BHUTAN
CERVICAL CANCER PROFILE

Morbidity and Mortality
Crude cervical cancer incidence per 100 000 women (2020): 13
Age-standardized cervical cancer incidence per 100 000 women (2020): 14.2
Cumulative risk of cervical cancer, ages 0-74 (2020): 1.5%
Cervical cancer deaths (2019): 30
Cervical cancer mortality-to-incidence ratio (2020): 0.57
Population-based cancer registry exists (2021): Yes

Primary Prevention
HPV vaccination programme coverage among girls (2020)
Programme coverage: 81%
Coverage by age 15 t: 29%
0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% % of target population
Among girls turning 15 years old in 2020, 9 in 10 received their first HPV vaccination dose
HPV vaccination programme (2020):
HPV included in national vaccination programme: Yes
Scale of vaccination programme: National
Year of introduction: 2009
Primary target cohort: 12 years
Related risk factors:
Tobacco use prevalence, women aged 15+ years (2020): ND
Condom use at last high-risk sex (-): ND
HIV incidence per 1000, women aged 15+ years (2020): 0.07

Secondary Prevention
National screening programme for cervical cancer exists (2021): Yes
Primary screening test used (2021): cytology
Target age range of programme (2021): 25-65 years
Programme/guidelines exist to strengthen early detection of first symptoms at primary health care level (2021): Yes
Clearly defined referral system exists from primary care to secondary and tertiary care (2021): Yes
Screening for cervical cancer (2019)
Screened in last 5 years: 40%
Ever screened: 62%
0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% % of women aged 30 - 49 years
4 in 10 women have been screened for cervical cancer in the last 5 years

Treatment and Supportive Care
National guidelines on cervical cancer management exist (2021): Yes
Cancer diagnosis and treatment services generally available (2021):
Cancer centre or cancer department at tertiary level: Yes
Pathology services (laboratories): Yes
Cancer surgery: Yes
Chemotherapy: Yes
Radiotherapy: Yes
Palliative care for patients with NCDs in the public health system generally available (2021):
In primary health care facilities: No
In community or home-based care: No

WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy Targets for 2030
90% of girls fully vaccinated with the HPV vaccine by the age of 15
70% of women are screened with a high-performance test by 35 years of age and again by 45 years of age
90% of women identified with cervical disease receive treatment

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