

Figure 28: Percentage of households with access to basic sanitation services

Source: Census 1991, 1996, 2001; Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) internal processes; Department of Provincial and Local Government (DPLG) Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)

Table 19: Number of households using the bucket system

| Year | Total number of households | Number of households using the bucket system |
|------|----------------------------|--|
| 1994 | 10 150 478                 | 609 675                                      |
| 1995 | 10 347 884                 | 608 738                                      |
| 1996 | 10 550 871                 | 605 494                                      |
| 1997 | 10 759 617                 | 575 594                                      |
| 1998 | 10 974 185                 | 555 932                                      |
| 1999 | 11 194 976                 | 516 858                                      |
| 2000 | 11 422 150                 | 490 021                                      |
| 2001 | 11 656 059                 | 456 752                                      |
| 2002 | 11 950 115                 | 413 481                                      |
| 2003 | 12 139 159                 | 441 693                                      |
| 2004 | 12 396 707                 | 439 778                                      |
| 2005 | 12 656 163                 | 231 040                                      |
| 2006 | 12 802 423                 | 211 508                                      |
| 2007 | 12 879 070                 | 113 085                                      |

Source: Census 1991, 1996, 2001; Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) internal processes; Department of Provincial and Local Government (DPLG) Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)

Indicator: Basic human sustenance

Variable: 25

**Description: Access to water** 

Units: Percentage of the population of South Africa with access to water.

Source: Department of Water Affairs and forestry (DWAF) 2006. Annual Report 2005–2006. http://www.dwaf.gov.za

Census 1991, 1996, 2001; Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) internal processes.

Department of Provincial and Local Government (DPLG) Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG).

Climbing South Africa's Water Services Ladder.

http://www.competition-regulation.org.uk/conferences/southafrica04/mackintosh.pdf

Logic: The percentage of the population with access to improved drinking water supply is related to our capacity to provide a healthy environment, reducing risks

associated with water-borne diseases and exposure to pollutants. The Water Service Act (Act No. 108 of 1997) provides for the right of access to basic water supply. The Millennium Development Goals require that countries by 2015 halve the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water.

South Africa has exceeded this goal to date.

Discussion: One of the key challenges facing the South African government pertains to the provision of adequate water services. Prior to 1994, an estimated 40% of

the South Africa population had no adequate water supply services. In those rural areas where water supply existed, drinking water quality was often poor and could not be considered safe for human consumption. The resulting impact on primary health was significant with diarrhoea being responsible for some

25% of all deaths in the one to five group and an annual estimated 43 000 deaths and 3 million incidences of illness.

Since 1994, South Africa has made remarkable process towards providing its population with access to basic water supply infrastructure equal to or above RDP levels. In 1994 only 61.7% of households had access to basic water services and this figure has increased to 87.2% of households in 2007. As of 2006 there were approximately 3.3 million people with no access to water and a further 4.9 million people with access to water below RDP levels. This indicator is important as it visually indicates population growth within South Africa as well as provides an indication of whether access to basic water has improved within the country. Target 10 of Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals requires a halving of the proportion of households without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

Notes:

RDP levels are defined as a minimum quantity of 25 litres of potable water per person per day within 200m of the household which should not be interrupted for more than 7 days in any year.

Table 20: Percentage of households (HH) with access to water infrastructure (no access, below RDP and above or equal to RDP levels)

| Year | Percentage of HH with access above or equal to RDP levels | Percentage of HH with access below RDP levels | Percentage HH with no access | Total number of households |
|------|---|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1994 | 61.7%   | 2.7%  | 35.6%                        | 10 150 478                 |
| 1995 | 61.9%   | 4.4%  | 33.7%                        | 10 347 884                 |
| 1996 | 62.4%   | 6.1%  | 31.5%                        | 10 550 871                 |
| 1997 | 64.3%   | 7.5%  | 28.2%                        | 10 759 617                 |
| 1998 | 65.8%   | 9.0%  | 25.1%                        | 10 974 185                 |
| 1999 | 68.8%   | 10.3%   | 21.0%                        | 11 194 976                 |
| 2000 | 71.0%   | 11.8%   | 17.2%                        | 11 422 150                 |
| 2001 | 73.6%   | 13.2%   | 13.2%                        | 11 656 059                 |
| 2002 | 78.2%   | 11.8%   | 10.0%                        | 11 950 115                 |
| 2003 | 76.3%   | 14.4%   | 9.3%                         | 12 139 159                 |
| 2004 | 79.8%   | 12.1%   | 8.1%                         | 12 396 707                 |
| 2005 | 82.7%   | 10.6%   | 6.7%                         | 12 656 163                 |
| 2006 | 84.7%   | 9.3%  | 6.0%                         | 12 802 423                 |
| 2007 | 87.2%   | 7.8%  | 5.0%                         | 12 879 070                 |

