Committed improvements for a healthy future


Sample Design
A nationally representative sample of 38,118 housing units was selected for the survey and 27,230 households in these housing units were enumerated to provide district level estimates. Within the households interviewed, a total of 18,646 eligible women were identified, of whom 18,302 were successfully interviewed. Detailed information was collected from all ever-married women aged 15-49 years about themselves and their children, born after January 2011. All women aged 15-49 years in selected households were eligible for individual interviews.

ICT Tools for Enumerations
For the first time, the Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) software was used to collect data in this survey. The CAPI software is a standardized and well-tested interviewing system, which is the first ever DHS conducted in Sri Lanka.

Key Findings
The distribution of E-MW by place of residence, ethnicity and religion confirmed previous distribution results: 61% rural residence, 36% urban residence. For the majority of respondents, 99% of households had access to an improved water source; 43% had access to an improved sanitation facility; and 86% had access to an improved cooking fuel.

Cultural Medicine
Cultural Medicine collaborates with the DCS to improve the quality and usefulness of the data collected.

Epidemiological Indicators
Epidemiological indicators such as under-five mortality rate, child mortality and birth prevalence rate are used to evaluate the health status of a country. The under-five mortality rate is the number of deaths of children under five years of age per 1,000 live births.

Sub-National Data
Sub-national data on fertility, child mortality, and birth prevalence rate are collected through household surveys. These surveys provide information on the reproductive health of women and children.

State of the Nation
The State of the Nation report presents an overview of the health status of Sri Lanka, including indicators such as infant mortality rate, child mortality rate, and under-five mortality rate.