MATERNAL DEATH SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE (MDSR)
Country Profile for MDSR Implementation

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Demographics*

- Total Population (in thousand): 25155
- Total Births (in thousand): 360
- Total Fertility Rate: 2.0
- Total Maternal Deaths: 300

Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)

- Per 100 000 live births:
  - 1990: 82
  - 2000: 97
  - 2015: 75

National Policy

Maternal Death Notification

- National policy to notify all maternal deaths: Yes
- Year of adoption: 2008
- Zero reporting: No
- Mechanism for reporting maternal deaths: Health Management Information System (HMIS)

Maternal Death Review

- National policy to review all maternal deaths: Yes
- Year of adoption: 2008
- Level of implementation (national/subnational): Nationally
- Involvement of civil society: Yes

Implementation

- Existence of a national death review committee: Yes
- How often does the national committee meet?: Bi-anually
- Production of annual report with recommendations (national): Yes
- Existence of a sub-national committee: No
- Production of annual report with recommendations (sub-national): Not Applicable
- Community representation in sub-national death review committee: Not Applicable
- Existence of a national MDSR plan: Yes

Global Estimates of Maternal Deaths

- 1990: 532 000
- 2015: 303 000

Sources:
- WHO Global MDSR implementation Survey 2015
*For demographics, the reference year is 2015