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				Age (years)	Sample size								Prev	alence	(%)			Reference	Not	es
Level	Date	Location and sample descriptor	Sex			Current XN	Previous XN	X1B	X2	ХЗА	ХЗВ	xs	<0.35	<0.70	< 1.05	Mean	SD		General	
L	2004P	llesa: PW: Total PW by age	F F	15.00-43.99 15.00-19.99	200 9								17.5	54.5		0.74 0.77	0.45 0.49	4764	*	
		PW by age PW by age	F F	20.00-24.99 25.00-29.99	47 80											0.75 0.76	0.49 0.44			
		PW by age PW by age PW by age	F F	30.00-34.99 35.00-39.99 40.00-43.99	43 14 7											0.60 0.93 0.88	0.32 0.58 0.57			
N	2003	National: Women: Total Women by area: Urban Women by area: Rural	F	15.00-49.99 15.00-49.99 15.00-49.99	3911 1144		7.70 5.60									0.00	0.37	4743	*	1 2
		Women by region: North Central Women by region: North East Women by region: North West	F F	15.00-49.99 15.00-49.99 15.00-49.99	2766 575 862 1341		8.50 5.60 11.10 4.90													3 4 5 6
		Women by region: South East Women by region: South South Women by region: South West	F F	15.00-49.99 15.00-49.99 15.00-49.99	222 544 367		5.30 11.00 9.30													7 8 9
N	2001	National: Pre-SAC: Total National: Women: Total National: PW: Total Pre-SAC by area: Urban Pre-SAC by area: Medium Pre-SAC by area: Rural Pre-SAC by agroecological zone: Dry savanna Pre-SAC by agroecological zone: Humid forest Pre-SAC by agroecological zone: Moist savanna Pre-SAC by state: Akwa Ibom Pre-SAC by state: Akwa Ibom Pre-SAC by state: Borno Pre-SAC by state: Borno Pre-SAC by state: Edo	B F F B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B	0.00-4.99 NS NS 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99	3099 3874 825 662 1152 1285 787 1383 929 436 179 280 251								2.3 7.5 3.4 3.1 7.1 2.4 1.8 0.6 4.3 32.8	29.5 4.1 1.7 24.5 32.6 26.8 31.3 29.9 23.9 29.1 23.0 36.4 60.4	13.1 19.2	0.95 0.97 0.92 0.97 0.92 0.93 1.01		4581	*	10 11 12 13 14 15
		Pre-SAC by state: Imo Pre-SAC by state: Kaduna Pre-SAC by state: Kano Pre-SAC by state: Kebbi Pre-SAC by state: Kwara Pre-SAC by state: Nasarawa Pre-SAC by state: Osun	B B B B B	0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99 0.00-4.99	254 212 398 107 184 202 259								0.4 2.4 1.8 4.7 2.7 2.0 1.5	10.6 30.2 22.5 51.4 26.1 21.3 23.9						



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		Location and sample descriptor		Age (years)	Sample size									alence	(%)			Reference	Notes	
Level	Date		Sex			Current XN	Previous XN	X1B	X2	ХЗА	ХЗВ	xs	<0.35	<0.70	< 1.05	Mean	SD		General	Line
N	2001	Pre-SAC by state: Taraba	В	0.00-4.99	330	Ī				İ	†		2.4	20.2				4581		
		Women by area: Urban	F	NS	NS										10.0					
		Women by area: Medium	F	NS	NS										30.7					
		Women by area: Rural	F	NS	NS										11.2					
		Women by agroecological zone: Dry savanna	F	NS	NS										19.6					
		Women by agroecological zone: Humid forest	F	NS	NS										8.8					
		Women by agroecological zone: Moist savanna	F	NS	NS										14.5					
		Women by state: Akwa Ibom	F	NS	519										1.2					
		Women by state: Bayelsa	F	NS	233										0.0					
		Women by state: Borno	F	NS	384										4.2					
		Women by state: Edo	F	NS	258										32.2					
		Women by state: Imo	F	NS	365										0.8					
		Women by state: Kaduna	F	NS	335										3.0					
		Women by state: Kano	F	NS	501										1.8					
		Women by state: Kebbi	F	NS	201										4.0					
		Women by state: Kwara	F	NS	249										0.0					
		Women by state: Nasarawa	F	NS	204										1.0					
		Women by state: Osun	F	NS	293										0.7					
		Women by state: Taraba	F	NS	332										5.7					
		PW by area: Urban	F	NS	NS										25.2					
		PW by area: Medium	F	NS	NS										17.3					
		PW by area: Rural	F	NS	NS										24.4					
		PW by agroecological zone: Dry savanna	F	NS	NS										34.4					
		PW by agroecological zone: Humid forest	F	NS	NS										21.6					
		PW by agroecological zone: Moist savanna	F	NS	NS										28.3					
		PW by state: Akwa Ibom	F	NS	94										5.3					
		PW by state: Bayelsa	F	NS	41										9.8					
		PW by state: Borno	F	NS	92										10.9					
		PW by state: Edo	F	NS	38										47.7					
		PW by state: Imo	F	NS	99										3.0					
		PW by state: Kaduna	F	NS	65										7.7					
		PW by state: Kano	F	NS	102										7.8					
		PW by state: Kebbi	F	NS	55										7.3					
		PW by state: Kwara	F	NS	67										4.5					
		PW by state: Nasarawa	F	NS	44										4.5					
		PW by state: Osun	F	NS	62										4.8					
		PW by state: Taraba	F	NS	66										10.6					



