

## Estimation of District Level TFR of Eight EAG States and Assam from NFHS-4, 2015-16

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**Abstract:** Measuring district level total fertility rate is an important activity as the progress of district level health interventions need to be monitored from time to time. The third round of Annual Health Survey conducted in 2012-13 estimated the fertility rates for districts of eight EAG states and Assam and these estimates are the latest official fertility rates for districts available until now. This paper tried to address the information gap exist in the country by directly estimating district level total fertility rates in these states. Using the birth histories data of the latest round of NFHS-4 conducted in 2015-16, and the STATA *tfr 2* procedure we directly estimated district level fertility rate for eight EAG states and Assam and presented along with confidence interval. Results obtained in such exercise are likely to be useful for programme monitoring of Government sponsored flagship programmes like Mission Parivar Vikas implemented by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Aspirational Districts Programme implemented by NITI Aayog. The paper also suggests to consider these estimates as baseline levels and urge forthcoming series of NFHS to produce district level fertility rates.

**Keywords:** TFR, NFHS, MoHFW, Mission Parivar Vikas programme and EAG states.

### Introduction

The Total Fertility Rate (TFR, number of children a woman would have by end of the reproductive age experiencing current fertility rate) is the most significant demographic indicator in the analysis of the impact of national population programmes in particular, family planning programmes, on reproductive behaviour. This indicator is one of the impact indicators in health sector and measuring its levels and trends helps policy makers and programme managers to take corrective measures when necessary. Lately, National health programmes were designed to take district level approach which purports measuring district level TFR (e.g., Mission Parivar Vikas initiative<sup>3</sup> by MoHFW and Aspirational Districts Programme by NITI Aayog).

Conventionally, TFR is measured using data from Civil Registration System (CRS) and Vital Statistics Systems (UNFPA, 2013). Data from CRS could provide the TFR even at district or below district level required for monitoring performance of local interventions. Further, TFR would be available on real time basis. In India, Sample Registration System (SRS) initiated in 1969-70 on full scale as stop gap arrangement until CRS improves, provides TFR at national level and for bigger states only on annual basis. Seldom we use CRS data to estimate TFRs because of its non-availability and data quality of coverage and completeness. Census is another source to estimate TFR, but it is available once in 10 years and its quality is also

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suspected. Previously, researchers attempted to indirectly estimate district level TFRs using Indian Census data (Bhat, 1996; RGI, 1997; Dręze and Murthi, 2001; Guilmoto and Rajan, 2002; Satyanarayana and Kumar, 2012; Guilmoto and Rajan, 2013; Mohanty and Rajbhar, 2014; Akash and Ponnappalli, 2017; Ponnappalli and Soren, 2018). Indirect methods are developed under certain assumptions which may affect the estimates and that may be the reason for getting different estimates even when same data set is used.

This leaves us the only source to directly estimate TFRs at district level is surveys. Towards this, Annual Health Surveys – AHS (3 waves conducted between 2010 and 2013) provided TFRs continuously for three years at district level for eight Empowered Action Group (EAG) states (Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand) and Assam (ORGI, 2011). Third round of AHS conducted in the year 2012-13 was the last in the series in which district level estimates of TFRs are reported for these nine states. Since then TFRs at district level are not available for any state.

By considering district level sample sizes, the latest round of National Family Health Survey - NFHS - (IIPS and ICF, 2017) conducted in 2015-16 which could have provided a base line fertility level for all the districts has not provided fertility rate at district level in the district fact sheets. More importantly, the decision not to include the TFR and some other maternal and child health indicators in the NFHS-4 district fact sheets is not known but the sample size may be one of the reasons. All the indicators reported in the NFHS-4 district fact sheets have rural/urban classification to conform uniformity in reporting list of indicators. Certainly, smaller sample sizes in districts could be inadequate to estimate fertility rates separately for rural/urban or even for “total” in some states. Nonetheless, fertility rates for a district can be directly computed and point estimates with respective confidence intervals will be important elements in monitoring district level health programmes.

Main objectives of this paper are: i) to present the results of district level TFR of eight EAG states and Assam that are directly estimated from NFHS-4 (2015-16) and ii) initiate a discussion among policy makers, health programme managers, researchers and academicians on the necessity to routinely publish district level TFR by the forthcoming rounds of NFHS.

## Data and Methodology

We used NFHS-4 data of birth histories to directly estimate district level TFR and associated confidence intervals for districts of eight EAG states and Assam with the help of *STATA tfr2* procedure (Schoumaker, 2013). Stata command *tfr2* helps to analyze birth history data directly drawn from DHS types of surveys like World Fertility Surveys and Multi Indicator Cluster Surveys. This command is designed to be more flexible, versatile and user friendly rather than a software program. Its calculation involves three step – i) the computation of age-specific fertility rates and TFRs with respective standard errors, ii) the reconstruction of fertility trends and iii) the estimation of fertility differentials.

While estimating TFRs, in the present paper we used the DHS standard definition – “the average number of children a woman would have by the end of childbearing period if she bore children at the current age specific pattern of fertility rates. Age specific fertility rates are calculated for the three years preceding the survey, based on detailed birth histories provided by women”. Fertility rates can also be estimated using births occurred during more than 36 months (3 years) preceding the survey, which are likely to be resulted in slightly higher fertility rates with shorter confidence intervals (CI). As a standard practice, any point estimates are to

be presented with CIs around it as they are important to consider when generalizing the results. Hence, district level TFRs are accompanied by corresponding 95% CIs are presented in this paper.

Additionally, we used Kenya DHS (2014) data to generate TFRs at the subnational level using *Statcompiler*, an online tool to generate tables from DHS datasets to establish the point that under similar scenarios, TFRs are published at subnational level elsewhere.

