

PHG Needs Assessment Calculator  
Italy  
Preconception Care and Screening

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Demographic, maternal health and socio-economic indicators

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By default, the Toolkit contains information at the national level.

If you would like to use a different population, then replace country information with that of your specific population of interest.

Number of persons by age-group and sex Age group	Estimates			Your estimates			Chosen estimates		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
0-4 years	101397	100598	201995			0			0
5-9 years	106695	105252	211947			0			0
10-14 years	110778	110160	220938			0			0
15-19 years	114800	114589	229389			0			0
20-24 years	101385	105677	207062			0			0
25-29 years	82202	82665	164867			0			0
30-34 years	60107	59423	119530			0			0
35-39 years	45645	47845	93490			0			0
40-44 years	39596	43703	83299			0			0
45-49 years	34102	38519	72621			0			0
50-54 years	28723	34361	63084			0			0
55-59 years	23225	26923	50148			0			0
60-64 years	16724	20975	37699			0			0
65+ years	39013	67778	106791			0			0
<b>Total</b>	<b>904392</b>	<b>958468</b>	<b>1862860</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Female population aged 15-44 years</b>		<b>453902</b>			<b>-</b>			<b>-</b>	
Data year	in 2009								
Source, Year	UN 2011								

**Ethnicity. Please enter data for the main ethnic groups if you are working with a population that is different from that of the country.**

Ethnic group	Number	% population

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Fertility and mortality	Estimate	Source, Year	Your estimate	Source, Year	Chosen estimate	Source, Year
Crude birth rate: live births (LB) / year / 1000 population	9.19	Unicef,				
Still birth rate (SB): Still births (SB) / year / 1000 total births	2.70	WHO, 2009				
Total births in 1000s (LB+SB) per year	557	Unicef,				
Infant mortality rate: infant deaths / 1000 LB / year	3.2	Unicef,				
Under-5 mortality rate: U5 deaths / 1000 LB / year	3.7	Unicef,				
Percentage births in women >35 years						
Life expectancy at birth (yrs)	81.86	Unicef,				
% of marriages consanguineous						

Maternal health	Estimate	Source, Year	Your estimate	Source, Year	Chosen estimate	Source, Year
Prenatal visits – at least 1 visit (%)	99.0	Unicef,				
Prenatal visits – at least 4 visits (%)	68.1	Unicef,				
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	–	Unicef,				
Contraception prevalence rate (%)	–	Unicef,				
Unmet need for family planning (%)						
Total fertility rate	1.45	Unicef,				
% home births						
% births at health care services	99.30	2013				
Newborn health	Estimate	Source, Year	Your estimate	Source, Year	Chosen estimate	Source, Year
Number of neonatal examinations by SBA / trained staff						
% neonatal examinations by SBA / trained staff						

Socio-economic indicators	Estimate	Year	Your	Source,	Chosen	Source,
Gross national income per capita (PPP int. \$)	32350	Unicef,				
% population living on < US\$1 per day		Unicef,				
Birth registration coverage (%)	>90	WHO 2011				
Death registration coverage (%)	90-100	WHO, 2007				

LB = live births

PPP = purchasing power parity

SBA = skilled birth attendant

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 Health services data

**Please read first! If you have already completed a needs assessment for a different topic in this country, you will be able to copy the Health Services information from that Calculator into here. The information should be the same.**

This section provides health-service-related information for your country.

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Health Expenditure	Estimate	Source, Year	Your estimate	Source, Year	Chosen estimate	Source, Year
Per capita total expenditure on health (PPP int. \$)	3129.5	WHO 2011				
Per capita government expenditure on health (PPP int. \$)	2417.4	WHO 2011				
Total expenditure on health as percentage of GDP	9.5	WHO 2011				
External resources for health as percentage of total expenditure on health	1.7	WHO 2011				
General government expenditure on health as percentage of total expenditure on health	77.2	WHO 2011				
Out-of-pocket expenditure as percentage of private expenditure on health	87.6	WHO 2011				
Private expenditure on health as percentage of total expenditure on health	22.8	WHO 2011				
General government expenditure on health as percentage of total government expenditure	14.7	WHO 2011				

Health Workforce	Estimate	Source, Year	Your estimate	Source, Year	Chosen estimate	Source, Year
Number of nursing and midwifery personnel	379213	WHO, 2009				
Nursing and midwifery personnel density (per 10,000 population)	65.2	WHO, 2009				
Number of physicians	246834	WHO, 2008				
Physician density (per 10 000 population)	42.42	WHO, 2008				
Number of obstetricians						
Number of paediatricians						
Number of paediatric surgeons						
Number of paediatric cardiac surgeons						

