

Nutrition Indicator Tables Guide

Course overview World Health Assembly Global Nutrition Targets and Sustainable Development Goal Indicators

World Health Assembly Global Nutrition Targets 2025

- 1. To achieve a 40% reduction stunting among children under 5
- 2. To achieve a 50% reduction of anemia among women of reproductive age
- 3. To achieve a 30% reduction in low birth weight1
- 4. To ensure that there is no increase in childhood overweight
- 5. To increase exclusive breastfeeding in the first 6 months up to at least 50%
- 6.To reduce and maintain childhood wasting to less than 5%

Sustainable Development Goal 2 indicators

Prevalence of stunting among children under 5

Prevalence of wasting among children under 5

Prevalence of overweight among children under 5

Prevalence of anemia among women age 15-19 years

Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)

Low birthweight is not included as part of this e-learning course

I. Child Nutritional Status Indicators

Indicator ¹	Indicator definition	Numerator	Denominator
Stunting	Percentage of children under age 5 who are stunted	Number of children under age 5 whose height-for-age Z-score is less than minus 2 (-2.0) standard deviations (SD) below the median on the WHO Child Growth Standards	Number of children under age 5 who have valid values and plausible ² height-for-age Z-scores
Severe stunting	Percentage of children under age 5 who are severely stunted	Number of children under age 5 whose height-for-age Z-score is less than minus 3 (-3.0) SD below the median on the WHO Child Growth Standards	
Wasting	Percentage of children under age 5 who are wasted	Number of children under age 5 whose weight-for-height Z-score is less than minus 2 (-2.0) SD below the median on the WHO Child Growth Standards	Number children under age 5 who have valid values and plausible ³ weight-for-height Z-scores
Severe wasting	Percentage of children under age 5 who are severely wasted	Number of children under age 5 whose weight-for-height Z-score is less than minus 3 (-3.0) SD below the median on the WHO Child Growth Standards	
Overweight and obese	Percentage of children under age 5 who are overweight or obese	Number of children under age 5 whose weight-for-height Z-score is greater than plus 2 (+2.0) SD above the median on the WHO Child Growth Standards	Number children under age 5 who have valid values and plausible ³ weight-for-height Z-scores
Underweight	Percentage of children under age 5 who are underweight	Number of children under age 5 whose weight-for-age Z-score is less than minus 2 (-2.0) SD below the median on the WHO Child Growth Standards	Number of children under age 5 who have valid values and plausible ⁴ weight-for-age Z-scores
Severe underweight	Percentage of children under age 5 who are severely underweight	Number of children under age 5 whose weight-for-age Z-score is less than minus 3 (-3.0) SD below the median on the WHO Child Growth Standards	

¹ DHS reports nutritional status indicators based on children who stayed in the household the previous night

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Plausible Z scores exclude height-for-age Z-scores below -6 SD or above +6 SD

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ Plausible Z scores exclude weight-for-height Z-scores below -5 SD or above +5 SD

 $^{^4}$ Plausible Z scores exclude weight-for-age Z-scores below -6 SD or above +5 SD

II. Adult and Adolescent Nutritional Status Indicators

Indicators	Adolescent classifications	Adult classifications
Thin	BMI-for-age Z-score < -1 SD	BMI <18.5 kg/m ²
Mildly thin	BMI-for-age Z-score <-1 SD to -2SD	BMI 17.0 kg/m² to 18.4 kg/m²
Moderately or severely thin	BMI-for-age Z-score < -2 SD	BMI <17.0 kg/m 2
Normal	BMI-for-age Z-score -1SD to +1SD	BMI 18.5 kg/m² to 24.9 kg/m²
Overweight/obese (total)	BMI-for-age Z-score > +1SD	BMI ≥25.0 kg/m ²
Overweight	BMI-for-age Z-score > +1SD to +2SD	BMI 25.0 kg/m² to 29.9 kg/m²
Obese	BMI-for-age Z-score > +2SD	BMI ≥30.0 kg/m ²
Stature (women only)		
Short stature/Stunting	Height-for-age Z-score < -2SD	<145 cm