## Results

District wise TFR with confidence intervals for all the districts of eight EAG states and Assam are shown in the Appendix Table 1. Current exercise indicates that it is possible to estimate district level TFR directly from the NFHS-4 data however, one needs to take associated confidence interval in consideration while interpreting the data.

We observe significant variations in district level fertility within state. Table 1 provides the details of minimum and maximum fertility rates at district level. Uttar Pradesh shows the maximum variation in fertility between districts as TFR in Lucknow is recorded at 1.58 while district Shrawasti measured TFR of 4.4. Districts in Odisha and Uttarakhand show the minimum difference in highest and lowest fertility rates. Table 1 and table in Appendix Table 1 suggest that many districts in these eight EAG and Assam states have recorded less than replacement level of fertility (TFR=2.1) except for Bihar where the lowest TFR is estimated at 2.55 in Gopalganj district.

Table 1: Districts with lowest and highest TFRs in Nine States, NFHS-4, 2015-16

| Sr No | State          | District        | TFR  | District   | TFR  |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|------|------------|------|
| 1     | Assam          | Jorhat          | 1.57 | Marigaon   | 2.97 |
| 2     | Bihar          | Gopalganj       | 2.55 | Sheohar    | 4.27 |
| 3     | Chhattisgarh   | Janjgir-Champa  | 1.69 | Bilaspur   | 2.71 |
| 4     | Jharkhand      | Purbi Singhbhum | 1.65 | Sahibganj  | 3.55 |
| 5     | Madhya Pradesh | Seoni           | 1.79 | Alirajpur  | 3.52 |
| 6     | Odisha         | Jharsuguda      | 1.56 | Malkangiri | 2.83 |
| 7     | Rajasthan      | Kota            | 1.72 | Barmer     | 3.61 |
| 8     | Uttar Pradesh  | Lucknow         | 1.58 | Shrawasti  | 4.40 |
| 9     | Uttarakhand    | Dehradun        | 1.49 | Haridwar   | 2.78 |

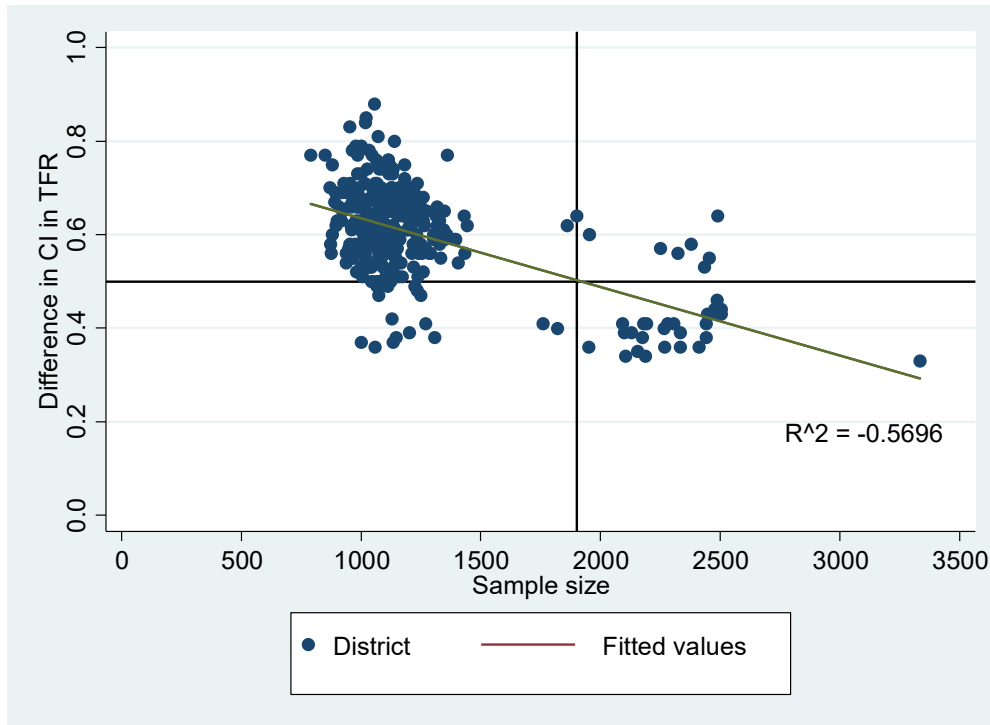
TFR: Total fertility rate, expressed per woman. Rates are estimated for the period 1-36 months preceding the survey (approximately, 2013-15 for NFHS-4).

Source: Compiled from Appendix Table 1.

### **Sample size and width of 95% confidence intervals (CI) of estimated TFR**

Figure 1 is a scatter diagram plotted between district sample size (on X-axis) and width of 95% CI of district TFR (on Y-axis). These two variables are modestly correlated with an  $R^2$  value of -0.57. A large proportion of districts is clustered in the first quadrant with sample size ranges between 900 and 1500 with varying CI of TFR ranges between 0.4 and 0.9.

Figure 1 District level sample size and difference in CI in TFR for 8 EAG states, NFHS-4, 2015-16



### Validation

Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) Program has collected, analysed and disseminated accurate and representative data on population, health, HIV, and nutrition through more than 300 surveys in over 90 countries, including India series of NFHS. In few countries DHS has published TFR estimates with smaller sample size. For example, the Kenya 2014 DHS has published TFR estimates at regional and county levels (Appendix Table 2) with a sample size and TFR that are quite similar to most of the district level sample size and TFR in EAG states of India. Fertility rates in Counties representing the Central Region of Kenya are found to be matched with the fertility rates of districts of most of the EAG states and these fertility rates are estimated and officially published in the DHS report for Kenya. This validates that even with a smaller or similar sample sizes, it is possible to estimate TFR from NFHS-4 data set at district level with reasonably smaller confidence interval.

