Low birth weight is a major predictor of perinatal mortality and morbidity.

Low birth weight increases the risk for non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and heart disease later in life.

Majority of low birth weight births occur in low- and middle-income countries.

Low birth weight is a global concern. Some high-income countries are also faced with high rates for their contexts.

In 2025, achieve a 30% reduction in low birth weight.

**Integrated Health Care**
- **What?** Integrated health care for mother and child
- **How?** Fully integrate pregnancy care with appropriate neonatal and post-neonatal medical and nutritional care for preterm and small for gestational age infants

**Adolescent Girls**
- **What?** Improve maternal nutrition beginning with adolescent girls
- **How?** Enact policies and/or strengthen interventions to improve adolescent nutrition and health

**Community Support**
- **What?** Improve linkage and referral for facility births, and promote healthy behaviors (good nutrition, smoking cessation) during and after pregnancy
- **How?** Strengthen community-based packages of care

Overall, it is estimated that 15% to 20% of all births worldwide are low birth weight, representing more than 20 million births a year.