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Indicator ¹	Indicator definition	Numerator	Denominator		Numerator	Denominator
Short stature	Percentage of women age 15- 19 who are stunted	Number of female adolescents age 15-19 whose height-for-age Z-score is less than minus 2 (-2.0) standard deviations (SD) below the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of female adolescents age 15–19 who have valid and plausible ³ height-for-age Z-scores	Percentage of women age 20- 49 with height below 145cm	Number of women age 20-49 with height below 145 cm	Number of women age 20–49 with a valid and plausible ⁴ height measurement
Normal ² (women)	Percentage of adults age 15- 19 with normal BMI-for-age Z- score	Number of non-pregnant, non-postpartum girls age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is between minus 1 (-1.0) standard deviations (SD) and plus 1 (+1) SD above the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of girls age 15–19 excluding girls who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, who have valid and plausible ⁵ BMI-for-age Z-scores	Percentage of women age 20- 49 with normal BMI	Number of non- pregnant, non- postpartum women age 20-49 with a body mass index (BMI) between 18.5 kg/m²-24.9 kg/m²	Number of women age 20–49, excluding women who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, with valid and plausible BMI

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Indicator ¹	Indicator definition	Numerator	Denominator		Numerator	Denominator
Thin ² (women)	Percentage of women age 15- 19 who are thin	Number of non-pregnant, non-postpartum girls age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is less than minus 1 (-1.0) SD below the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of girls age 15–19 excluding girls who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, who have valid and plausible ⁵ BMI-for-age Z-scores	Percentage of women age 20- 49 who are thin	Number of non- pregnant, non- postpartum women age 20-49 with a BMI less than 18.5 kg/m ²	Number of women age 20–49, excluding women who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, with valid and plausible BMI
Mildly thin ² (women)	Percentage of women age 15- 19 who are mildly thin	Number of non-pregnant, non-postpartum girls age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score between minus 1 (-1.0) SD and minus 2 (-2.0) SD below the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of girls age 15–19 excluding girls who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, who have valid and plausible ⁵ BMI-for-age Z-scores	Percentage of women age 20- 49 who are mildly thin	Number of non- pregnant, non- postpartum women age 20-49 with a BMI between 17.0 kg/m ² and 18.4 kg/m ²	Number of women age 20–49, excluding women who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, with valid and plausible BMI
Moderately and severely thin ² (women)	Percentage of women age 15- 19 who are moderately or severely thin	Number of non-pregnant, non-postpartum girls age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is less than minus 2 (-2.0) SD below the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of girls age 15–19 excluding girls who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, who have valid and plausible ⁵ BMI-for-age Z-scores	Percentage of women age 20- 49 who are moderately or severely thin	Number of non- pregnant, non- postpartum women age 20-49 with a BMI less than 17.0 kg/m ²	Number of women age 20–49, excluding women who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, with valid and plausible BMI
Overweight/ obese ² (women)	Percentage of women age 15- 19 who are overweight or obese	Number of non-pregnant, non-postpartum girls age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is greater than plus 1 (1.0) SD above the median on the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of girls age 15–19 excluding girls who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, who have valid and plausible ⁵ BMI-for-age Z-scores	Percentage of women age 20- 49 who are overweight or obese	Number of non- pregnant, non- postpartum women age 20-49 with a BMI of 25.0 kg/m ² or more	Number of women age 20–49, excluding women who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, with valid and plausible BMI

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Indicator ¹	Indicator definition	Numerator	Denominator		Numerator	Denominator
Overweight ² (women)	Percentage of women age 15- 19 who are overweight	Number of non-pregnant, non-postpartum girls age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is between plus 1 (+1.0) SD and plus 2 (+2.0) SD above the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of girls age 15–19 excluding girls who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, who have valid and plausible ⁵ BMI-for-age Z-scores	Percentage of women age 20- 49 who are overweight	Number of non- pregnant, non- postpartum women age 20-49 with a BMI between 25.0 kg/m ² - 29.9 kg/m ²	Number of women age 20–49, excluding women who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, with valid and plausible ⁶ BMI
Obese ² (women)	Percentage of women age 15- 19 who are obese	Number of non-pregnant, non-postpartum girls age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is greater than plus 2 (2.0) SD above the median on the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of girls age 15–19 excluding girls who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, who have valid and plausible ⁵ BMI-for-age Z-scores	Percentage of women age 20- 49 who are obese	Number of non- pregnant, non- postpartum women age 20-49 with a BMI of 30.0 kg/m ² or more	Number of women age 20–49, excluding women who are pregnant or who gave birth in the 2 months preceding the date of the interview, with valid and plausible ⁶ BMI

¹DHS reports nutritional status indicators based on women who stayed in the household the previous night

