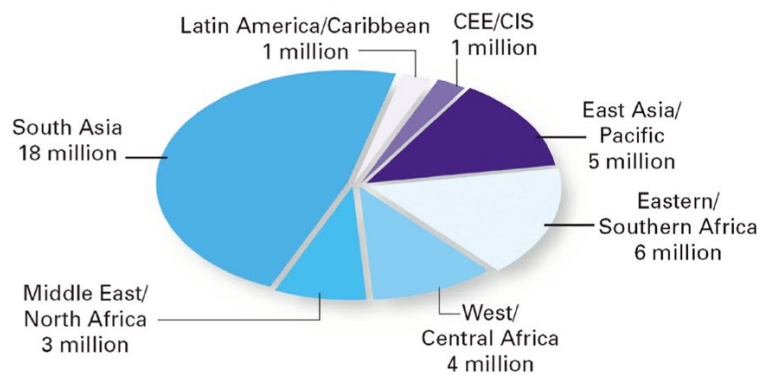


Iodine deficiency during pregnancy

Over the past decade, there has been increasing focus on iodine deficiency during pregnancy. Iodine is critical for optimal fetal development. Yet 38 million newborns in developing countries every year remain unprotected from the lifelong consequences of brain damage associated with iodine deficiency. How can we ensure adequate iodine intake in this vulnerable group?

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Distribution of infants born in developing countries annually who are unprotected against IDD, by region, 2000-2006



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