

Birth Defects

An abnormality of body structure or function present since birth

What should we know: Facts

1 in 33 babies have birth defects



2 South-East Asia Region-
nd highest prevalence
of birth defects
in the world



3 million babies
worldwide die
every year, due to
birth defects



What are we doing: WHO-SEARO

➤ **Regional Strategic Framework and National plans** for prevention and control of birth defects



➤ **Surveillance – Prevention – Care & Management**



NBBD-Surveillance

Newborn Birth Defects Database for Hospital-Based surveillance



~ **3.6 Million**

total births reported

~ **108 000** Stillbirths



~ **38 000 babies** with BD reported

Prevent birth defects

If you are planning pregnancy **Improve folic acid intake**
Do not take medicines without prescription

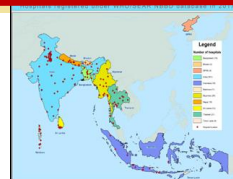
Folic acid insufficiency causes serious conditions like **Ensure fortification of wheat flour with folic acid**
Neural tube defects

Rubella infection during pregnancy causes serious birth defects **Get rubella vaccine before pregnancy**

Timely treatment and care can cure or minimize the effects of birth defects in your baby **Seek early care for birth defects**



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(Newborn and Birth Defects Database)



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