Source: Census 1991, 1996, 2001; Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) internal processes; Department of Provincial and Local Government (DPLG) Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)



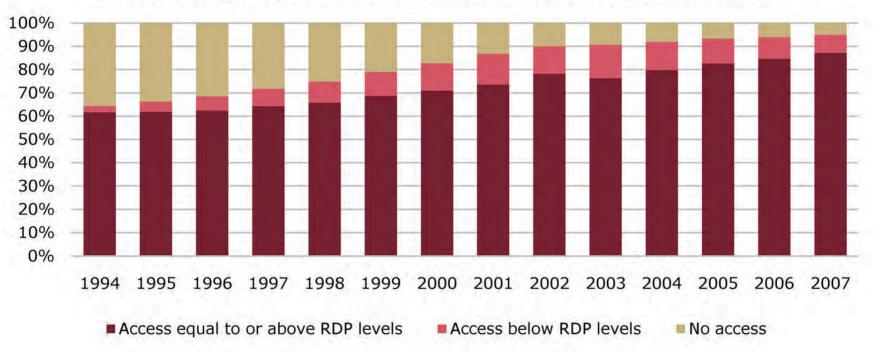


Figure 29: Percentage of households with no access, access below and access equal to or above RDP levels to water infrastructure

Source: Census 1991, 1996, 2001; Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) internal processes; Department of Provincial and Local Government (DPLG) Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)

Indicator: Basic human sustenance

Variable: 26

Description: Access to refuge removal

Units: Number of households with access to various types of refuge removal.

Source: Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) 2002–2007. General Household Survey (Statistical release P0318). http://www.statssa.gov.za

Logic: The access to refuge removal is a critical part in the healthy functioning of a community.

Discussion: The collection of household refuse is one of the most powerful visual benchmarks of inequality in South Africa. Municipal governments in South Africa have been turning increasingly to commercialization (i.e privatization, outsourcing) as a way of addressing this refuse collection backlog.

The role of refuge removal is an integral part of the healthy functioning of society. Various diseases are spread through the unsanitary disposal of refuge. Despite direct health consequences of inadequate refuge disposal there are also many environmental factors that need to be considered such as soil contamination. Since 2002 there has been a marked increase in the number of residences using municipal refuge removal facilities. In 2007 it was estimated that more than 60% of all households had their refuge removed by municipalities.

Table 21: Number of households in each province with different access levels to refuge removal during 2006

| Province      | Removed<br>by local<br>authority<br>at least<br>once a week | Removed<br>by local<br>authority<br>less often than<br>once a week | Removed by<br>community<br>members<br>at least<br>once a week | Removed by<br>community<br>members less<br>often than<br>once a week | Communal<br>refuse<br>dump /<br>Commercial<br>container | Own<br>refuse<br>dump | No<br>rubbish<br>removal | Other   | Unspecified | Total      |
|---------------|---|--|---|--|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Western Cape  | 1 220 728   | 6 017  | 12 716  | 7 320  | 60 896  | 25 978                | 14 696                   | 3 935   | 14 886      | 1 367 171  |
| Eastern Cape  | 685 154   | 36 190   | 4 387   | 1 050  | 18 321  | 833 776               | 195 525                  | 17 159  | 4 311       | 1 795 873  |
| Northern Cape | 228 292   | 4 644  | 2 111   | 761  | 4 010   | 29 844                | 16 612                   | 6 229   | 1 198       | 293 701    |
| Free State    | 651 242   | 11 007   | 3 559   | 97   | 53 818  | 116 075               | 24 656                   | 10 052  | 2 910       | 873 415    |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 1 236 045   | 91 651   | 9 355   | 13 179   | 23 429  | 1 033 480             | 89 596                   | 3 550   | 36 871      | 2 537 156  |
| North West    | 460 742   | 7 764  | 231   | 1 340  | 15 509  | 402 759               | 52 494                   | 959     | 1 984       | 943 782    |
| Gauteng       | 2 755 756   | 13 071   | 4 288   | 3 164  | 95 241  | 125 161               | 178 752                  | 56 804  | 11 729      | 3 243 966  |
| Mpumalanga    | 386 295   | 12 017   | 3 689   | 1 414  | 17 878  | 407 960               | 46 779                   | 9 360   | 3 015       | 888 406    |
| Limpopo       | 221 658   | 5 403  | 2 383   | 2 008  | 27 416  | 997 014               | 44 775                   | 14 001  | 2 802       | 1 317 459  |
| Total         | 7 845 913   | 187 764  | 42 719  | 30 332   | 316 517   | 3 972 044             | 663 884                  | 122 048 | 79 706      | 13 260 930 |