		Boys		Men		
Indicator ¹	Indicator definition	Numerator	Denominator		Numerator	Denominator
Normal	Percentage of men age 15-19 with normal BMI- for-age Z-score	Number of boys age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is between minus 1 (-1.0) SD and 1 (+1) SD above the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of boys age 15–19 who have valid and plausible ² BMI-for- age Z-scores	Percentage of men age 20-49 with normal BMI	Number of men age 20-49 with a BMI between 18.5 kg/m²- 24.9 kg/m²	Number of men age 20–49, with valid and plausible ³ BMI

² These indicators exclude girls/women that are not pregnant or who had a birth in the preceding 2 months because of the weight gain associated with pregnancy

³ Plausible Z scores exclude height-for-age Z-scores below -6 SD or above +6 SD

⁴Plausible height measurements exclude those below 130 cm or above 220 cm

 $^{^{5}}$ Plausible Z scores exclude BMI-for-age Z-scores below -5 SD or above +5 SD

⁶ Plausible BMI measurements exclude values below 12.0 kg/m² or above 60.0 kg/m²

Thin	Percentage of men age 15-19 who are thin	Number of boys age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is less than minus 1 (-1.0) SD below the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of boys age 15–19 who have valid and plausible ² BMI-for- age Z-scores	Percentage of men age 20-49 who are thin	Number of men age 20-49 with a BMI less than 18.5 kg/m ²	Number of men age 20–49, with valid and plausible ³ BMI
Mildly thin	Percentage men age 15-19 who are mildly thin	Number of boys age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score between minus 1 (-1.0) SD and minus 2 (-2.0) SD below the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of boys age 15–19 who have valid and plausible ² BMI-for- age Z-scores	Percentage or men age 20-49 who are mildly thin	Number of men age 20-49 with a BMI between 17.0 kg/m ² and 18.4 kg/m ²	Number of men age 20–49, with valid and plausible ³ BMI
Moderately and severely thin	Percentage men age 15-19 who are moderately or severely thin	Number of boys age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is less than minus 2 (-2.0) SD below the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of boys age 15–19 who have valid and plausible ² BMI-for- age Z-scores	Percentage or men age 20-49 who are moderately or severely thin	Number of men age 20-49 with a BMI less than 17.0 kg/m ²	Number of men age 20–49, with valid and plausible ³ BMI
Overweight/ obese	Percentage men age 15-19 who are overweight or obese	Number of boys age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is greater than plus 1 (+1.0) SD above the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of boys age 15–19 who have valid and plausible ² BMI-for- age Z-scores	Percentage or men age 20-49 who are overweight or obese	Number of men age 20-49 with a BMI of 25.0 kg/m ² or more	Number of men age 20–49, with valid and plausible ³ BMI
Overweight	Percentage men age 15-19 who are overweight	Number of boys age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is plus 1 (+1.0) SD and plus 2 (+2.0) SD above the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of boys age 15–19 who have valid and plausible ² BMI-for- age Z-scores	Percentage or men age 20-49 who are overweight	Number of men age 205-49 with a BMI between 25.0 kg/m ² - 29.9 kg/m ²	Number of men age 20–49, with valid and plausible ³ BMI
Obese	Percentage men age 15-19 who are obese	Number of boys age 15-19 whose BMI-for-age Z-score is greater than plus 2 (+2.0) SD above the median on the WHO Growth Reference.	Number of boys age 15–19 who have valid and plausible ² BMI-for- age Z-scores	Percentage or men age 20-49 who are obese	Number of men age 20-49 with a BMI of 30.0 kg/m ² or more	Number of men age 20–49, with valid and plausible ³ BMI

¹ DHS reports nutritional status indicators based on men who stayed in the household the previous night

² Plausible Z scores exclude BMI-for-age Z-scores below -5 SD or above +5 SD ³ Plausible BMI measurements exclude values below 12.0 kg/m² or above 60.0 kg/m²

III. Child Growth Monitoring

Indicator ¹	Indicator definition	Numerator	Denominator
Weight measured in the last 3 months	Percentage of children under age 5 who had their weight measured in the last 3 months	Number of children under age 5 who had their weight measured in the last 3 months	Number of children under age 5
Weight and height measured in the last 3 months	Percentage of children under age 5 who had their weight and height measured in the last 3 months	Number of children under age 5 who had their weight and height measured in the last 3 months	Number of children under age 5
Mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) measured in the last 3 months	Percentage of children under age 5 who had their MUAC measured in the last 3 months	Number of children under age 5 who had their MUAC measured in the last 3 months	Number of children under age 5
Weight, height, and MUAC measured in the last 3 months	Percentage of children under age 5 who had their weight, height, and MUAC measured in the last 3 months	Number of children under age 5 who had their weight, height, and MUAC measured in the last 3 months	Number of children under age 5