Number of paediatric neurosurgeons						
Number of clinical geneticists						

Number of genetic counsellors						
Number of community health workers						
Number of skilled birth attendants (SBA)						
Density of SBA						
Number of lab staff providing cytogenetic testing						
Number of lab staff providing molecular genetics						
Number of lab staff providing biochemical tests for genetics						
Number of skilled health attendants						

Infrastructure	Estimate	Source, Year	Your estimate	Source, Year	Chosen estimate	Source, Year
Number of maternity units						
Number of services providing specialised care for people with CD						
Number of family planning services						
Number of preconception services						
Number of services providing prenatal care						
Number of services providing newborn care						
Number of facilities providing genetic services						
Number of laboratories providing cytogenetics						
Number of laboratories providing molecular genetics						
Number of laboratories providing biochemical tests for genetics						
Number of facilities for safe terminations of pregnancies for fetal defects						

PPP = purchasing power parity

GDP = gross domestic product

SBA = skilled birth attendant

CD = congenital disorders

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## Risk factors for congenital disorders in women of reproductive age

Risk factors	Proportion of women with risk factor	Qualitative assessment*	Variation	Source
Obesity				
Diabetes				
Malnutrition				
Teratogen exposure: environmental, agricultural and occupational				
Exposure to teratogenic prescribed and non-prescribed medicines				
Syphilis				
Rubella susceptibility				
Rubella infection				
Other infections (e.g. CMV or HIV)				
Alcohol consumption				
Tobacco use				
Advanced maternal age (>35)				
Iodine deficiency				
Folate deficiency				
Other risk factors				

\* Complete if numerical data are unavailable. Use numbers from 1 to 5, where 1 = low importance and 5 = high importance.



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Population prevalence and variation for genetic conditions

Condition	Prevalence per 1000 TB	Prevalence variation and high-risk populations	Tick if PCCS available	Type of PCCS available
Thalassaemias				
Sickle cell disease				
Rhesus incompatibility				
G6PD deficiency				
Cystic fibrosis				
Other				

TB = total births (live births + still births)

PCCS = Preconception Care and Screening

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Effect of folic acid fortification\* on birth incidence of congenital heart disease

This sheet allows you to estimate the potential reduction in CHD prevalence through fortification of food with folic acid.

Please start by entering values reflecting your current situation. If you have no fortification programme, enter 0 for coverage.

Below, you may adjust dosage and coverage levels to demonstrate the effects of different intervention scenarios.

Current situation		Notes
Present estimated CHD prevalence per 1000 TB		
Present dosage (ppm)		Range: 1.5 to 3
Present coverage of fortification		Range: 0 to 1
Baseline CHD prevalence per 1000 TB, with no folic acid fortification* <sup>1</sup>		

Potential scenarios, based on your present situation		
Vary dosage (ppm)		Range: 1.5 to 3
Vary proportional population coverage		Range: 0 to 1
Estimated reduction in CHDs through folic acid fortification, per 1000 TB <sup>2</sup>	0.000	Do not delete this value!
Resulting prevalence of CHDs after folic acid fortification, per 1000 TB <sup>3</sup>	0.000	Do not delete this value!

ppm = parts per million

TB = total births (live births + still births)

\* The effect of folic acid on CHD is assumed to be 25% of the effect on neural tube defects.

The regression formula underlying the effect on neural tube defects is given in the NTD Calculator in this Toolkit.

\*\* Not considering the effects of other interventions on prevalence.

$$^1(\text{Present estimated prevalence} - (1.07 * \text{coverage} * 0.25) + (0.15 * \text{ppm} * \text{coverage} * 0.25)) / (1 - 0.88 * \text{coverage} * 0.25))$$

$$^2((0.25 * (\text{Baseline CHD} - (1.07 * \text{coverage} + 0.12 * \text{baseline CHD} * \text{coverage} - 0.15 * \text{dosage} * \text{coverage} + \text{baseline} - \text{baseline} * \text{coverage}))))$$

$$^3\text{Baseline CHD prevalence} - \text{estimated reduction in CHD after fortification}$$

## Effects of folic acid supplementation on CHD

Effect of supplementation (with no fortification)		Notes
Baseline prevalence with no folic acid intervention (per 1000 TB)		This can be taken from the appropriate cell above
Maximum proportional reduction (assuming 100% coverage)	0.18	This value is fixed at 0.18
Population supplementation coverage		Range: 0 to 1
Actual proportional reduction	0	Maximum proportional reduction x Coverage
Actual prevalence reduction (per 1000 TB)	0.000	Baseline prevalence x Actual proportional reduction