Source: Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) 2002-2007. General Household Survey (Statistical release P0318). http://www.statssa.gov.za

Table 22: Percentage of households who have their refuge removed by the municipality, 2002 to 2007

| Year | Eastern Cape | Free State | Gauteng | KwaZulu-Natal | Limpopo | Mpumalanga | Northern Cape | North West | Western Cape | South Africa<br>Average |
|------|--------------|------------|---------|---------------|---------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 2002 | 31.8         | 61.7       | 88.2    | 52.7          | 12.3    | 38.2       | 68.3          | 41.9       | 83.5         | 55.1                    |
| 2003 | 31.8         | 66.9       | 88.3    | 53.2          | 12.6    | 45.6       | 64.1          | 42.5       | 84.9         | 56.9                    |
| 2004 | 32.7         | 66.1       | 87.8    | 52.9          | 13.3    | 42.4       | 68.3          | 45.1       | 87.8         | 57.2                    |
| 2005 | 40.5         | 73.4       | 85.6    | 56.0          | 15.5    | 41.2       | 79.8          | 47.9       | 91.7         | 60.2                    |
| 2006 | 40.3         | 78.7       | 85      | 56.1          | 16.8    | 42.3       | 76.5          | 48.3       | 91.9         | 60.7                    |
| 2007 | 40.3         | 76.1       | 85.7    | 53.1          | 17.3    | 45.0       | 79.6          | 49.8       | 90.7         | 61.0                    |

Source: Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) 2002-2007. General Household Survey (Statistical release P0318). http://www.statssa.gov.za

Indicator: Environmental health

Variable: 27

Description: Death rate from respiratory diseases and tuberculosis

Units: Number of deaths.

Source: Statistics South Africa 2007. Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2003, 2004 and 2005. Findings from death notification. Statistical release P0309.3.

Logic: Indicator of the degree to which people are affected and impacted on by poor air quality. Poor air quality in a country often manifests in respiratory problems

and diseases and also plays a role in the increase of the transmission of infectious diseases.

Discussion: Air pollution is a threat to human health for many reasons, but especially because poor air quality can lead to respiratory distress. From a public health perspective, air pollutants are responsible for nearly 5% of the global burden of disease (UNEP 2002)<sup>1, 2</sup>. Air pollution aggravates asthma and other allergic respiratory diseases, and can result in adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as stillbirth and low birth weight. Studies show that human life can be cut short due to indoor and urban air pollution – including exposure to particulates (WHO 2002)<sup>1, 3</sup>.

The quality of environmental health in a country is highly correlated with wealth. Countries at higher levels of development generally have the capacity to invest in environmental infrastructure so their people have better access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation. They also have little need to light indoor fires indoors for heating and cooking, and therefore tend to have significantly less indoor air pollution (Ezzati and Kammen, 2002)<sup>1, 4</sup>.

Tuberculosis was the top leading underlying cause of death in 2003 and 2005 in South Africa, with 12% of all deaths in this period being attributed to it. Included in the top ten underlying natural causes of deaths are chronic lower respiratory diseases, and respiratory and cardiovascular disorders specific to the prenatal period. Of the leading underlying causes of death, the main differences between the proportions of male and female deaths occur in relation to tuberculosis and chronic lower respiratory diseases, where male deaths predominate<sup>5</sup>.

With regard to air pollutants, the depth of policy making is, in general, inversely related to the severity of the problem. Of the different types of air pollution, indoor air pollution poses by far the most severe threat, accounting for several million premature deaths per year. Yet there are no international targets or action plans, and there is very little regional or national activity. Regarding urban air pollution, policy targets, monitoring networks, and mitigation efforts are most advanced in regions where the problem is least severe. There are no international policy targets, though the World Health Organization (WHO) has set standards that some countries have adopted 1.

Results from the mortality and causes of death survey conducted by Statistics South Africa show that while mortality resulting from tuberculosis is on the increase there has been a slight decrease in the mortality rate ascribed to respiratory conditions.