### Discussion and conclusion

Real-time monitoring is now the essence of most of the Government sponsored flagship programmes. Monitoring at district level has become priority as most of the health and other developmental programmes are now being implemented with district focus approach, e.g., MPV programme by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and “Transformation of Aspirational Districts” programme, which is recently launched and implemented by NITI Aayog<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> For this programme, 115 districts are identified covering 28 states in India. This programme was launched in January 2018. More details are available on: <https://niti.gov.in/content/about-aspirational-districts-programme>

The main purpose of this article is to highlight the paucity of data in estimating district level TFR, the last being reported six years ago by AHS-3 in 2012-13 in the country and increasingly important as different Government agencies are shown interest to measure the progress of the programmes in recent years. Kenya results show that DHS publishes TFRs for subnational geographic units with near-similar sample sizes and fertility levels compared with many districts of nine EAG states and Assam, presented here in this paper. NFHS-4 provides good opportunity to explore direct estimation of district level TFR with reasonably good confidence interval which can be considered now as the baseline TFR and would be able to measure the changes in fertility levels at districts when NFHS-5 results are available in two years from now. Thus, it is highly appropriate that forthcoming rounds of NFHS report district level TFR to assist MoHFW in monitoring the progress of various health programmes.

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Appendix Table 1: District level total fertility rate directly estimated from NFHS-4 with associated confidence intervals and sample size (*number of female respondents*)

| 1. Assam |                    |      |             |             |             | 2. Bihar |                    |      |             |             |             |
|----------|--------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sr No    | Districts          | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size | Sr No    | Districts          | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size |
| 1        | Baksa              | 2.02 | 1.76        | 2.29        | 1,044       | 1        | Araria             | 3.93 | 3.56        | 4.30        | 1,133       |
| 2        | Barpeta            | 2.36 | 2.07        | 2.66        | 1,092       | 2        | Arwal              | 3.26 | 2.94        | 3.59        | 1,275       |
| 3        | Bongaigaon         | 2.21 | 1.92        | 2.50        | 1,005       | 3        | Aurangabad         | 2.66 | 2.36        | 2.97        | 1,194       |
| 4        | Cachar             | 2.29 | 1.99        | 2.59        | 1,044       | 4        | Banka              | 3.36 | 3.01        | 3.70        | 1,174       |
| 5        | Chirang            | 2.53 | 2.22        | 2.85        | 996         | 5        | Begusarai          | 3.28 | 2.95        | 3.62        | 1,203       |
| 6        | Darrang            | 2.38 | 2.07        | 2.68        | 1,087       | 6        | Bhagalpur          | 3.45 | 3.11        | 3.79        | 1,203       |
| 7        | Dhemaji            | 2.29 | 2.01        | 2.57        | 1,106       | 7        | Bhojpur            | 2.82 | 2.53        | 3.12        | 1,397       |
| 8        | Dhubri             | 2.80 | 2.47        | 3.13        | 994         | 8        | Buxar              | 2.92 | 2.62        | 3.22        | 1,303       |
| 9        | Dibrugarh          | 1.71 | 1.46        | 1.96        | 1,093       | 9        | Darbhanga          | 3.73 | 3.36        | 4.10        | 1,126       |
| 10       | Goalpara           | 2.81 | 2.48        | 3.14        | 984         | 10       | Gaya               | 3.35 | 3.04        | 3.66        | 1,443       |
| 11       | Golaghat           | 1.73 | 1.48        | 1.98        | 1,043       | 11       | Gopalganj          | 2.55 | 2.27        | 2.83        | 1,286       |
| 12       | Hailakandi         | 2.64 | 2.31        | 2.96        | 1,089       | 12       | Jamui              | 3.65 | 3.30        | 4.00        | 1,199       |
| 13       | Jorhat             | 1.57 | 1.33        | 1.80        | 1,073       | 13       | Jehanabad          | 2.96 | 2.63        | 3.29        | 1,107       |
| 14       | Kamrup             | 1.74 | 1.50        | 1.99        | 1,112       | 14       | Kaimur (Bhabua)    | 3.43 | 3.08        | 3.77        | 1,175       |
| 15       | Metropolitan       | 1.59 | 1.32        | 1.86        | 1,085       | 15       | Katihar            | 3.65 | 3.26        | 4.05        | 1,001       |
| 16       | Karbi Anglong      | 2.25 | 1.95        | 2.55        | 881         | 16       | Khagaria           | 3.89 | 3.53        | 4.26        | 1,131       |
| 17       | Karimganj          | 2.78 | 2.47        | 3.09        | 1,014       | 17       | Kishanganj         | 3.78 | 3.41        | 4.16        | 1,183       |
| 18       | Kokrajhar          | 2.18 | 1.89        | 2.48        | 1,141       | 18       | Lakhisarai         | 3.36 | 3.03        | 3.70        | 1,210       |
| 19       | Lakhimpur          | 2.16 | 1.87        | 2.44        | 980         | 19       | Madhepura          | 3.93 | 3.57        | 4.30        | 1,116       |
| 20       | Marigaon           | 2.97 | 2.64        | 3.31        | 1,065       | 20       | Madhubani          | 3.44 | 3.09        | 3.79        | 1,126       |
| 21       | Nagaon             | 2.83 | 2.49        | 3.17        | 1,073       | 21       | Munger             | 3.13 | 2.78        | 3.48        | 1,045       |
| 22       | Nalbari            | 1.89 | 1.63        | 2.15        | 1,006       | 22       | Muzaffarpur        | 3.15 | 2.80        | 3.50        | 1,084       |
| 23       | North Cachar Hills | 2.59 | 2.26        | 2.93        | 1,103       | 23       | Nalanda            | 3.21 | 2.85        | 3.56        | 1,066       |
| 24       | Sibsagar           | 1.89 | 1.62        | 2.16        | 1,054       | 24       | Nawada             | 3.06 | 2.73        | 3.38        | 1,228       |
| 25       | Sonitpur           | 1.70 | 1.45        | 1.95        | 1,073       | 25       | Pashchim Champaran | 3.91 | 3.50        | 4.33        | 952         |
| 26       | Tinsukia           | 1.96 | 1.70        | 2.22        | 1,127       | 26       | Patna              | 2.68 | 2.48        | 2.89        | 2,441       |
| 27       | Udalguri           | 2.12 | 1.83        | 2.40        | 1,083       | 27       | Purba Champaran    | 4.16 | 3.76        | 4.57        | 1,072       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 28       | Purnia             | 3.91 | 3.53        | 4.29        | 1,114       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 29       | Rohtas             | 2.88 | 2.59        | 3.18        | 1,390       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 30       | Saharsa            | 4.24 | 3.84        | 4.64        | 1,139       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 31       | Samastipur         | 3.72 | 3.33        | 4.11        | 1,034       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 32       | Saran              | 3.26 | 2.91        | 3.61        | 1,130       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 33       | Sheikhpura         | 3.62 | 3.27        | 3.96        | 1,222       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 34       | Sheohar            | 4.27 | 3.85        | 4.69        | 1,019       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 35       | Sitamarhi          | 3.73 | 3.36        | 4.11        | 1,118       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 36       | Siwan              | 2.77 | 2.48        | 3.07        | 1,350       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 37       | Supaul             | 3.99 | 3.63        | 4.35        | 1,181       |
|          |                    |      |             |             |             | 38       | Vaishali           | 3.21 | 2.89        | 3.52        | 1,242       |