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IV. Infant and Young Child Feeding

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Indicator ¹	Indicator definition	Numerator	Denominator
Breastfeeding			
indicators ²			
1. Ever breastfed	Percentage of children age 0-	Number of children age 0-23 months	Number of children
	23 months who were ever	who were ever breastfed	age 0-23 months
	breastfed		J
2. Early initiation of	Percentage of children age 0-	Number of children age 0-23 months	Number of children
breastfeeding	23 months who were put to	who were put to the breast within	age 0-23 months
Si casif seams	the breast within 1 hour of	one hour of birth	uge o 25 months
	birth	one nour or birth	
3. Exclusively	Percentage of children age 0-	Number of skildren are 0.22 months	Number of children
•	23 months who were fed	Number of children age 0-23 months	
breastfed for the		who were fed exclusively with	age 0-23 months
first 2 days after	exclusively with breastmilk	breastmilk for the first 2 days after	
birth	for the first 2 days after birth	birth	
4. Exclusive	Percentage of children age 0-	Number of youngest children age 0-5	Number of youngest
breastfeeding	5 months who were fed	months living with the mother who	children age 0-5
under 6 months	exclusively with breastmilk	received only breastmilk during the	months living with the
	during the previous day	previous day	mother
5. Mixed milk	Percentage of children age 0-	Number of youngest children age 0-5	Number of youngest
feeding	5 months who were fed both	months living with the mother who	children age 0-5
under 6 months	breastmilk and formula or	were fed both breastmilk and	months living with the
	animal milk during the	formula or animal milk during the	mother
	previous day	previous day	
6. Continued	Percentage of children age	Number of children age 12-23	Number of children
breastfeeding at	12-23 months who were fed	months who were fed breastmilk	age 12-23 months
12-23 months	breastmilk during the	during the previous day	
	previous day	Lan mg and promote tay	
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feeding indicators ³			
7. Introduction of	Percentage of children age 6-	Number of youngest children age 6-8	Number of youngest
solid, semi-solid or	8 months who were fed solid,	months living with the mother who	children age 6-8
soft foods 6-8	semi-solid, or soft foods	were fed solid, semi-solid, or soft	months living with the
months		foods during the previous day	mother
months	during the previous day	roods during the previous day	moulei
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8. Minimum dietary	Percentage of children age 6-	Number of youngest children age 6-	Number of youngest
diversity 6-23	23 months who were fed	23 months living with the mother	children age 6-23
months	foods and beverages from at	who were fed foods and beverages	months living with the
	least 5 out of 8 defined food	from 5 or more of the following 8	mother
	groups during the previous	food groups during the previous day:	
	day	1) breastmilk;	
		2) grains, white/pale starchy roots,	
		tubers, and plantains; 3) beans, peas,	
		lentils, nuts and seeds; 4) dairy	
		products; 5) flesh foods; 6) eggs; 7)	
		vitamin-A rich fruits and vegetables;	
		8) other fruits and vegetables	
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9.	Minimum meal frequency 6-23 months	Percentage of children age 6–23 months of age who were fed solid, semi-solid, or soft foods (but also including milk feeds for non-breastfed children) the minimum number of times or more during the previous day	children age 6-23 months living with the mother who were fed solid or semi-solid foods at least twice a day for infants 6-8 months OR at least three times a day for children 9-23 months during the previous day Non-breastfed: Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother who were fed solid, semi-solid, or soft foods or milk feeds at least four times a day for children 9-23 months during the previous day, with at least 1 of the 4 being a solid, semi-solid or soft food feed	Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother
10.	Minimum milk feeding frequency for non-breastfed children 6-23 months ⁴	Percentage of non-breastfed children age 6-23 months who were given at least two milk feeds during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6- 23 months living with the mother who were not breastfed and were given at least two milk feeds during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother who were not breastfed
11.	Minimum acceptable diet 6- 23 months	Percentage of children age 6–23 months who were fed a minimum acceptable diet during the previous day	Breastfed: Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother who were fed a minimum dietary diversity and minimum meal frequency during the previous day Non-breastfed: Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother who are fed a minimum dietary diversity and minimum meal frequency and received the minimum milk feeding frequency during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother
12.	Egg and/or flesh food consumption 6-23 months	Percentage of children age 6- 23 months who were fed egg and/or flesh food during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6- 23 months living with the mother who were fed egg and/or flesh food during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother
13.	Sweet beverage consumption 6-23 months	Percentage of children age 6- 23 months who were given a sweet beverage during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6- 23 months living with the mother who were given a sweeten beverage during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother
14.	Unhealthy food consumption 6-23 months	Percentage of children age 6- 23 months who were fed selected sentinel unhealthy foods during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6- 23 months living with the mother who were fed selected sentinel unhealthy foods during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother
15.	Zero vegetable or fruit consumption 6-23 months	Percentage of children age 6- 23 months who were not fed any vegetables or fruits during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6- 23 months living with the mother who were not fed any vegetables or fruits during the previous day	Number of youngest children age 6-23 months living with the mother