#### Notes:

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- 4. Ezzati, M., and Kammen, D.M. 2002. *The Health Impacts of Exposure to Indoor Air Pollution from Solid Fuels in Developing Countries: Knowledge, Gaps, and Data Needs.* Environmental Health Perspectives, 110(11):1057–1068.
- 5. Statistics South Africa 2005. Press release *Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 1997–2003.* Findings from death notification. http://www.statssa.gov.za/news archive/18feb2005 1.asp.

Table 23: Number of deaths resulting from respiratory diseases and tuberculoses, 1997 to 2005

| 1997                       |        | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Tuberculosis mortalities   | 22 071 | 28 532 | 34 250 | 42 246 | 51 098 | 60 311 | 67 609 | 70 355 | 73 903 |
| Respiratory related deaths | 27 235 | 32 077 | 32 241 | 34 274 | 38 274 | 41 517 | 47 534 | 48 757 | 47 396 |

Source: Statistics South Africa 2007. Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2003, 2004 and 2005. Findings from death notification. Statistical release P0309.3

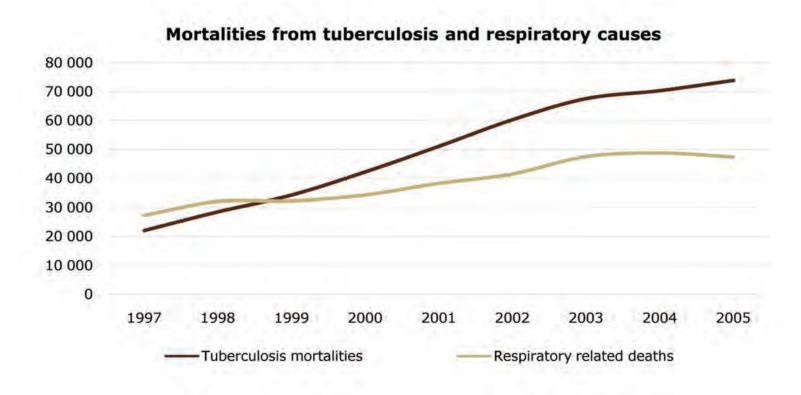


Figure 30: Death rate from respiratory diseases and tuberculosis from 1997 to 2005

Source: Statistics South Africa 2007. *Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2003, 2004 and 2005.*Findings from death notification. Statistical release P0309.3

Indicator: Environmental health

Variable: 28

**Description: HIV prevalence** 

Units: Percentage of people infected by HIV (total population and antenatal attendees).

Source: Department of Health (DOH) 2005, 2006 and 2007. Report National HIV and Syphilis Prevalence Survey South Africa 2006. http://www.doh.gov.za

Statistics South Africa (Stats SA). Mid-year population estimates. Statistical release P0302. http://www.statssa.gov.za

Institute for Futures Research: The State of HIV/AIDS in South Africa, Vol 13 no 13 November 2008.

Logic: Disease in informal settlements compounds vulnerability, with HIV/AIDS being a major development issue in South Africa. The loss of family members to AIDS-

related death; productivity losses due to illness, caring for the sick, and funerals; the direct costs of medication, as well as other burdens, have forced poorer

households to the very brink of survival.

Discussion: Globally the adult HIV prevalence rate has stabilised since 2000 at about 0.8%, while in Sub-Saharan Africa prevalence has decreased from 5.7% in 2001 to

5% in 2007. Sub-Saharan Africa remains one of the most HIV affected regions in the world. In 2007 it was estimated that 1.7 million people in this region were newly infected with HIV, the majority of which (61%) were women. According to the 2008 mid-year population estimates a total of 5.35 million people are infected

by the HIV virus amounting to approximately 11% of the total population of South Africa.

Looking at prevalence rates of antenatal attendees in the provinces it is clear to see that there has been an overall increase in the prevalence rate of HIV up to

2005. After 2005 seven provinces had a decrease in prevalence rates of antenatal attendees. Since 1990 there has been a steady increase in the prevalence

of HIV in anti-natal attendees. As of 2006 the prevalence was around 30% of all anti-natal attendees.

