

# Towards universal coverage?

## Understanding the scale of the private sector in maternal health

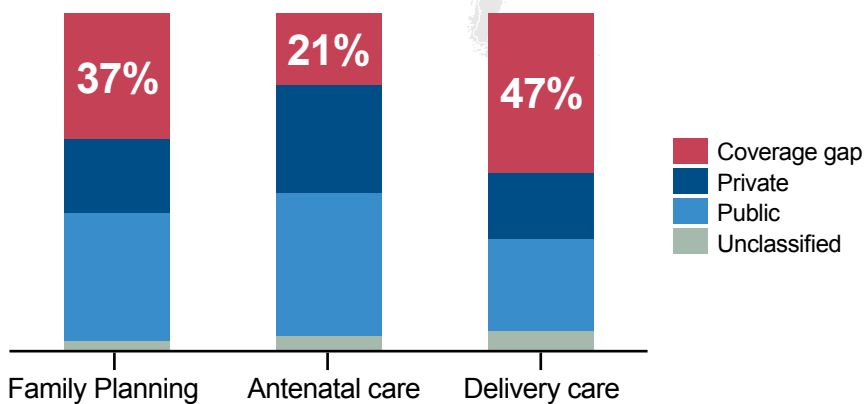
New analysis across 57 low- and middle-income countries highlights the need for maternal health policy makers to understand the role of both public and private sectors in providing services.

57 LMICs

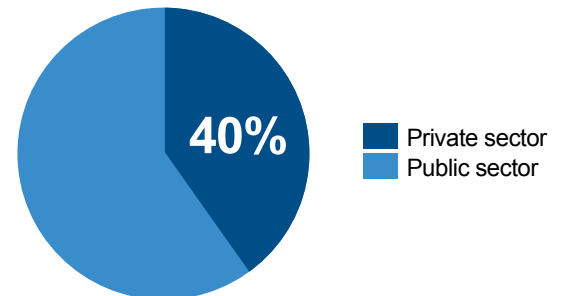
Across 4 regions

Representing 3 billion people

### High coverage gaps persist across services

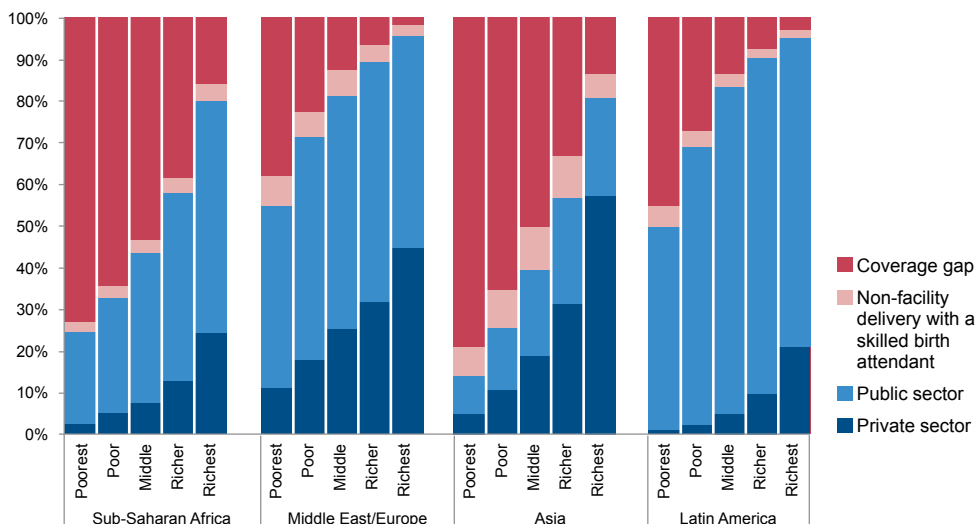


The private sector accounts for a substantial proportion of overall coverage



### For delivery care, both private and public sectors favour the richest

Proportions of women who had a birth, by delivery location, region and wealth quintile



The public sector does not always provide a safety net for the poor. Even though the public sector is more equitable than the private sector in general, for delivery care both sectors favour richer women.

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