Key Messages

- Overall, two in five newborns in Roma Settlements are first breastfed within one hour of birth. Women in rural areas are twice as likely to initiate early breastfeeding than those living in urban areas.
- Every seventh child aged 0-5 months living in Roma Settlements is exclusively breastfed by age 6 months.
- Although timely introduction of solid or semi-solid foods is widespread among children aged 6-8 months living in Roma Settlements, and minimum meal frequency is high among children aged 6-23 months, slightly less than one-third of children this age received the minimum diet diversity (5 of the 8 recommended food groups) and only one-fifth received the minimum acceptable diet.
- Continued breastfeeding at 2 years: percentage of children aged 20-23 months who continue to receive breastmilk.

Settlements whose mothers have secondary or higher education are more likely to receive the minimum diet diversity than those whose mothers have a pre-primary education or no education.
**IYCF: Equality in Roma Settlements**

**Early Initiation of Breastfeeding**

Percent of newborns in Roma Settlements put to the breast within one hour of birth, by background characteristics.

**Minimum Diet Diversity**

Percent of children aged 6-23 months in Roma Settlements that were fed food from at least 5 out of 8 food groups, by background characteristics.

**IYCF: What are the Youngest Infants Fed?**

Liquids or foods consumed by infants 0-5 months old in Roma Settlements.

Percent of infants aged 0-5 months in Roma Settlements receiving breastmilk only, breastmilk and plain water, breastmilk and non-milk liquids, breastmilk and other milk/formula, breastmilk and complementary foods and no breastmilk.

Notes: 1) may also have been fed plain water; 2) may also have been fed plain water and/or non-milk liquids; 3) may also have been fed plain water, non-milk liquids and/or other milk/formula; 4) may have been fed plain water, non-milk liquids, other milk/formula and/or solid, semi-solid and soft foods.

**Data by Area in Roma Settlements**

Percent of newborns in Roma Settlements put to the breast within one hour of birth, by area.

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