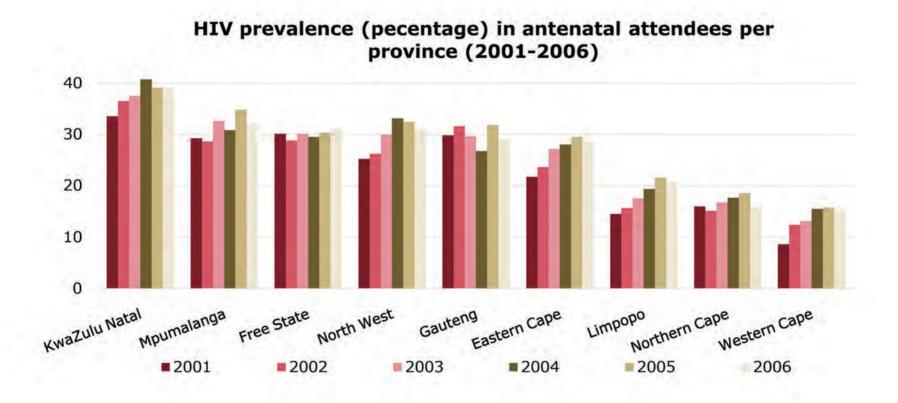


Figure 31: HIV prevalence in antenatal attendees per province from 2001 to 2007

Source: Department of Health (DOH) 2007. Report National HIV and Syphilis Prevalence Survey South Africa 2006. http://www.doh.gov.za

Table 24: HIV prevalence (percentage) in antinatal attendees per province, 2001-2007

|               | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| KwaZulu-Natal | 33.5 | 36.5 | 37.5 | 40.7 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 37.4 |
| Mpumalanga    | 29.2 | 28.6 | 32.6 | 30.8 | 34.8 | 32.1 | 32.0 |
| Free State    | 30.1 | 28.8 | 30.1 | 29.5 | 30.3 | 31.1 | 33.5 |
| North West    | 25.2 | 26.2 | 29.9 | 33.1 | 32.4 | 30.8 | 29.0 |
| Gauteng       | 29.8 | 31.6 | 29.6 | 26.7 | 31.8 | 29.0 | 30.3 |
| Eastern Cape  | 21.7 | 23.6 | 27.1 | 28.0 | 29.5 | 28.6 | 26.0 |
| Limpopo       | 14.5 | 15.6 | 17.5 | 19.3 | 21.5 | 20.6 | 18.5 |
| Northern Cape | 15.9 | 15.1 | 16.7 | 17.6 | 18.5 | 15.6 | 16.1 |
| Western Cape  | 8.6  | 12.4 | 13.1 | 15.4 | 15.7 | 15.1 | 12.6 |

Source: Department of Health (DOH) 2007. Report National HIV and Syphilis Prevalence Survey South Africa 2006. http://www.doh.gov.za

# HIV/AIDS Prevalence among anti-natal attendees aged 15-49 (percentage) from 1990 to 2007

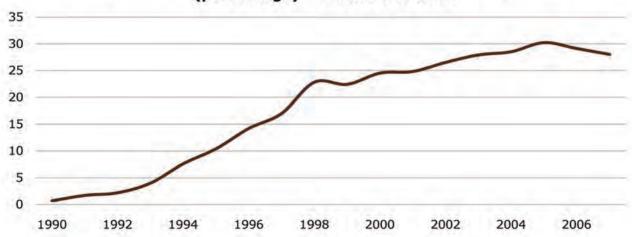


Figure 32: HIV prevalence (percentage) among anti-natal attendees aged 15–49 from 1990 to 2007

Source: Department of Health (DOH) 2007. Report National HIV and Syphilis Prevalence Survey South Africa 2006.

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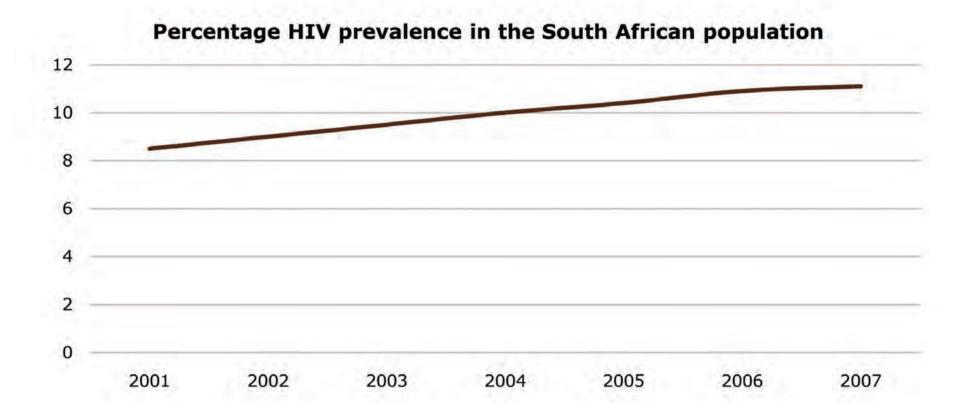


Figure 33: HIV prevalence in the South African population (2001–2007)

Source: Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) 2005, 2006 and 2007. Mid-year population estimates. Statistical release P0302. http://www.statssa.gov.za

Indicator: Environmental health

Variable: 29

**Description: Malaria** 

Units: Number of malaria cases and fatality rates.