Other indicators			
16. Bottle feeding	Percentage of children age 0- 23 months who were fed from a bottle with a nipple during the previous day	Number of children age 0-23 months who were fed from a bottle with a nipple during the previous day	Number of children age 0-23 months
17. Infant feeding area graþh⁵	Percent distribution of youngest children age 0-5 months living with their mother, by feeding category	Number of youngest children age 0-5 months living with the mother who were fed during the previous day according to feeding category Note: feeding categories are: a) breastmilk only; b) breastmilk and plain water only; c) breastmilk and non-milk liquids; d) breastmilk and formula and/or animal milk; e) breastmilk, and solid, semi-solid, or soft foods; f) not breastfed; g) unknown	Number of youngest children 0-5 months living with their mother

¹ DHS reports IYCF indicators based on children who stayed in the household the previous night

² Breastfeeding indicators are based on all children under age 2, except for exclusive breastfeeding and mixed milk feeding, which are based on the youngest children age 0-5 months living with the mother, and continued breastfeeding which is based on all children age 12-23 months.

³ Milk feedings include formula milk, animal milk, drinkable yogurt, and other drinkable fermented products made with animal milk

⁴ Complementary feeding indicators are based on the youngest child age 6-23 months living with the mother, except the introduction of solid, semi-solid or soft foods, which is based on the youngest child age 6-8 months living with the mother

⁵ The categories of breastmilk only, breast milk and plain water only, breast milk and non-milk liquids, breastmilk and formula and/or animal milk, breastmilk and solid, semi-solid, or soft foods, and not breastfed are hierarchical and mutually exclusive. Unknown refers to children whose feeding category is classified as unknown due to "don't know" responses.

V. Women's Dietary Practices

Indicator ¹	Definition	Numerator	Denominator
Minimum	Percentage of women	Number of women age 15-49 who consumed foods	Number of
Dietary	age 15-49 who	from 5 or more of the following 10 food groups in the	women age 15-49
Diversity for	consumed foods from	day or night before the interview: 1) grains, white/pale	
Women	at least 5 out of 10	starchy roots, tubers, and plantains; 2) pulses; 3) nuts	
	defined food groups	and seeds; 4) dairy; 5) flesh foods; 6) eggs; 7) dark	
	during the previous day	green leafy vegetables; 8) vitamin-A rich fruits and	
		vegetables; 9) other vegetables; 10) other fruits	
Sweet Beverage	Percentage of women	Number of women age 15-49 who consumed sweet	Number of
Consumption	age 15-49 who	beverages in the day or night before the interview	women age 15-49
	consumed sweet		
	beverages during the		
	previous day		
Unhealthy Food	Percentage of women	Number of women age 15-49 who consumed	Number of
Consumption	age 15-49 who	unhealthy foods in the day or night before the	women age 15-49
	consumed selected	interview	
	sentinel unhealthy foods		
	during the previous day		

¹ DHS reports women's dietary practices indicators based on women who stayed in the household the previous night

