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Appendix 4: Outcome definitions

Primary outcomes

Outcome	Definition
Maternal mortality	Death in pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium.
	Direct deaths – resulting from obstetric complications of the pregnancy.
	Indirect death – resulting from previous existing disease or disease aggravated
Perinatal mortality	Stillbirths (from 22 weeks) and neonatal death (within the first 28 days of life)
Infant mortality	Infant death before reaching 1 year of age

Secondary outcomes

Outcome	Definition
Experiences and satisfaction	As defined by authors
Family planning	As defined by authors
Breastfeeding	Initiation of breastfeeding
Immunisation	Use of vaccinations
Low birth weight	Birth weight less than 2500g
Preterm birth	Live birth before 37 weeks of pregnancy
Analgesia use	As defined by author
Spontaneous vaginal birth	Birth without any intervention
Caesarean section	Surgical intervention to deliver baby
Antenatal care coverage	Minimum 4 visits
Access to care	Gestational age at booking, financial assistance/insurance, distance and outreach
Quality of care	Referrals, timeliness, length of visits