SUBCATEGORIES OF PRETERM BIRTH, BASED ON WEEKS OF GESTATION AGE

- Extremely preterm: <28 weeks
- Very preterm: 28 to <32 weeks
- Moderate/Late preterm: 32 to <37 weeks

PRETERM PREVALENCE

15 million preterm births every year
1.1 million babies die from preterm birth complications

>80% of preterm births occur between 32-37 weeks of gestation and most of these babies can survive with essential newborn care

Preterm rates set to increase in many countries

LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES

- Physical: Visual & hearing impairment, Chronic lung disease, Growth failure
- Neurodevelopment: Learning, cognitive, and motor impairments
- Family, economic, and societal effects: High impact on family, High impact on health services and economy

References