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS (Q) AND POSSIBLE ANSWERS (A)**

**Q1:** *During pregnancy, woman may encounter severe problems or illnesses which require her to go or be taken immediately to a health facility. What types of symptoms would cause you to go immediately to a health facility for a medical examination?*

**A1:**

- 1) vaginal bleeding
- 2) fast/ difficult breathing
- 3) high fever
- 4) severe abdominal pain
- 5) headache/ blurred vision
- 6) convulsions

- 7) foul smelling discharge/ fluid from vagina
- 8) baby stops moving
- 9) leaking brownish/ greenish fluid from the vagina
- 10) swelling of face, hands or feet

**Note:** If less than three signs are stated, keep probing: *“Are there any other warning signs you know?”*

**Calculate the indicator’s value** by dividing the respondents aware of at least three of the pre-defined warning signs by the total number of respondents and multiplying the result by 100.

## Disaggregate by

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## Important Comments

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