Source: Department of Health (DOH). http://www.doh.gov.za

Africa Fighting Malaria. http://www.fightngmalaria.org

Logic: Malaria is a preventable and curable infectious disease caused by the *Plasmodium* parasite transmitted by the female Anopheles mosquito. Malaria affects a

large number of South Africans especially in areas that are hot and humid. Malaria can be managed by means of human intervention, thus this variable is

important in providing information on the effectiveness of malaria control programmes in the country.

Discussion: Malaria is a major global public health problem, with an estimated 300-500 million cases and approximately 1 million deaths annually. Estimates show that nearly 60% of the cases of clinical malaria and over 90% of the deaths occur in Sub-Saharan Africa. In areas of stable transmission Angola, Malawi, Mozambique,

Tanzania, and Zambia, children under five years and pregnant women are at greatest risk of severe malaria due to the low levels of acquired immunity. Malaria is endemic to the low-altitude areas of Limpopo, Mpumalanga and North-Eastern KwaZulu-Natal. About 10% of the South African population resides in malaria-risk areas. In South Africa a total of 5 210 malaria cases and 48 deaths were reported to the National Department of Health during 2007, a decrease in excess

of 50% compared to the 12 163 cases reported for the same period in 2006. One of the most important indicators for evaluating the overall impact of malaria control is malaria case fatality rates (CFR).

The total number of malaria cases in South Africa has been on a steady decline since 2000. During 2007 a total of 5 210 cases were reported, a marked decrease when compared to the 64 622 cases reported in 2000. Overall, during the period January 1999 to December 2006, malaria cases have declined. This is largely due to the malaria control programmes carried out in South Africa, where the pesticide Dichloro-Diphenyl-Trichloroethane (DDT) is sprayed. In 1995 South Africa stopped spraying with DDT and then experienced one of the worst malaria epidemics recorded in history. In 2000, the epidemic reached its peak due to the floods in Mozambique, but was brought under control through the re-introduction of DDT spraying. Areas prone to malaria are expected to increase in the future

due to the effects of climate change.

Notes: This indicator addresses the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation: Section 55 and the Millennium Development Goal 6.

Fatality rate is the number of reported deaths due to malaria divided by the number of malaria reported cases multiplied by 100.

Table 25: Number of malaria cases, deaths and fatality rate, 1996–2007

|               | 1996   | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005  | 2006   | 2007  |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| Cases         | 27 035 | 23 121 | 26 445 | 51 444 | 64 622 | 26 506 | 15 649 | 13 459 | 13 399 | 7 755 | 12 163 | 5 210 |
| Deaths        | 163    | 104    | 198    | 406    | 458    | 119    | 96     | 142    | 89     | 64    | 89     | 48    |
| Fatality rate | 0.6    | 0.45   | 0.75   | 0.79   | 0.71   | 0.45   | 0.61   | 1.06   | 0.66   | 0.83  | 0.73   | 0.92  |

Source: Department of Health (DOH).http://www.doh.gov.za

Total number of malaria cases reported

70 000
60 000
40 000
30 000
20 000
10 000

1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007

Figure 34: Total number of reported malaria cases in South Africa (1996-2007)

Source: Department of Health's Malaria Notification System

Indicator: Environmental health

Variable: 30

**Description: Under 5 mortality** 

Units: Number of deaths per age category.

Sources: Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) 2006. Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2003, 2004 and 2005. Statistical release P0309. http://www.statssa.gov.za

Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) 2006. South Africa Environment Outlook. A report on the state of the environment. Department of

Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Pretoria.

Logic: Under-5 mortality rate is a measure of the vulnerability of the most vulnerable population group.

Discussion:

The under five mortality rate indicates the probability of dying between birth and exactly five years of age, expressed per 1 000 live births. This measure of mortality has several advantages as a barometer of child well-being in general and child health in particular. The under 5 mortality rate measures an outcome of the development process rather than an input such as per capita calorie availability or the number of doctors per 1 000 population. The under 5 mortality rate can also be the result of a wide variety of inputs: nutritional status and the health knowledge of mothers, the level of immunization and oral rehydration therapy, the availability of maternal and child health services (including prenatal care), income and food availability in the family, the availability of safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

The tables below show the total number and percentage distribution of deaths for the period 1998 to 2005 classified by five-year age intervals. The number of deaths at each age group has increased from 1998 to 2005. Increases in the number of deaths are particularly observed at middle age groups (25–29 years up to 50–54 years) and at very young ages (0 to 4). In addition, for all the years, the number of deaths was higher at ages 0 to 4 and 30 to 34 and lower at age groups 5 to 9 and 10 to 19 when compared to deaths at other ages. The trend in mortality has remained fairly constant over the observation period. The percentage of mortality in the 60 to 90 age group has been on the decrease year on year since 1998.

