



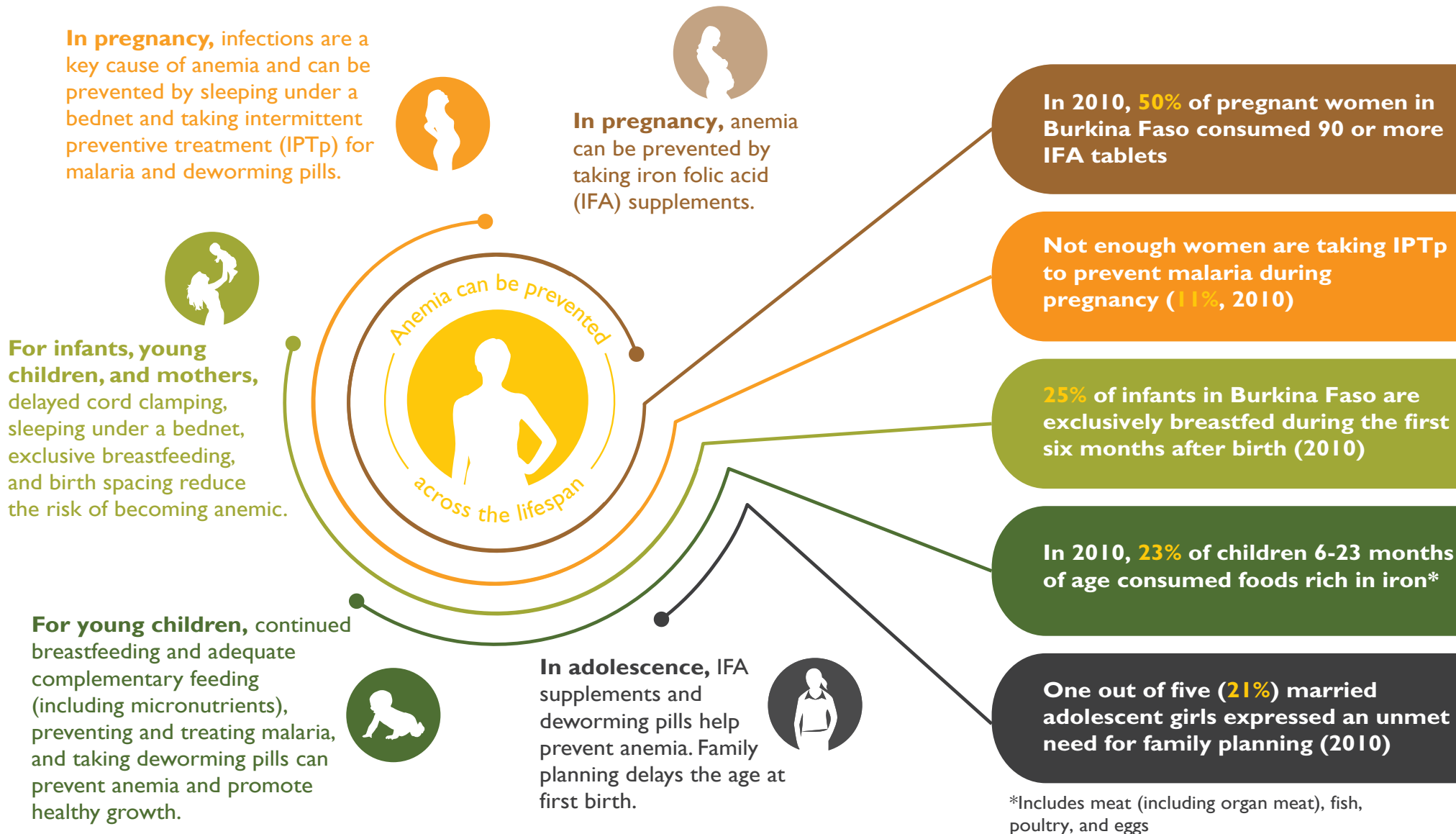
BURKINA FASO

National Anemia Profile



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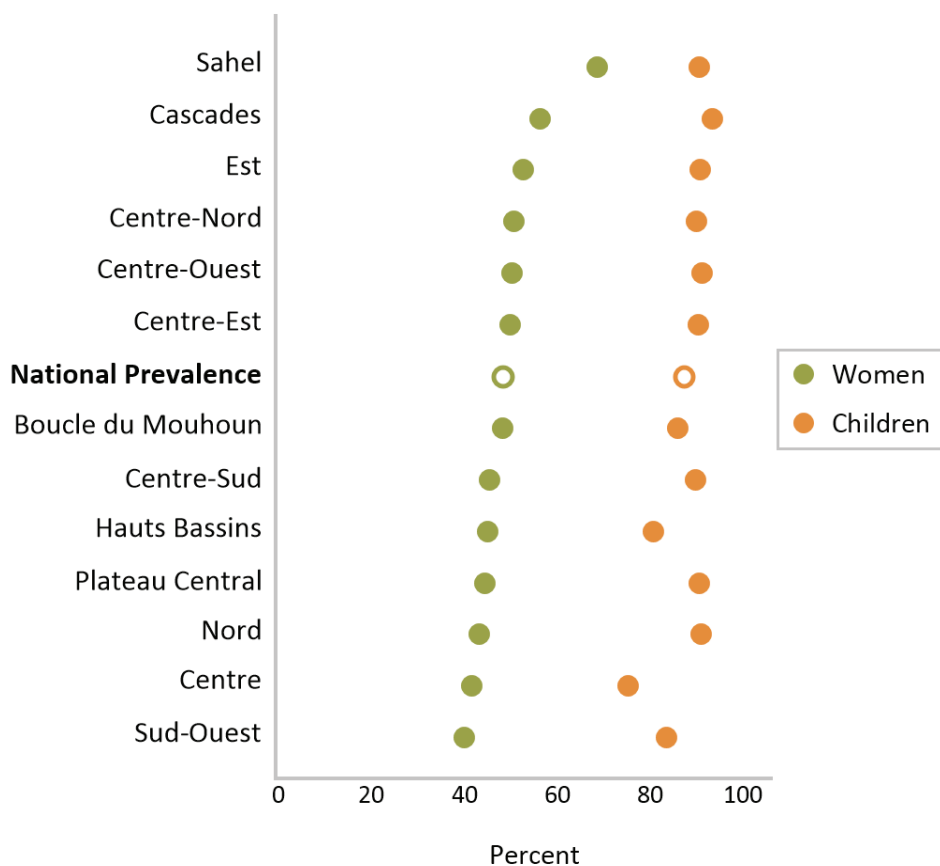


A multisectoral approach to prevent anemia will save lives and improve the wellbeing of mothers, infants, and children

Anemia has substantial negative effects on the health and economic wellbeing of nations and communities. Children with anemia experience irrevocable cognitive and developmental delays and exhibit decreased worker productivity as adults.¹ Globally, maternal anemia increases the risk of pre-term delivery and low birth weight, and iron-deficiency anemia underlies 115,000 maternal deaths and 591,000 perinatal deaths each year.²

Prevalence of anemia among children 6-59 months and women 15-49 years, by region

Source: Burkina Faso DHS, 2010



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Trends in the prevalence of anemia in Burkina Faso

Children 6-59 months of age

■ mild ■ moderate ■ severe

