



Sustainable Development and Maternal Health in Morocco: A Short Report on Progress and Challenges

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Abstract

Maternal health is a key indicator of sustainable development. Morocco has worked to align its health sector with broader development goals. This report examines the nexus between sustainable development and maternal health in Morocco. This report aims to synthesise knowledge on Morocco's progress in linking sustainable development policies to maternal health outcomes. It seeks to identify principal achievements and enduring challenges. A narrative synthesis was conducted, based on a review of publicly available national policy documents, programme reports, and relevant literature. The analysis focused on thematic areas connecting health system development, resource allocation, and maternal health service delivery. Substantial progress was noted in infrastructure and skilled birth attendance, with a marked increase in institutional deliveries. Targeted, equity-focused programmes in rural areas had a positive impact. However, challenges persist, including regional disparities in service quality and uneven distribution of the health workforce. Morocco has made significant strides in improving maternal health through development-oriented policies. Sustaining this progress requires addressing systemic inequities. Future efforts should prioritise strengthening primary healthcare systems, enhancing community-based care models, and integrating maternal health metrics more robustly into national sustainable development monitoring frameworks. Maternal health, sustainable development, Morocco, health systems, equity, Africa This report provides a concise overview for practitioners and policymakers on integrating maternal health within sustainable development in Morocco, highlighting insights for future programming.

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