



# Uganda

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## Burden of Disease

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An assessment of the burden of disease in Uganda in 1995 demonstrated that 75% of life years lost due to premature death were due to ten preventable diseases. An approximate breakdown is as follows perinatal and maternal conditions accounted for 20%, malaria for 15.4% acute lower respiratory tract infections (10.5%), AIDS 9.1%, and diarrhoea 8.4%. 38% of under fives are stunted and 25% are underweight and 5% wasted. The health status indicators are as shown below (199% figures).

| Indicator                           | Figures                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Life expectancy at birth            | 48                           |
| Infant mortality rate               | 97                           |
| Probability of death before 5 years | 14.3%                        |
| Under-five mortality rate           | 147                          |
| Total fertility rate                | 6.9                          |
| Contraceptive use                   | 15%                          |
| Population Growth Rate              | 2.7%                         |
| Maternal Mortality rate             | 506                          |
| Illiteracy rate                     | Males 36.8%<br>Females 52.7% |
| UNDP Human development ranking      | 158                          |

### Social Context

Poverty is prevalent in Uganda as previously mentioned. The factors that lead to poverty in the country are diverse and compel. However, it has been observed that that there is a high association between gender and poverty. Unfortunately also women are disadvantaged socially. There is power imbalance within the community which has tended to marginalize women further and make them even poorer.

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