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3. Chhattisgarh

| Sr No | Districts      | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size |
|-------|----------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1     | Bastar         | 2.40 | 2.12        | 2.69        | 1,153       |
| 2     | Bijapur        | 2.58 | 2.29        | 2.86        | 1,269       |
| 3     | Bilaspur       | 2.71 | 2.41        | 3.01        | 1,232       |
| 4     | Dantewada      | 2.20 | 1.93        | 2.48        | 1,144       |
| 5     | Dhamtari       | 1.70 | 1.46        | 1.93        | 1,251       |
| 6     | Durg           | 1.85 | 1.67        | 2.03        | 2,269       |
| 7     | Janjgir-Champa | 1.69 | 1.44        | 1.95        | 1,134       |
| 8     | Jashpur        | 2.57 | 2.25        | 2.90        | 924         |
| 9     | Kanker         | 1.80 | 1.54        | 2.05        | 1,126       |
| 10    | Kawardha       | 2.36 | 2.07        | 2.65        | 2,378       |
| 11    | Korba          | 2.19 | 2.00        | 2.39        | 2,131       |
| 12    | Koriya         | 2.34 | 2.13        | 2.55        | 1,130       |
| 13    | Mahasamund     | 2.15 | 1.87        | 2.43        | 1,434       |
| 14    | Narayanpur     | 2.57 | 2.30        | 2.85        | 967         |
| 15    | Raigarh        | 2.01 | 1.72        | 2.29        | 2,251       |
| 16    | Raipur         | 2.07 | 1.88        | 2.26        | 1,309       |
| 17    | Rajnandgaon    | 2.67 | 2.39        | 2.95        | 938         |
| 18    | Surguja        | 2.59 | 2.26        | 2.92        | 1,132       |

4. Jharkhand

| Sr No | Districts           | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size |
|-------|---------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1     | Bokaro              | 2.11 | 1.91        | 2.32        | 2,092       |
| 2     | Chatra              | 3.30 | 2.96        | 3.64        | 1,040       |
| 3     | Deoghar             | 2.94 | 2.62        | 3.26        | 1,064       |
| 4     | Dhanbad             | 2.11 | 1.91        | 2.32        | 2,181       |
| 5     | Dumka               | 2.58 | 2.25        | 2.91        | 951         |
| 6     | Garhwa              | 3.40 | 3.04        | 3.77        | 985         |
| 7     | Giridih             | 3.01 | 2.69        | 3.34        | 1,119       |
| 8     | Godda               | 3.13 | 2.75        | 3.52        | 850         |
| 9     | Gumla               | 2.45 | 2.13        | 2.76        | 1,045       |
| 10    | Hazaribagh          | 2.37 | 2.09        | 2.65        | 1,142       |
| 11    | Jamtara             | 3.00 | 2.67        | 3.32        | 1,094       |
| 12    | Khunti              | 2.29 | 1.98        | 2.59        | 996         |
| 13    | Kodarma             | 3.04 | 2.71        | 3.37        | 1,083       |
| 14    | Latehar             | 2.80 | 2.45        | 3.16        | 953         |
| 15    | Lohardaga           | 2.62 | 2.29        | 2.96        | 962         |
| 16    | Pakaur              | 3.12 | 2.76        | 3.47        | 1,059       |
| 17    | Palamu              | 3.04 | 2.69        | 3.40        | 928         |
| 18    | Pashchimi Singhbhum | 2.76 | 2.42        | 3.11        | 939         |
| 19    | Purbi Singhbhum     | 1.65 | 1.47        | 1.83        | 1,952       |
| 20    | Ramgarh             | 2.06 | 1.86        | 2.25        | 2,100       |
| 21    | Ranchi              | 1.91 | 1.71        | 2.12        | 1,761       |
| 22    | Sahibganj           | 3.55 | 3.16        | 3.95        | 979         |
| 23    | Saraikela Kharsawan | 2.64 | 2.30        | 2.97        | 890         |
| 24    | Simdega             | 2.86 | 2.48        | 3.23        | 881         |