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Level	Date		Sex			Current XN	Previous XN	X1B	X2	ХЗА	ХЗВ	xs	<0.35	<0.70	< 1.05	Mean	SD		General	Line
L	1997 P	Osu and Ibodi communities: Pre-SAC	В	0.25-4.74	53						Ì	Ì	0.0	11.3	İ			1959	*	
L	1993	Community of Ijaye Orile: Pre-SAC Community of Ijaye Orile: Pre-SAC: Total Pre-SAC by sex Pre-SAC by sex	B B F M	2.00-6.07 0.50-6.07 0.50-6.07 0.50-6.07	213 213 104 109	1.50							26.8 23.0 30.0	74.7		0.53 0.53 0.54	0.28 0.29 0.28	4186	*	
N	1993	National: Pre-SAC: Total National: Pre-SAC: Total National: NPW National: PW National: LW Pre-SAC by sex Pre-SAC by sex Pre-SAC by age Pre-SAC by age Pre-SAC by age Pre-SAC by age Pre-SAC by age Pre-SAC by area: Urban Pre-SAC by area: Periurban Pre-SAC by health zone: North East Pre-SAC by health zone: South West Pre-SAC by health zone: South West Pre-SAC by health zone: South East National: Pre-SAC: Total Pre-SAC by sex Pre-SAC by sex Pre-SAC by age Pre-SAC by area: Periurban Pre-SAC by area: Periurban Pre-SAC by area: Periurban Pre-SAC by area: Periurban	88 F F F F M B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B	0.50-5.99 2.00-5.99 15.00-45.99 15.00-45.99 15.00-45.99 2.00-5.99	2905 1786 NS NS NS NS 790 991 563 505 385 333 674 168 944 410 459 459 459 458 1331 510 732 105 143 123 271 249 184 166 655 93 583	1.00 1.90 2.40 1.80 0.80 1.00 1.40 0.50 0.60 0.70 0.60 1.20 1.50 0.70		0.28	0.76			0.10	8.1 8.3 8.1 4.8 4.9 7.3 10.0 11.2 9.6 4.9 8.6 11.7	34.4 35.3 33.7 29.5 32.2 31.7 36.2 36.1 35.3 30.1 27.2 41.9 41.3		1.10	0.65	50	*	17