Mother-to-child transmission of HIV, coupled with poor environmental conditions, has increased infant and childhood mortality<sup>1</sup>. The infant mortality rate was 61 per 1 000 live births in 2005. Socio-economic factors play an important role in infant mortality rates. Children in households lacking access to safe water and adequate sanitation are most vulnerable to ailments such as diarrhoea, especially when they are HIV positive. Cooking and heating using open wood and coal fires increase indoor air pollution and promote and compound respiratory diseases.

### Limitations:

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set a target for reducing under-five mortality by two thirds by 2015. There are, however, no corresponding targets for mortality in the one to four age groups. The policy dialogue regarding this age group is limited.

Some factors limit the accuracy and completeness of data obtained from the death notification forms. Extensive assessment of the quality of the information reported on the death notification forms is beyond the scope of the statistical release, and no adjustments were made for misclassification of underlying causes of death due to inadequacies of certification.

Life expectancy has declined dramatically, mostly because of the increased number of HIV and AIDS infections.

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Table 26: Number of deaths by age and year of death, 1998–2005

|             | 199     | 98    | 199     | 99    | 200     | 00    | 200     | 01   | 200     | )2   | 20      | 03   | 20      | 04    | 200     | 05    |
|-------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| 0-4         | 37 923  | 10.4% | 38 405  | 10.1% | 39 192  | 9.5%  | 41 034  | 9.1% | 46 380  | 9.3% | 51 627  | 9.3% | 56 305  | 9.9%  | 61 461  | 10.4% |
| 5-9         | 3 249   | 0.9%  | 3 429   | 0.9%  | 3 610   | 0.9%  | 3 842   | 0.8% | 4 361   | 0.9% | 4 966   | 0.9% | 5 907   | 1.0%  | 6 098   | 1.0%  |
| 10-14       | 2 997   | 0.8%  | 2 976   | 0.8%  | 3 059   | 0.7%  | 3 214   | 0.7% | 3 360   | 0.7% | 3 638   | 0.7% | 3 860   | 0.7%  | 3 968   | 0.7%  |
| 15-19       | 7 056   | 1.9%  | 7 748   | 2.0%  | 7 791   | 1.9%  | 8 404   | 1.9% | 9 033   | 1.8% | 9 379   | 1.7% | 9 175   | 1.6%  | 9 224   | 1.6%  |
| 20-24       | 15 746  | 4.3%  | 16 962  | 4.5%  | 18 613  | 4.5%  | 19 790  | 4.4% | 21 988  | 4.4% | 24 346  | 4.4% | 25 019  | 4.4%  | 25 029  | 4.2%  |
| 25-29       | 22 900  | 6.3%  | 26 493  | 7.0%  | 30 547  | 7.4%  | 35 936  | 7.9% | 41 699  | 8.3% | 45 844  | 8.3% | 46 554  | 8.2%  | 45 982  | 7.8%  |
| 30-34       | 24 098  | 6.6%  | 28 528  | 7.5%  | 34 093  | 8.2%  | 39 450  | 8.7% | 47 121  | 9.4% | 55 148  | 9.9% | 58 094  | 10.2% | 59 360  | 10.0% |
| 35-39       | 23 497  | 6.4%  | 27 239  | 7.1%  | 31 965  | 7.7%  | 36 784  | 8.1% | 43 299  | 8.7% | 48 723  | 8.8% | 52 471  | 9.2%  | 55 011  | 9.3%  |
| 40-44       | 21 861  | 6.0%  | 24 113  | 6.3%  | 27 989  | 6.8%  | 32 062  | 7.1% | 36 883  | 7.4% | 42 826  | 7.7% | 46 230  | 8.1%  | 48 367  | 8.2%  |
| 45-49       | 21 859  | 6.0%  | 23 508  | 6.2%  | 25 555  | 6.2%  | 28 731  | 6.3% | 31 842  | 6.4% | 36 278  | 6.6% | 38 717  | 6.8%  | 41 323  | 7.0%  |
| 50-54       | 20 226  | 5.5%  | 21 642  | 5.7%  | 24 292  | 5.9%  | 26 968  | 6.0% | 29 775  | 6.0% | 33 264  | 6.0% | 34 663  | 6.1%  | 36 094  | 6.1%  |
| 55-59       | 22 848  | 6.3%  | 22 773  | 6.0%  | 22 715  | 5.5%  | 23 646  | 5.2% | 25 361  | 5.1% | 28 033  | 5.1% | 29 632  | 5.2%  | 32 640  | 5.5%  |
| 60-64       | 22 441  | 6.1%  | 22 768  | 6.0%  | 25 426  | 6.1%  | 27 127  | 6.0% | 28 829  | 5.8% | 30 535  | 5.5% | 29 925  | 5.3%  | 29 749  | 5.0%  |
| 65-69       | 25 746  | 7.1%  | 25 195  | 6.6%  | 24 586  | 5.9%  | 25 788  | 5.7% | 26 997  | 5.4% | 28 449  | 5.1% | 28 609  | 5.0%  | 31 247  | 5.3%  |
| 70-74       | 24 561  | 6.7%  | 25 150  | 6.6%  | 27 205  | 6.6%  | 29 122  | 6.4% | 29 212  | 5.8% | 30 740  | 5.6% | 28 501  | 5.0%  | 27 757  | 4.7%  |
| 75-79       | 23 951  | 6.6%  | 22 318  | 5.9%  | 21 864  | 5.3 % | 22 903  | 5.1% | 23 932  | 4.8% | 26 093  | 4.7% | 25 542  | 4.5%  | 27 884  | 4.7%  |
| 80-84       | 18 952  | 5.2%  | 18 975  | 5.0%  | 21 076  | 5.1%  | 23 048  | 5.1% | 23 723  | 4.7% | 23 063  | 4.2% | 20 352  | 3.6%  | 20 098  | 3.4%  |
| 85-89       | 12 089  | 3.3%  | 12 439  | 3.3%  | 12 891  | 3.1%  | 12 943  | 2.9% | 12 700  | 2.5% | 15 604  | 2.8% | 14 361  | 2.5%  | 15 648  | 2.6%  |
| 90+         | 7 949   | 2.2%  | 7 617   | 2.0%  | 9 063   | 2.2%  | 10 193  | 2.3% | 10 975  | 2.2% | 11 499  | 2.1% | 10 646  | 1.9%  | 11 051  | 1.9%  |
| Unspecified | 5 104   | 1.4%  | 2 704   | 0.7%  | 2 204   | 0.5%  | 1 911   | 0.4% | 2 024   | 0.4% | 2 770   | 0.5% | 2 925   | 0.5%  | 3 222   | 0.5%  |
| TOTAL       | 365 053 |       | 380 982 |       | 413 736 |       | 452 896 |      | 499 494 |      | 552 825 |      | 567 488 |       | 591 213 |       |