## 5. Madhya Pradesh

| Sr No | Districts             | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size |
|-------|-----------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1     | Alirajpur             | 3.52 | 3.20        | 3.84        | 1,430       |
| 2     | Anuppur               | 2.27 | 1.98        | 2.56        | 1,102       |
| 3     | Ashoknagar            | 2.56 | 2.25        | 2.87        | 1,083       |
| 4     | Balaghat              | 2.15 | 1.87        | 2.43        | 1,074       |
| 5     | Barwani               | 3.08 | 2.78        | 3.38        | 1,332       |
| 6     | Betul                 | 1.81 | 1.56        | 2.06        | 1,067       |
| 7     | Bhind                 | 2.62 | 2.31        | 2.92        | 1,049       |
| 8     | Bhopal                | 1.85 | 1.60        | 2.11        | 1,104       |
| 9     | Burhanpur             | 2.60 | 2.40        | 2.81        | 2,307       |
| 10    | Chhatarpur            | 2.76 | 2.43        | 3.09        | 1,000       |
| 11    | Chhindwara            | 1.93 | 1.68        | 2.19        | 1,157       |
| 12    | Damoh                 | 2.15 | 1.87        | 2.43        | 1,015       |
| 13    | Datia                 | 2.44 | 2.15        | 2.73        | 1,121       |
| 14    | Dewas                 | 2.45 | 2.16        | 2.74        | 1,136       |
| 15    | Dhar                  | 2.23 | 1.97        | 2.48        | 1,237       |
| 16    | Dindori               | 2.22 | 1.93        | 2.51        | 1,039       |
| 17    | East Nimar - Khandwa  | 2.47 | 2.19        | 2.75        | 1,256       |
| 18    | Guna                  | 2.50 | 2.22        | 2.78        | 2,325       |
| 19    | Gwalior               | 2.20 | 2.01        | 2.40        | 1,202       |
| 20    | Harda                 | 2.20 | 1.93        | 2.46        | 2,435       |
| 21    | Hoshangabad           | 2.08 | 1.90        | 2.26        | 2,412       |
| 22    | Indore                | 1.90 | 1.73        | 2.07        | 2,106       |
| 23    | Jabalpur              | 1.85 | 1.67        | 2.04        | 1,001       |
| 24    | Jhabua                | 3.52 | 3.14        | 3.89        | 1,072       |
| 25    | Katni                 | 2.14 | 1.85        | 2.43        | 1,250       |
| 26    | Mandla                | 1.95 | 1.68        | 2.23        | 1,333       |
| 27    | Mandsaur              | 2.11 | 1.85        | 2.37        | 982         |
| 28    | Morena                | 2.64 | 2.34        | 2.95        | 1,210       |
| 29    | Narsimhapur           | 1.82 | 1.57        | 2.07        | 1,125       |
| 30    | Neemuch               | 1.97 | 1.71        | 2.24        | 1,091       |
| 31    | Panna                 | 2.51 | 2.18        | 2.84        | 1,186       |
| 32    | Raisen                | 2.45 | 2.16        | 2.74        | 954         |
| 33    | Rajgarh               | 2.68 | 2.36        | 3.00        | 1,171       |
| 34    | Ratlam                | 2.27 | 1.98        | 2.55        | 1,025       |
| 35    | Rewa                  | 2.44 | 2.14        | 2.73        | 1,088       |
| 36    | Sagar                 | 2.76 | 2.44        | 3.09        | 1,092       |
| 37    | Satna                 | 2.29 | 1.98        | 2.59        | 960         |
| 38    | Sehore                | 2.47 | 2.17        | 2.77        | 1,010       |
| 39    | Seoni                 | 1.79 | 1.54        | 2.05        | 1,104       |
| 40    | Shahdol               | 2.09 | 1.79        | 2.38        | 1,109       |
| 41    | Shajapur              | 2.25 | 1.96        | 2.54        | 975         |
| 42    | Sheopur               | 2.85 | 2.53        | 3.18        | 1,098       |
| 43    | Shivpuri              | 2.47 | 2.18        | 2.77        | 1,098       |
| 44    | Sidhi                 | 3.02 | 2.68        | 3.37        | 1,132       |
| 45    | Singrauli             | 3.09 | 2.77        | 3.42        | 1,068       |
| 46    | Tikamgarh             | 2.07 | 1.80        | 2.33        | 1,221       |
| 47    | Ujjain                | 2.13 | 1.95        | 2.31        | 1,060       |
| 48    | Umaria                | 2.51 | 2.19        | 2.83        | 2,489       |
| 49    | Vidisha               | 2.80 | 2.46        | 3.14        | 973         |
| 50    | West Nimar - Khargone | 2.23 | 1.96        | 2.50        | 937         |