2003



2010



The DHS hemoglobin levels used to diagnose anemia in children 6-59 months in grams/dL are: Mild 10.0-10.9; Moderate 7.0-9.9; Severe <7.0; Any <11.0.

Women 15-49 years of age

2003



2010



The DHS hemoglobin levels used to diagnose anemia in non-pregnant women 15-49 years of age in grams/dL are: Mild 10.0-11.9; Moderate 7.0-9.9; Severe <7.0; Any <12.0.

Status of Policies or Strategies to Support Reductions in Anemia*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iron and/or folic acid fortification legislation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Malaria diagnosis and treatment |
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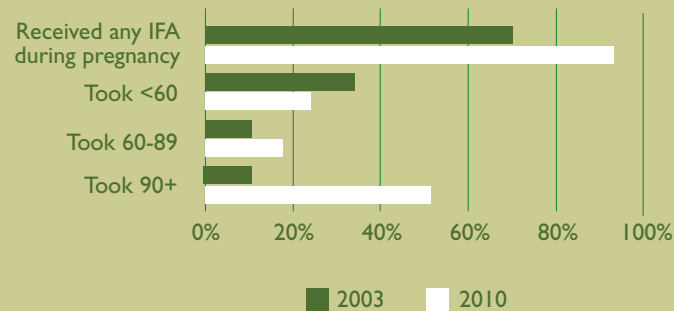
*Information from the Global database on the Implementation of Nutrition Action (GINA) (<https://extranet.who.int/nutrition/gina/en>) or country documentation. The status of policies and strategies have been identified to the best of our knowledge. Revisions and updates are welcome.