Source: Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) 2006. *Mortality and causes of death in South Africa, 2003, 2004 and 2005.*Statistical release P0309. http://www.statssa.gov.za

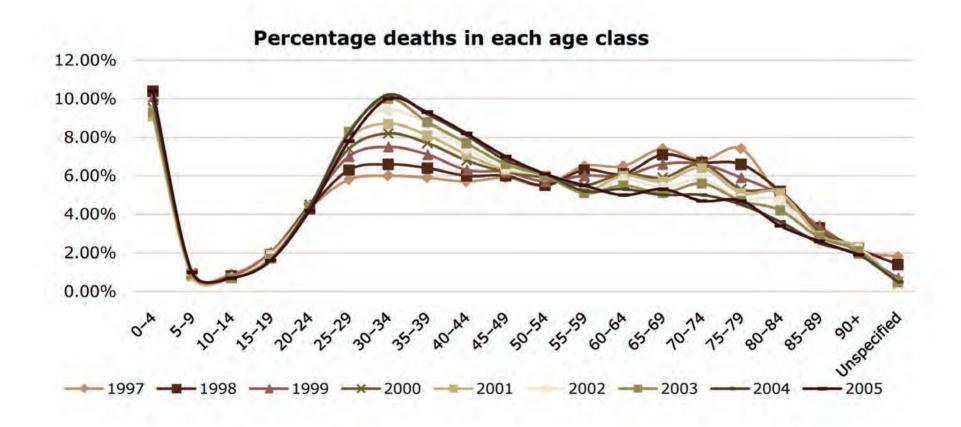


Figure 35: Percentage of deaths in each age class from 1998 to 2005

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