

# HIV COUNSELLING DURING ANTENATAL CARE

Outcome indicator, Output indicator

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## Indicator Phrasing

**English:** % of women aged 15 – 49 years who received counselling on HIV as a part of their antenatal care

**French:** % de femmes âgées de 15 à 49 ans qui ont reçu des conseils sur le VIH dans le cadre de leurs soins prénataux

**Portuguese:** % de mulheres com idades entre 15 e 49 anos que receberam aconselhamento sobre HIV como parte do seu atendimento pré-natal

**Czech:** % žen ve věku 15 – 49 let, které během předporodní péče obdržely poradenství o HIV

## What is its purpose?

Pregnancy and lactation is a high-risk period when the HIV virus can be transmitted from mother to her child. This indicator therefore measures the proportion of women who, as a part of their antenatal care, received counselling on HIV prevention, testing and mother-to-child transmission.

## How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Collect the following data by conducting individual interviews with a [representative sample](#) of women aged 15 – 49 years who in the past two years were pregnant and [received antenatal care](#):

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

**Q1:** *During any of the antenatal visits for the pregnancy with your youngest child, were you given any information about how babies can get HIV from their mother?*

**A1:** yes / no / does not remember

**Q2:** *During any of the antenatal visits for the pregnancy with your youngest child, were you given any information about things that you can do to prevent getting HIV?*

**A2:** yes / no / does not remember

**Q3:** *During any of the antenatal visits for the pregnancy with your youngest child, were you given any information about the possibility of getting tested for HIV?*

**A3:** yes / no / does not remember

**Calculate the indicator's value** by dividing the number of respondents who replied “yes” to all three questions by the total number of interviewed respondents (exclude those who once or more times did not remember) and multiplying the result by 100.

## Disaggregate by

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## Important Comments

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