## 6. Odisha

| Sr No | Districts      | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size |
|-------|----------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1     | Anugul         | 1.98 | 1.72        | 2.25        | 1,135       |
| 2     | Balangir       | 2.35 | 2.04        | 2.66        | 1,047       |
| 3     | Baleshwar      | 1.82 | 1.55        | 2.08        | 1,012       |
| 4     | Bargarh        | 1.80 | 1.55        | 2.06        | 1,007       |
| 5     | Baudh          | 2.23 | 1.93        | 2.53        | 1,050       |
| 6     | Bhadrak        | 1.83 | 1.57        | 2.10        | 1,017       |
| 7     | Cuttack        | 1.73 | 1.45        | 2.01        | 876         |
| 8     | Debagarh       | 2.37 | 2.05        | 2.68        | 917         |
| 9     | Dhenkanal      | 1.83 | 1.57        | 2.10        | 1,000       |
| 10    | Gajapati       | 2.36 | 2.04        | 2.67        | 978         |
| 11    | Ganjam         | 1.93 | 1.64        | 2.21        | 948         |
| 12    | Jagatsinghapur | 1.58 | 1.33        | 1.83        | 1,049       |
| 13    | Jajapur        | 2.00 | 1.72        | 2.28        | 1,085       |
| 14    | Jharsuguda     | 1.56 | 1.39        | 1.73        | 2,189       |
| 15    | Kalahandi      | 2.49 | 2.14        | 2.83        | 892         |
| 16    | Kandhamal      | 2.44 | 2.13        | 2.75        | 1,133       |
| 17    | Kendrapara     | 2.00 | 1.73        | 2.28        | 1,021       |
| 18    | Kendujhar      | 2.36 | 2.05        | 2.67        | 973         |
| 19    | Khordha        | 1.79 | 1.59        | 1.99        | 1,822       |
| 20    | Koraput        | 2.57 | 2.24        | 2.90        | 963         |
| 21    | Malkangiri     | 2.83 | 2.51        | 3.16        | 1,022       |
| 22    | Mayurbhanj     | 2.28 | 1.97        | 2.59        | 957         |
| 23    | Nabarangapur   | 2.68 | 2.38        | 2.99        | 1,191       |
| 24    | Nayagarh       | 1.89 | 1.61        | 2.18        | 975         |
| 25    | Nuapada        | 2.58 | 2.26        | 2.90        | 1,092       |
| 26    | Puri           | 1.81 | 1.55        | 2.07        | 1,135       |
| 27    | Rayagada       | 2.39 | 2.07        | 2.70        | 1,030       |
| 28    | Sambalpur      | 1.85 | 1.58        | 2.13        | 963         |
| 29    | Sonepur        |      |             |             |             |
| 30    | (Subarnapur)   | 1.71 | 1.47        | 1.96        | 1,067       |
| 30    | Sundargarh     | 1.87 | 1.68        | 2.06        | 2,175       |



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7. Rajasthan

| Sr No | Districts      | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size |
|-------|----------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1     | Ajmer          | 2.14 | 1.95        | 2.34        | 2,335       |
| 2     | Alwar          | 2.52 | 2.22        | 2.83        | 1,113       |
| 3     | Banswara       | 2.51 | 2.22        | 2.81        | 1,100       |
| 4     | Baran          | 1.97 | 1.72        | 2.23        | 1,173       |
| 5     | Barmer         | 3.61 | 3.22        | 4.00        | 963         |
| 6     | Bharatpur      | 3.54 | 3.17        | 3.91        | 1,077       |
| 7     | Bhilwara       | 2.22 | 1.93        | 2.52        | 1,011       |
| 8     | Bikaner        | 2.31 | 2.04        | 2.59        | 2,456       |
| 9     | Bundi          | 2.52 | 2.19        | 2.85        | 985         |
| 10    | Chittaurgarh   | 1.91 | 1.62        | 2.20        | 872         |
| 11    | Churu          | 2.31 | 2.04        | 2.59        | 1,144       |
| 12    | Dausa          | 2.32 | 2.03        | 2.61        | 1,097       |
| 13    | Dhaulpur       | 3.12 | 2.79        | 3.46        | 1,142       |
| 14    | Dungarpur      | 2.90 | 2.57        | 3.23        | 1,087       |
| 15    | Ganganagar     | 1.88 | 1.63        | 2.12        | 1,225       |
| 16    | Hanumangarh    | 1.84 | 1.59        | 2.09        | 1,122       |
| 17    | Jaipur         | 2.03 | 1.85        | 2.21        | 2,334       |
| 18    | Jaisalmer      | 3.22 | 2.87        | 3.58        | 1,017       |
| 19    | Jalor          | 3.08 | 2.75        | 3.42        | 1,122       |
| 20    | Jhalawar       | 1.87 | 1.60        | 2.13        | 1,038       |
| 21    | Jhunjhunun     | 1.84 | 1.60        | 2.08        | 1,234       |
| 22    | Jodhpur        | 2.35 | 2.15        | 2.55        | 2,265       |
| 23    | Karauli        | 2.99 | 2.65        | 3.33        | 1,100       |
| 24    | Kota           | 1.72 | 1.55        | 1.90        | 2,156       |
| 25    | Nagaur         | 2.14 | 1.87        | 2.41        | 1,167       |
| 26    | Pali           | 2.21 | 1.91        | 2.50        | 1,061       |
| 27    | Pratapgarh     | 2.59 | 2.27        | 2.90        | 1,063       |
| 28    | Rajsamand      | 2.76 | 2.42        | 3.10        | 1,060       |
| 29    | Sawai Madhopur | 2.69 | 2.38        | 3.00        | 1,115       |
| 30    | Sikar          | 2.22 | 1.96        | 2.48        | 1,261       |
| 31    | Sirohi         | 3.00 | 2.66        | 3.34        | 996         |
| 32    | Tonk           | 2.20 | 1.91        | 2.49        | 1,084       |
| 33    | Udaipur        | 2.84 | 2.49        | 3.19        | 990         |

