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## Results

- Of the 414 postpartum women that completed the survey, 60% were able to correctly define stillbirth.
- When asked about stillbirth causation, three quarters identified a problem with the baby as a direct cause, 50% selected unexplained causes, 82% thought that it could be related to a maternal health issue and 61% blamed poor antenatal care. Notably, 53% thought that mistakes by the medical team were responsible.
- Only 7.5% correctly identified 1:125 as the correct rate of stillbirths in Qatar.

- With regard to public awareness of postnatal services for women who had suffered a stillbirth, most women (86.6%) were unaware of whether these services existed.
- Interestingly, around half of the women (53%) were not aware of any media coverage they had encountered regarding stillbirths.

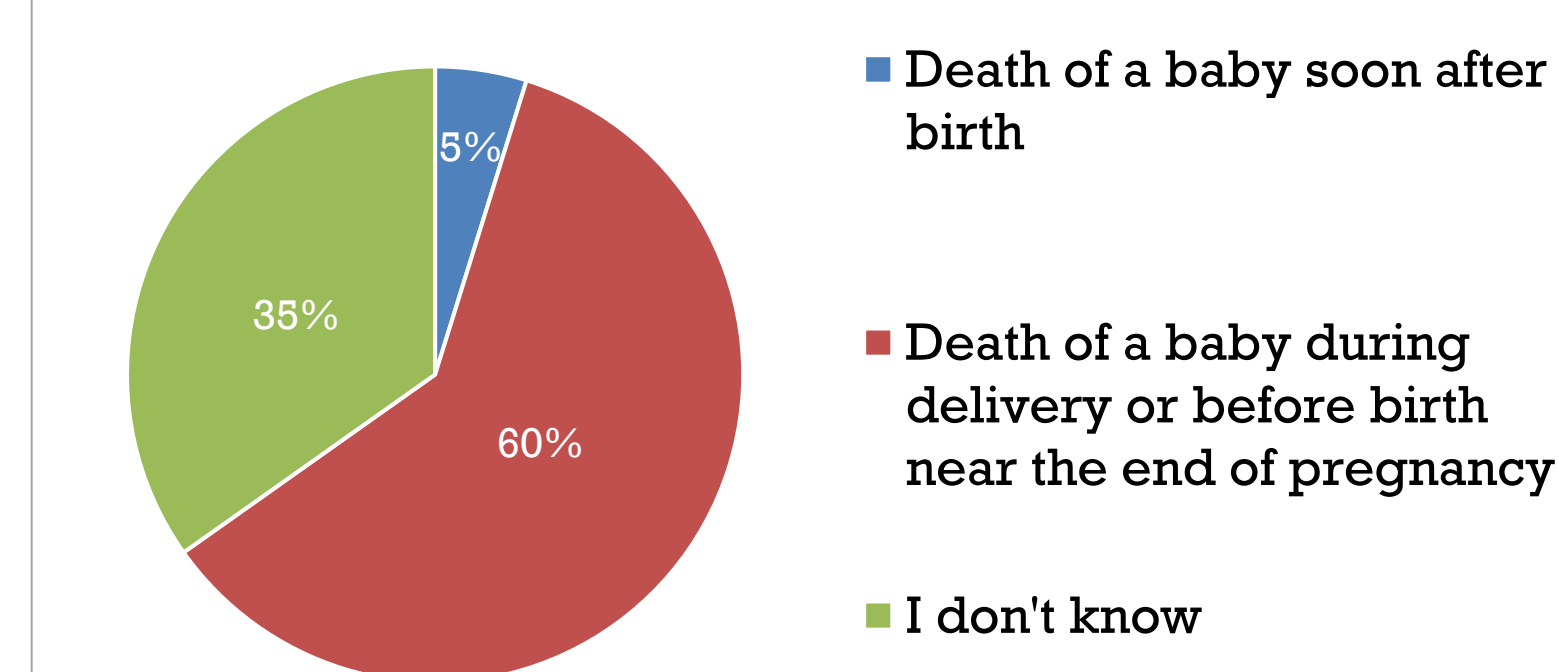
## Conclusion

- This survey has identified gaps in public awareness and understanding of stillbirth, not only in defining stillbirth, but also in the role reduced fetal movements could play.
- The findings also highlighted a relative lack of media coverage to enhance public knowledge around this important condition.
- There is a need for a public health discussion in Qatar to address this and raise public awareness.

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Do you know what a stillbirth is?



What are the major causes of stillbirth? (mark all that apply)