New prevalence	0.000	Baseline prevalence -((Maximum prop. Reduction x Population supplementation coverage) x Baseline prevalence))
% prevalence reduction	#DIV/0!	1-(New prevalence/Baseline prevalence)
Absolute prevalence reduction (per 1000 TB)	0.000	Baseline prevalence -New prevalence

Now you can see below the potential combined effect of folate fortification and supplementation:

Additional effect of supplementation, given fortification	0.1	This value can be changed.
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	New prevalence	
After fortification		This can be taken from the appropriate cell above
After supplementation	0.000	Same as new prevalence
After fortification and supplementation		Prevalence after fortification-(Additional effect of supplementation*prevalence after supplementation)

TB = total births (live births + still births)

CHD = congenital heart disease

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 Effects of maternal age on incidence of Down's syndrome

If you have an estimate for the birth prevalence of Down's syndrome, you can use the Calculator on the left.  
 If you have an estimate of the proportion of births that are to mothers aged over 35, you can use the Calculator on the right.

Birth prevalence per 1000 TB		
Proportional birth prevalence due to high maternal age <sup>1</sup>	#DIV/0!	
Birth prevalence attributable to high maternal age, per 1000 TB <sup>2</sup>	-0.86	
Baseline prevalence without maternal age effect	0.86	This figure is set at 0.86

Proportion of mothers aged >35		Range: 0 to 1
Estimated birth prevalence per 1000 TB <sup>3</sup>	0.86	
Proportional birth prevalence due to high maternal age <sup>4</sup>	0.00	
Birth prevalence attributable to high maternal age, per 1000 TB <sup>5</sup>	0	
Baseline prevalence without maternal age effect	0.86	This figure is set at 0.86

TB = total births (live births + still births)

<sup>1</sup>(Birth prevalence – 0.86)/Birth prevalence

<sup>2</sup>Birth prevalence – Baseline prevalence

<sup>3</sup>0.86+(7\*Proportion of mothers aged >35)

<sup>4</sup> (Estimated birth prevalence- Baseline prevalence)/Estimated birth prevalence

<sup>5</sup> Estimated birth prevalence\*Proportional birth prevalence

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Effect of preconception care on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders

Baseline prevalence of FASD per 1000 total births (live + still)	
Baseline prevalence of unsafe alcohol consumption in women aged 15-44 per 1000	
<b>Variables</b>	
Proportion of women reducing alcohol consumption to safe levels before conception	Range: 0 to 1
Effectiveness of preconception intervention on the outcome	Range: 0 to 1
<b>Results</b>	
% prevalence reduction due to preconception intervention per 1000 total births <sup>1</sup>	0%
Final prevalence of unsafe alcohol consumption in women aged 15-44 per 1000 <sup>2</sup>	0.00
Final prevalence of FASD per 1000 births <sup>3</sup>	0.00

FASD = fetal alcohol spectrum disorder

<sup>1</sup> Prop. Women reducing alcohol consumption x Effectiveness of intervention<sup>2</sup> Baseline prevalence of unsafe alcohol consumption - (% prevalence reduction due to intervention X baseline prevalence of unsafe alcohol consumption)<sup>3</sup> Baseline prevalence of FASD - (% prevalence reduction due to preconception intervention X Baseline prevalence of FASD)

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## Effect of preconception folic acid fortification and supplementation on neural tube defects

This sheet allows you to estimate the potential reduction in NTD prevalence through fortification of food with folic acid and supplementation.

Please start by entering values reflecting your current situation. If you have no fortification programme, enter 0 for coverage.

Below, you may adjust dosage and coverage levels to demonstrate the effects of different intervention scenarios.

Current situation		Notes
Present estimated NTD prevalence per 1000 TB		
Present dosage (ppm)		Range: 1.5 to 3
Present coverage of fortification		Range: 0 to 1
Baseline NTD prevalence per 1000 TB, with no folic acid fortification* <sup>1</sup>		
Minimum prevalence NTD / 1000 births	0.9	This value is fixed at 0.9

Potential scenarios, based on your present situation		
Vary dosage (ppm)		Range: 1.5 to 3
Vary proportional population coverage		Range: 0 to 1
Estimated NTD prevalence with this scenario, per 1000 TB <sup>2</sup>		<- Do not modify this cell!
Absolute prevalence reduction with this scenario, per 1000 TB <sup>3</sup>		<- Do not modify this cell!

ppm = parts per million

TB = total births (live births + stillbirths)

\* Not considering the effects of other interventions on prevalence.

