

Table 1 Description of variables

Variables	Description
Socioeconomic status of the household	Measured as quintiles of a linear index derived from household assets and utilities score; wealth quintiles were divided into 5 (poorest, poorer, middle, richer and richest)
Maternal age	Categorized as < 20, 20-30 and > 30 yr
Maternal education	Years of education completed and categorized as illiterate (no formal education), primary or less (1-5), middle (6-8), matric (9-10) and intermediate and above (> 10)
Parity	Number of previous births and categorized as nulliparous (0), primiparous (1), multiparous (2-4), grand multiparous (≥ 5)
History of miscarriage/abortion	History of miscarriage (involuntary loss) or abortion (voluntary loss) and characterized as 1 for Yes and 2 for No
History of stillbirth	History of stillbirth (birth to a child that showed no signs of life) and categorized as 1 for Yes and 2 for No
Number of ANC visits	Number of ANC visits during last pregnancy and categorized as < 2, 2 or 3, and ≥ 4
Time when ANC was sought	Time of pregnancy when 1 st ANC was sought and categorized as 1 for 3 rd , 2 for 2 nd and 3 for 1 st trimester
Iron folic acid supplementation	Iron folic acid supplementation during pregnancy and categorized as 1 for Yes and 2 for No
Calcium supplementation	Calcium supplementation during pregnancy and categorized as 1 for Yes and 2 for No
History of hypertension during pregnancy	Hypertension during pregnancy and categorized as 1 for Yes and 2 for No
History of gestational diabetes	Diabetes during pregnancy and categorized as 1 for Yes and 2 for No
Anaemia during pregnancy	Haemoglobin concentration < 110 g/L in whole blood
Postpartum maternal weight	Categorized as < 45, 45-55 and > 55 kg.

ANC = antenatal care.