8. Uttarakhand

| Sr No | Districts     | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size |
|-------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1     | Almora        | 2.39 | 2.08        | 2.71        | 931         |
| 2     | Bageshwar     | 2.03 | 1.75        | 2.31        | 1,072       |
| 3     | Chamoli       | 1.94 | 1.65        | 2.23        | 849         |
| 4     | Champawat     | 2.07 | 1.77        | 2.36        | 996         |
| 5     | Dehradun      | 1.49 | 1.32        | 1.65        | 2,032       |
| 6     | Haridwar      | 2.78 | 2.55        | 3.01        | 939         |
| 7     | Nainital      | 1.96 | 1.77        | 2.15        | 2,321       |
| 8     | Pauri Garhwal | 1.98 | 1.67        | 2.29        | 2,170       |
| 9     | Pithoragarh   | 2.06 | 1.75        | 2.37        | 862         |
| 10    | Rudraprayag   | 2.00 | 1.70        | 2.30        | 905         |
| 11    | Tehri Garhwal | 1.95 | 1.68        | 2.22        | 984         |
|       | Udham Singh   |      |             |             |             |
| 12    | Nagar         | 2.17 | 1.98        | 2.36        | 2,245       |
| 13    | Uttarkashi    | 2.09 | 1.81        | 2.38        | 994         |

9. Uttar Pradesh

| Sr No | Districts           | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size | Sr No | Districts     | TFR  | Lower bound | Upper bound | Sample size |
|-------|---------------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1     | Agra                | 2.80 | 2.58        | 3.01        | 2,448       | 61    | Saharanpur    | 2.72 | 2.51        | 2.94        | 2,487       |
| 2     | Aligarh             | 2.85 | 2.63        | 3.07        | 2,477       |       | Sant Kabir    |      |             |             |             |
| 3     | Allahabad           | 2.46 | 2.16        | 2.75        | 1,162       | 62    | Nagar         | 3.05 | 2.72        | 3.37        | 1,349       |
| 4     | Ambedkar Nagar      | 2.36 | 2.09        | 2.63        | 1,407       |       | Sant Ravi     |      |             |             |             |
| 5     | Auraiya             | 2.60 | 2.27        | 2.94        | 971         | 63    | (Bhadohi)     | 3.00 | 2.69        | 3.31        | 1,317       |
| 6     | Azamgarh            | 2.45 | 2.16        | 2.75        | 1,303       | 64    | Shahjahanpur  | 3.48 | 3.10        | 3.86        | 1,064       |
| 7     | Baghpat             | 2.24 | 1.96        | 2.52        | 1,239       | 65    | Shrawasti     | 4.40 | 3.96        | 4.84        | 1,055       |
| 8     | Bahraich            | 4.22 | 3.80        | 4.65        | 1,021       |       | Siddharthnaga |      |             |             |             |
| 9     | Ballia              | 2.84 | 2.53        | 3.16        | 1,329       | 66    | r             | 3.41 | 3.05        | 3.76        | 1,236       |
| 10    | Balrampur           | 3.38 | 3.04        | 3.72        | 1,260       | 67    | Sitapur       | 3.32 | 2.94        | 3.71        | 985         |
| 11    | Banda               | 2.67 | 2.29        | 3.06        | 789         | 68    | Sonbhadra     | 2.83 | 2.50        | 3.17        | 1,027       |
| 12    | Barabanki           | 2.60 | 2.27        | 2.94        | 987         | 69    | Sultanpur     | 2.74 | 2.41        | 3.07        | 1,151       |
| 13    | Bareilly            | 2.52 | 2.31        | 2.74        | 2,506       | 70    | Unnao         | 2.74 | 2.41        | 3.07        | 1,097       |
| 14    | Basti               | 3.01 | 2.68        | 3.35        | 1,243       | 71    | Varanasi      | 2.22 | 2.03        | 2.41        | 2,442       |
| 15    | Bijnor              | 2.74 | 2.43        | 3.05        | 1,265       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 16    | Budaun              | 3.73 | 3.35        | 4.11        | 1,113       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 17    | Bulandshahar        | 2.92 | 2.61        | 3.24        | 1,259       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 18    | Chandauli           | 2.75 | 2.46        | 3.04        | 1,328       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 19    | Chitrakoot          | 3.36 | 2.99        | 3.73        | 1,089       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 20    | Deoria              | 2.43 | 2.15        | 2.71        | 1,289       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 21    | Etah                | 3.02 | 2.69        | 3.36        | 1,163       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 22    | Etawah              | 2.51 | 2.21        | 2.82        | 1,145       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 23    | Faizabad            | 2.63 | 2.31        | 2.94        | 1,202       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 24    | Farrukhabad         | 3.24 | 2.89        | 3.59        | 1,159       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 25    | Fatehpur            | 2.32 | 1.98        | 2.67        | 923         |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 26    | Firozabad           | 2.78 | 2.56        | 3.00        | 2,506       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 27    | Gautam Buddha Nagar | 2.61 | 2.40        | 2.81        | 2,194       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 28    | Ghaziabad           | 2.42 | 2.21        | 2.62        | 2,281       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 29    | Ghazipur            | 2.80 | 2.48        | 3.13        | 1,223       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 30    | Gonda               | 3.31 | 2.97        | 3.66        | 1,216       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 31    | Gorakhpur           | 2.38 | 2.10        | 2.66        | 1,212       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 32    | Hamirpur            | 2.34 | 1.99        | 2.69        | 871         |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 33    | Hardoi              | 3.03 | 2.66        | 3.39        | 1,000       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 34    | Hathras (mahamaya)  | 2.74 | 2.43        | 3.05        | 894         |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 35    | J P Nagar           | 2.95 | 2.62        | 3.28        | 1,318       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 36    | Jalaun              | 2.00 | 1.70        | 2.30        | 1,955       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 37    | Jhansi              | 2.05 | 1.84        | 2.25        | 1,271       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 38    | Juanpur             | 2.72 | 2.43        | 3.02        | 1,134       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 39    | Kannauj             | 3.06 | 2.72        | 3.41        | 965         |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 40    | Kanpur Dehat        | 2.54 | 2.22        | 2.86        | 1,901       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 41    | Kanpur Nagar        | 1.64 | 1.45        | 1.83        | 1,146       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 42    | Kanshiram nagar     | 3.50 | 3.13        | 3.87        | 1,026       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 43    | Kaushambi           | 3.27 | 2.88        | 3.65        | 1,046       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 44    | Kheri               | 3.38 | 2.99        | 3.76        | 1,360       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 45    | Kushinagar          | 3.00 | 2.69        | 3.32        | 900         |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 46    | Lalitpur            | 2.31 | 2.00        | 2.62        | 1,862       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 47    | Lucknow             | 1.58 | 1.39        | 1.76        | 1,135       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 48    | Mahoba              | 2.43 | 2.10        | 2.76        | 908         |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 49    | Mahrajganj          | 2.82 | 2.51        | 3.12        | 1,346       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 50    | Mainpuri            | 2.69 | 2.37        | 3.02        | 1,137       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 51    | Mathura             | 2.88 | 2.56        | 3.20        | 1,220       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 52    | Mau                 | 2.66 | 2.36        | 2.96        | 1,359       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 53    | Meerut              | 2.27 | 2.10        | 2.43        | 3,334       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 54    | Mirzapur            | 2.91 | 2.59        | 3.24        | 1,113       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 55    | Moradabad           | 2.95 | 2.72        | 3.18        | 2,487       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 56    | Muzaffarnagar       | 3.10 | 2.77        | 3.43        | 1,251       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 57    | Pilibhit            | 2.73 | 2.41        | 3.05        | 1,152       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 58    | Pratapgarh          | 2.30 | 2.01        | 2.59        | 1,216       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 59    | Rae Bareli          | 2.48 | 2.15        | 2.80        | 1,123       |       |               |      |             |             |             |
| 60    | Rampur              | 2.94 | 2.62        | 3.26        | 1,312       |       |               |      |             |             |             |