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Level	Date		Sex			Current XN	Previous XN	X1B	X2	ХЗА	ХЗВ	XS	<0.35	<0.70	< 1.05	Mean	SD		General	Line
N	1993	Pre-SAC by health zone: North East Pre-SAC by health zone: North West Pre-SAC by health zone: South East	B B B	0.50-5.99 0.50-5.99 0.50-5.99	127 184 35								16.8 10.7 1.7	49.6 48.2 15.2				50		
		Pre-SAC by health zone: South West	В	0.50-5.99	112								4.3	24.2						
R	1992 -1993	4 zones: Pre-SAC: Total 4 zones: Women: Total Pre-SAC by zone A Pre-SAC by zone B Pre-SAC by zone C Pre-SAC by zone D Women by zone A Women by zone B Women by zone C Women by zone C	8 8 8 8 8 7 7	0.00-5.99 15.00-45.99 0.00-5.99 0.00-5.99 0.00-5.99 0.00-5.99 15.00-45.99 15.00-45.99 15.00-45.99	739 NS 158 261 158 162 192 284 192 285									9.2 7.3 5.8 1.5 16.5 12.0 4.2 1.8 14.6 8.8				41	*	
L	1987	Community of Obukpa: Pre-SAC: Total Community of Obukpa: Pre-SAC: Total Pre-SAC by sex Pre-SAC by sex	B B F M	3.00-5.07 0.17-5.07 0.17-5.07 0.17-5.07	162 250 133 117	3.70							9.2 6.8 11.9	<i>34.8</i>		1.31 1.31 1.31	0.72 0.70 0.74	1990	*	
s	1983 P	Cross River State: Newborns by sex Cross River State: Newborns by sex Cross River State: Women at delivery	F M F	0.00 0.00 NS	62 50 112											0.85 0.93 2.35	0.08 0.22 0.49	218	*	18 19

#### NOTES

### **NIGERIA**

Reference No: 4764

General notes: Sample comprised of 200 consecutive pregnant women who registered for the antenatal clinic at the Wesley Guild Hospital in Ilesa, Osun state.

Reference No: 4743

General notes: Two-stage cluster sampling. Sample includes women who gave birth in the 5 years preceding the survey. Previous XN is XN during previous pregnancy, for women with two or more live

births in the five-years period, data refer to the most recent birth.

XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 2.30%

Note 1 XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 2.20% Note 2 XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 0.90% Note 3 XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 2.70% Note 4 XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 0.10% Note 5 XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 3.80% Note 6 XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 2.40% Note 7 XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 0.30% Note 8 XN prevalence adjusted for daytime visual problems: 1.90%

Reference No: 4581

Note 9

General notes: Multi-stage PPS cluster sampling, stratified by agroecological zone and predominant food crops. Sample designed to be nationally representative. Sample comprised of 6480 households

within 12 randomly selected states, representing a third of the states. Sample sizes for total, by area, and by location for pre-SAC obtained from reference No. 5628.

Note 10 Median: 0.91 µmol/L

 Note 11
 Median: 0.93 μmol/L

 Note 12
 Median: 0.86 μmol/L

 Note 13
 Median: 0.93 μmol/L

 Note 14
 Median: 0.86 μmol/L

 Note 15
 Median: 0.90 μmol/L

 Note 16
 Median: 0.96 μmol/L

Reference No: 1959

General notes: Sample comprised of pre-SAC from the communities of Osu and Ibodi, Atakumosa Local Government Area, Osun state. Every 5th household in the 2 communities with children under 5

years of age selected.

Reference No: 4186

General notes: Sample comprised of pre-SAC from the community of liave Orile (randomly selected from all communities in Akinyele Local Government Area), Oyo state. No local term for night

blindness. Survey carried out during the dry season. Serum retinol concentrations converted from µg/mL to µmol/L.

Reference No: 50

General notes: Two-stage cluster sampling stratified by health zones. Sample representative for each 4 health zones (South-east, North-west and North-east). Summary data reported in

reference No. 2647. The methodology also reported in reference No. 202. Serum retinol concentrations converted from µg/mL to µmol/L.

Note 17 Median: 0.99 µmol/L

### **NOTES**

#### **NIGERIA**

Reference No: 41

General notes: Multi-stage cluster sampling. Sample selected from 10 states (UNICEF focal states) in 4 zones.

Reference No: 1990

General notes: Two-stage stratified cluster sampling. Survey conducted in the rural community of Obukpa in Nsukka Local Government Area of the Eastern region. Local term for night blindness used

(isi-ocha). Serum retinol concentrations converted from μg/mL to μmol/L.

Reference No: 218

General notes: Sample comprised of mothers and newborns from rural clinics, health centres and maternities in the Cross River state. Longitudinal study, only baseline data included in the database.

Serum retinol concentrations converted from µg/100 mL to µmol/L.

Note 18 Cord blood. Note 19 Cord blood.

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