



Summary general questions

Kosovo

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Country description

The population in Kosovo is estimated at 1.7 million, with 23,000 births each year. The average life expectancy is estimated at 74 for men and 79 for women. The gross national income per capita (PPP int. \$) is 10,754 (2017).

General health and school systems

Almost all children are born in the hospital. Prematurely born children can be treated from 22 weeks. The average stay in the hospital is 3-5 days. Births are registered in the civil state office, where the baby is born. The birth registration coverage is at least 99.7%. The infant mortality under the age of 5 per 1000 live births per year is 15.

The primary school starts at age 6 to 7.

Existing prevention programmes and coverage

General Preventive Child Health Care programmes are nationally organized and are performed by a team of GP and nurses organized from the primary care service in schools (which includes children aged from 6 to 15). Pediatricians perform individual screening in younger children in primary care service or in private clinics. The care is funded by the municipalities (in schools) and the parents (in private clinics).

Health care contact moments in the first weeks and at 4-6 year

	Vaccination or tests
First weeks	
	no information provided
4-6 year	
5-6 years	general examination
6-7 years	DT, Polio, MMR

At school all children are invited and 97-98% (data from the city Pristina) attend screening. There are no data available for younger children. Data collected from systematic school visits are reported to the Directorate of Health and Social Welfare (branch of the municipality). No information has been provided on monitoring the quality of the programme and on the cost-effectiveness of the programme.

About 95% of the children between 0-12 months are vaccinated.

The total costs of general screening are unknown. The average salary costs for a GP and paediatrician are 7,200 euros per year for both their services in the primary care and general screening.

References

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