Evidence-informed WHO guidance can be found here: <http://www.who.int/elena/en/>

Anemia is a Preventable Condition—Simple Interventions Can Have a Huge Impact

Increase iron uptake and stores

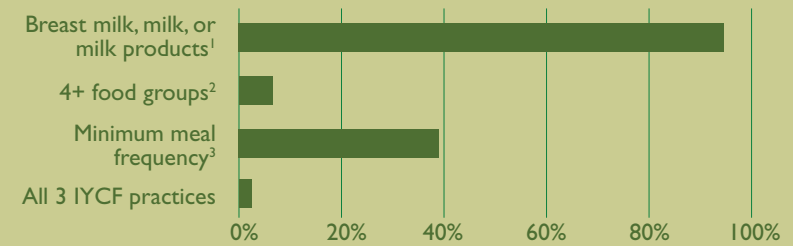
Overall, IFA supplementation among pregnant women increased from 2003 to 2010



Contraception use steadily increased among married women from 1998-1999 to 2010



Few children 6-23 months old were fed according to 3 key Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices in 2010

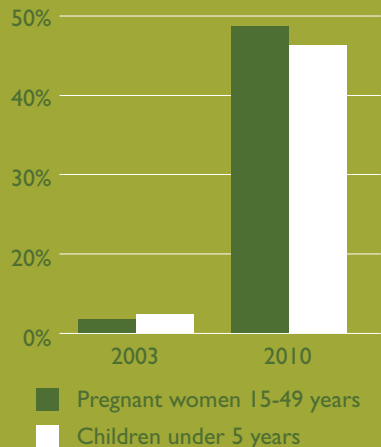


- ¹ Continued breastfeeding, or feeding of milk/milk products to non-breastfed children
- ² Feeding children solid foods, semi-solid foods, and milk products from the minimum number of food groups
- ³ Feeding children solid foods, semi-solid foods, and milk products the minimum number of times



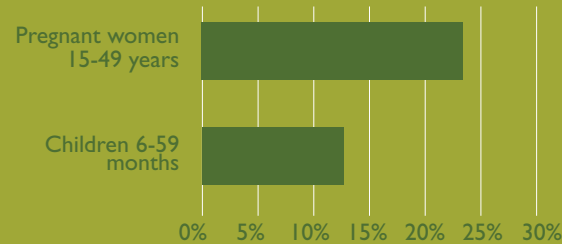
Reduce iron losses and infection

Insecticide-treated mosquito net (ITN) use increased dramatically from 2003 to 2010*



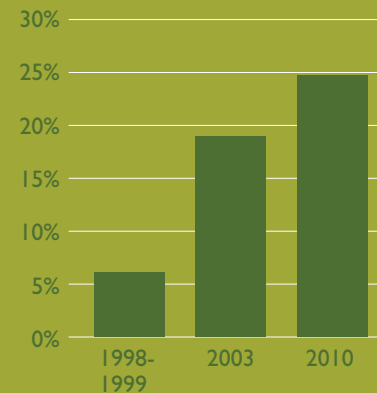
*Percentage who slept under an ITN the night before the survey

Not enough children and women received deworming medication in 2010*

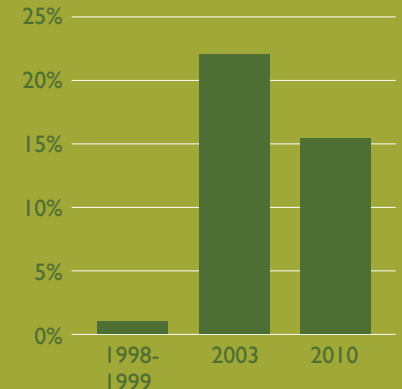


*Deworming medication given in past 6 months for children and during last pregnancy for women

Exclusive breastfeeding of children <6 months has steadily increased since 1998-1999



The percentage of households with an improved latrine/toilet has increased dramatically since 1998-1999 but remains low*



*Definition of 'improved latrine/toilet' has changed slightly across years. See Demographic and Health Surveys

Multiple Sectors Play a Role in Anemia Prevention and Treatment

Stunting and anemia share similar risk factors and are responsive to many of the same interventions

Agriculture

- Increase income and reduce poverty
- Production of biofortified and iron-rich crops
 - Small livestock/poultry
 - Dietary diversity

Health

- Iron supplementation
 - Deworming
- Breastfeeding and complimentary feeding
- Family planning
- Malaria prevention and treatment
- Delayed cord clamping

Water and Sanitation

- Improved latrines
 - Handwashing
- Access to clean water
- Livestock management
 - Infectious disease prevention

Education

- Female literacy
- Health education
- Hygiene education
- Family planning education
- Nutrition education

Data Sources:

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