**Republic of Korea**

**Cervical Cancer Profile**

### Morbidity and Mortality

- Crude cervical cancer incidence per 100,000 women (2020): 12.6
- Age-standardized cervical cancer incidence per 100,000 women (2020): 8.1
- Cumulative risk of cervical cancer, ages 0-74 (2020): 0.8%
- Cervical cancer deaths (2019): 1,100
- Cervical cancer mortality-to-incidence ratio (2020): 0.32%
- Population-based cancer registry exists (2021): Yes

### Primary Prevention

- HPV vaccination programme coverage among girls (2020):
  - Programme coverage: 72%
  - Coverage by age 15: 81%
  - First dose: 72%
  - Final dose: 81%

**Among girls turning 15 years old in 2020, 7 in 10 received their final HPV vaccination dose**

- HPV vaccination programme (2020):
  - HPV included in national vaccination programme: Yes
  - Scale of vaccination programme: National
  - Year of introduction: 2016
  - Primary target cohort: 12 years

- Related risk factors:
  - Tobacco use prevalence, women aged 15+ years (2020)**: 6%
  - Condom use at last high-risk sex (-): ND
  - HIV incidence per 1000, women aged 15+ years (2020): ND

### Secondary Prevention

- National screening programme exists (2021): Yes
- Primary screening test used (2021): Cytology
- Target age range of programme (2021): 20+ years
- Programme/guidelines exist to strengthen early detection of first symptoms at primary health care level (2021): No
- Clearly defined referral system exists from primary care to secondary and tertiary care (2021): No

**6 in 10 women have been screened for cervical cancer in the last 5 years**

### Treatment and Supportive Care

- National guidelines on cervical cancer management exist (2021): Yes

- Cancer diagnosis and treatment services generally available (2021):
  - Cancer centre or cancer department at tertiary level: Yes
  - Pathology services (laboratories): Yes
  - Cancer surgery: Yes
  - Chemotherapy: Yes
  - Radiotherapy: Yes

- Palliative care for patients with NCDs in the public health system generally available (2021):
  - In primary health care facilities: No
  - In community or home-based care: No

### WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy Targets for 2030

- 90% of girls fully vaccinated with the HPV vaccine by the age of 15
- 70% of women are screened with a high-performance test by 35 years of age and again by 45 years of age
- 90% of women identified with cervical disease receive treatment

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**ND = data not available**

*Programme coverage: % of national target population (among 9-14-year-old girls)

† Coverage by age 15: % of population turning 15 that have been vaccinated against HPV at any time between ages 9 to 14

See Explanatory Notes for indicator descriptions.