<sup>1</sup>IF(B10="";"";IF(((B10-(1.07\*B12)+(0.15\*B11\*B12))/(1-0.88\*B12))<B15;B15;((B10-(1.07\*B12)+(0.15\*B11\*B12))/(1-0.88\*B12))))

<sup>2</sup> IF(B13=""; ""; IF(B13=0.9;0.9;IF((1.07\*B19+0.12\*B13\*B19-0.15\*(IF(B18="";B11;B18))\*B19+B13-B13\*B19)<B15;B15;(1.07\*B19+0.12\*B13\*B19-0.15\*(IF(B18="";B11;B18))\*B19+B13-B13\*B19))))

<sup>3</sup>IF(B20="";"";B13-B20)

See sheet NTD-Appx for explanation of regression.

## NTD Interventions 2: Effect of folic acid supplementation

This sheet allows you to estimate the potential reduction in NTD incidence through folic acid supplementation for pregnant women. Please enter a value for population coverage of folic acid supplementation, to determine its potential effect.

Effect of supplementation (with no fortification)		Notes
Baseline prevalence with no folic acid intervention (per 1000 TB)		This can be taken from the appropriate cell (baseline NTD prevalence) in sheet NTD-Interv1.
coverage)	0.72	This value is fixed at 0.72
Population supplementation coverage		Range: 0 to 1
Actual proportional reduction	0	Maximum proportional reduction x Coverage
Actual prevalence reduction (per 1000 TB)	0.000	Baseline incidence x Actual proportional reduction
Minimum prevalence	0.9	This value is fixed at 0.9
New prevalence	0.000	Baseline prevalence-((Maximum proportional reduction X Population supplementation coverage) x Baseline prevalence)
% prevalence reduction	#DIV/0!	1 – (New prevalence/Baseline prevalence)
Absolute prevalence reduction (per 1000 TB)	0.000	Baseline prevalence- New prevalence
Final prevalence following supplementation	0.900	Cannot go below 0.9 / 1000 LB

Now you can see below the potential combined effect of folate fortification and supplementation:

Additional effect of supplementation, given fortification		This value can be changed.
	New prevalence	
After fortification		This value set in sheet NTD-Interv1
After supplementation		
After fortification and supplementation	0.000	Requires input in blank cells above <sup>1</sup>
% reduction	#DIV/0!	Requires input in blank cells above <sup>2</sup>
Final prevalence after fortification and supplementation		

TB = total births (live births + stillbirths)

<sup>1</sup>New Prevalence after fortification-(Additional effect of supplementation x Final prev. following supplementen.)

<sup>2</sup>If New prevalence after fortification < minimum prevalence then use (Baseline prev – min prevalence)/baseline prevalence)

Otherwise use: (Baseline prevalence – new prevalence after fortification and supplementation)/baseline prevalence

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Effect of preconception care on incidence of orofacial clefts

## OFC Interventions 1: Effect of folic acid fortification\*

This sheet allows you to estimate the potential reduction in OFC prevalence through fortification of food with folic acid.

Please start by entering values reflecting your current situation. If you have no fortification programme, enter 0 for coverage.

Below, you may adjust dosage and coverage levels to demonstrate the effects of different intervention scenarios.

Current situation		Notes
Present estimated OFC prevalence per 1000 TB		
Present dosage (ppm)		Range: 1.5 to 3
Present coverage of fortification		Range: 0 to 1
<sup>1</sup> Baseline OFC prevalence per 1000 TB, with no folic acid fortification**		
Potential scenarios, based on your present situation		
Vary dosage (ppm)		Range: 1.5 to 3
Vary proportional population coverage		Range: 0 to 1
Estimated reduction in OFCs through folic acid fortification, per 1000 TB <sup>2</sup>	0.000	Do not delete this value!
Resulting prevalence of OFCs after folic acid fortification, per 1000 TB	0.000	Do not delete this value!

ppm = parts per million

TB = total births (live births + still births)

\* The effect of folic acid on OFCs is assumed to be 25% of the effect on neural tube defects.

The regression formula underlying the effect on neural tube defects is given in the NTD Calculator in this Toolkit.