**Appendix Table 2: Total fertility rate for the three years preceding the survey and sample implementation, Kenya 2014**

| Regions & counties            | TFR        | Sample size   | Regions & counties          | TFR        | Sample size  |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>3.9</b> | <b>32,172</b> | <b>Region : Rift Valley</b> | <b>4.5</b> | <b>9,389</b> |
| <b>Region : Nairobi</b>       | <b>2.7</b> | <b>1,096</b>  | Region : ..Turkana          | 6.9        | 532          |
| <b>Region : Coast</b>         | <b>4.3</b> | <b>4,047</b>  | Region : ..West Pokot       | 7.2        | 569          |
| Region : ..Mombasa            | 3.2        | 628           | Region : ..Samburu          | 6.3        | 588          |
| Region : ..Kwale              | 4.7        | 692           | Region : ..Trans-Nzoia      | 5.2        | 735          |
| Region : ..Kilifi             | 5.1        | 850           | Region : ..Uasin Gishu      | 3.6        | 712          |
| Region : ..Tana River         | 5.8        | 713           | Region : ..Elgeyo Marakwet  | 4.1        | 640          |
| Region : ..Lamu               | 4.3        | 622           | Region : ..Nandi            | 4.0        | 754          |
| Region : ..Taita Taveta       | 3.2        | 542           | Region : ..Baringo          | 4.8        | 621          |
| <b>Region : North Eastern</b> | <b>6.4</b> | <b>1,748</b>  | Region : ..Laikipia         | 3.7        | 645          |
| Region : ..Garissa            | 6.1        | 627           | Region : ..Nakuru           | 3.7        | 757          |
| Region : ..Wajir              | 7.8        | 591           | Region : ..Narok            | 6.0        | 716          |
| Region : ..Mandera            | 5.2        | 530           | Region : ..Kajiado          | 4.5        | 673          |
| <b>Region : Eastern</b>       | <b>3.4</b> | <b>5,364</b>  | Region : ..Kericho          | 4.0        | 721          |
| Region : ..Marsabit           | 5.0        | 584           | Region : ..Bomet            | 4.3        | 726          |
| Region : ..Isiolo             | 4.9        | 634           | <b>Region : Western</b>     | <b>4.7</b> | <b>2,898</b> |
| Region : ..Meru               | 3.1        | 692           | Region : ..Kakamega         | 4.4        | 730          |
| Region : ..Tharaka-Nithi      | 3.4        | 546           | Region : ..Vihiga           | 4.5        | 648          |
| Region : ..Embu               | 3.1        | 654           | Region : ..Bungoma          | 5.0        | 829          |
| Region : ..Kitui              | 3.9        | 760           | Region : ..Busia            | 4.7        | 691          |
| Region : ..Machakos           | 3.4        | 727           | <b>Region : Nyanza</b>      | <b>4.3</b> | <b>4,376</b> |
| Region : ..Makueni            | 3.3        | 767           | Region : ..Siaya            | 4.2        | 671          |
| <b>Region : Central</b>       | <b>2.8</b> | <b>3,254</b>  | Region : ..Kisumu           | 3.6        | 716          |
| Region : ..Nyandarua          | 3.5        | 581           | Region : ..Homa Bay         | 5.2        | 743          |
| Region : ..Nyeri              | 2.7        | 716           | Region : ..Migori           | 5.3        | 791          |
| Region : ..Kirinyaga          | 2.3        | 579           | Region : ..Kisii            | 3.7        | 815          |
| Region : ..Murang'a           | 3.0        | 654           | Region : ..Nyamira          | 3.5        | 640          |
| Region : ..Kiambu             | 2.7        | 724           |                             |            |              |

*Notes:*

TFR: Total fertility rate 15-49; Total fertility rate for the three years preceding the survey for age group 15-49 expressed per woman

Sample size: Eligible women completed;

Source: ICF, 2015. The DHS Program STATcompiler.

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