\*\* Not considering the effects of other interventions on prevalence.

$$^1(\text{Present estimated prevalence} - (1.07 * \text{coverage} * 0.25) + (0.15 * \text{ppm} * \text{coverage} * 0.25)) / (1 - 0.88 * \text{coverage} * 0.25))$$

$$^2((0.25 * (\text{Baseline OFC} - (1.07 * \text{coverage} + 0.12 * \text{baseline OFC} * \text{coverage} - 0.15 * \text{dosage} * \text{coverage} + \text{baseline} - \text{baseline} * \text{coverage}))))$$

$$^3\text{Baseline OFC prevalence} - \text{estimated reduction in OFC after fortification}$$



## OFC Interventions 2: Effect of folic acid supplementation

Effect of supplementation (with no fortification)		Notes
Baseline prevalence with no folic acid intervention (per 1000 TB)		This can be taken from the appropriate cell above
Maximum proportional reduction (assuming 100% coverage)	0.18	This value is fixed at 0.18
Population supplementation coverage		Range: 0 to 1
Actual proportional reduction	0	Maximum proportional reduction x Coverage
Actual prevalence reduction (per 1000 TB)	0.000	Baseline incidence x Actual proportional reduction

New prevalence	0.000	Baseline prevalence with no intervention -((Maximum prop. Reduction x Pop. Supp. Coverage) X Baseline prevalence)
% prevalence reduction	#DIV/0!	1-(New prevalence/Baseline prevalence)
Absolute prevalence reduction (per 1000 TB)	0.000	Baseline prevalence – New prevalence

Now you can see below the potential combined effect of folate fortification and supplementation:

Additional effect of supplementation, given fortification		This value can be changed.
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	New prevalence	
After fortification		This can be taken from the appropriate cell (resulting OFC prevalence)
After supplementation	0.000	Requires input in blank cells above
After fortification and supplementation <sup>1</sup>		Requires input in blank cells above

TB = total births (live births + still births)

OFC = orofacial clefts

<sup>1</sup>Prevalence after fortification-(Additional effect of supplementation\*prevalence after supplementation)

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Effect of immunisation on rubella incidence in women

Baseline prevalence of rubella in women aged 15-44 per 1000		
<b>Variables</b>		
Coverage of rubella immunisation		Range: 0 to 1
Proportion of women of reproductive age receiving immunisation		Range: 0 to 1
Effectiveness of immunisation (proportion of cases prevented among those immunised)		Range: 0 to 1
<b>Results</b>		
% prevalence reduction due to immunisation <sup>1</sup>	0%	
Prevalence reduction due to immunisation, per 1000 women aged 15-44 <sup>2</sup>	0.000	
Final prevalence of rubella in women aged 15-44 per 1000 <sup>3</sup>	0.000	

TB = total births (live births + still births)

<sup>1</sup> (Coverage of immunisation X Proportion of women receiving immunisation) X Effectiveness of immunisation<sup>2</sup> % prevalence reduction due to immunisation X Baseline prevalence of rubella in women<sup>3</sup> Baseline prevalence of rubella in women – Prevalence reduction due to immunisation

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Effect of preconception screening and treatment on incidence of syphilis

Baseline prevalence of syphilis in pregnancy per 1000 TB		
<b>Variables</b>		
Coverage of preconception screening		Range: 0 to 1
Proportion of diagnosed cases receiving timely treatment		Range: 0 to 1
Effectiveness of treatment (proportion of cases prevented among those treated)		Range: 0 to 1
<b>Results</b>		
% prevalence reduction due to PCCS & treatment <sup>1</sup>		0%
Prevalence reduction due to PCCS & treatment, per 1000 TB <sup>2</sup>		0.000
Final prevalence of syphilis in pregnancy after PCCS & treatment, per 1000 TB <sup>3</sup>		0.000

PCCS = preconception care and screening

TB = total births (live births + still births)

<sup>1</sup> (Coverage of screening X Proportion of women receiving treatment) X Effectiveness of treatment<sup>2</sup> % prevalence reduction due to PCCS and treatment X Baseline prevalence of syphilis in pregnancy<sup>3</sup> Baseline prevalence of syphilis in pregnancy – Prevalence reduction due to PCCS and treatment

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Effect of preconception care on congenital disorders caused by teratogens

Baseline prevalence of teratogen-induced congenital disorders per 1000 total births (live + still)	
Variables	
Proportion of women reducing teratogen risk to safe levels prior to pregnancy	
Effectiveness of interventions on the outcome	
Results	
% prevalence reduction due to intervention per 1000 total births <sup>1</sup>	0%
Final prevalence of teratogen-induced congenital disorders per 1000 births <sup>2</sup>	0.000

Range: 0 to 1

Range: 0 to 1

<sup>1</sup>Proportion of women reducing teratogen risk to safe levels prior to pregnancy x  
Effectiveness if outcome

<sup>2</sup>Baseline prevalence - (% prevalence reduction due to intervention X Baseline prevalence)