VI. Nutrition Counseling

Indicator ¹	Definition	Numerator	Denominator
Counseling about maternal diet during pregnancy	Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years who received counseling about maternal diet during pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth from a healthcare provider	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years who received counseling about which foods or how much food to eat during pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth and/or stillbirth in the last 2 years
Breastfeeding counseling during pregnancy	Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years who received counseling about breastfeeding during pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth from a healthcare provider	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years who received counseling about breastfeeding during pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth and/or stillbirth in the last 2 years
Breastfeeding counseling during postnatal care	Percentage of most recent live births in the last 2 years, for whom the mother was counseled about breastfeeding by a healthcare provider during the first 2 days after birth	Number of most recent live births in the last 2 years for which the mother was counseled about breastfeeding during the first 2 days after the birth	Number of most recent live births in the last 2 years
Direct observation of breastfeeding during postnatal	Percentage of most recent live births in the last 2 years, for whom the mother was observed breastfeeding by a healthcare provider during the first 2 days after birth	Number of most recent live births in the last 2 years for which the mother was counseled and observed breastfeeding during the first 2 days after the birth	Number of most recent live births in the last 2 years
Mothers with children 6-23 months who received IYCF counseling in the last 6 months	Percentage of mothers with children age 6-23 months who received IYCF counseling in the last 6 months by a healthcare provider or community health worker	Number of women whose youngest child 6-23 months is living with them and who received IYCF counseling in the last 6 months	Number of women whose youngest child 6-23 months is living with them

¹ DHS reports nutrition counseling indicators based on women and children who stayed in the household the previous night

VII. Adult and Child Anemia

		Indicator ^{1,2}			
Population		Any anemia	Mild anemia	Moderate anemia	Severe anemia
	Definition	Percentage of children age 6-59 months with any anemia	Percentage of children age 6-59 months with mild anemia	Percentage of children age 6-59 months with moderate anemia	Percentage of children age 6-59 months with severe anemia
Children	Numerator	Number of children age 6-59 months whose hemoglobin level is less than 11.0 grams per deciliter (g/dl)	Number of children age 6-59 months whose hemoglobin level is between10.0- 10.9 g/dl	Number of children age 6-59 months whose hemoglobin level is between 7.0-9.9 g/dl	Number of children age 6-59 months whose hemoglobin level is less than 7 g/dl ³
	Denominator	Number of children age 6-59 months tested for anemia			
	Definition	Percentage of women age 15-49 years with any anemia	Percentage of women age 15-49 years with mild anemia	Percentage of women age 15-49 years with moderate anemia	Percentage of women age 15-49 years with severe anemia
Women	Numerator	Number of non- pregnant women age 15-49 whose hemoglobin level is less than 12.0 g/dl plus number of pregnant women age 15-49 whose level is less than 11.0 g/dl	Number of non- pregnant women age 15-49 whose hemoglobin level between 11.0-11.9 g/dl plus number of pregnant women age 15-49 whose level is between 10.0-10.9 g/dl	Number of non- pregnant women age 15-49 whose hemoglobin level is between 8.0-10.9 g/dl plus number of pregnant women age 15-49 whose level is between 7.0-9.9 g/dl	Number of non- pregnant women age 15-49 whose hemoglobin count is less than 8.0 g/dl plus number of pregnant women age 15-49 whose level is less than 7.0 g/dl
	Denominator	Number of women age 15-49 tested for anemia			
	Definition	Percentage of men age 15-49 years with any anemia	Percentage of men age 15-49 years with mild anemia	Percentage of men age 15-49 years with moderate anemia	Percentage of men age 15-49 years with severe anemia
Men	Numerator	Number of men age 15-49 whose hemoglobin level is less than 13.0 g/dl	Number of men age 15-49 whose hemoglobin level is between 11.0-12.9 g/dl	Number of men age 15-49 whose hemoglobin level is between 8.0-10.9 g/dl	Number of men age 15-49 whose hemoglobin level is less than 8.0 g/dl
1.50.16	Denominator	Number of men age 15-49 tested for anemia			

¹ DHS reports anemia indicators based on children, women, and men who stayed in the household the previous night.

² The Indicators include children, women, and men who were tested and who have recorded hemoglobin values.

 $^{^{3}}$ In Malaria Indicator Surveys (MIS) the cutoff value for malaria-related anemia (8.0 g/dl) is different from the cutoff value used for severe anemia in nutrition (7.0 g/dl).

VIII. Micronutrient Supplementation and Deworming in Children

Indicator ¹	Definition	Numerator	Denominator
Given iron tablets or syrups 6-59 months	Percentage of children age 6- 59 months who were given iron tablets or syrups	Number of children age 6-59 months who were given iron tablets or syrups in the 12 months preceding the interview	Number of children age 6-59 months
Given multiple micronutrient powders 6-59 months	Percentage of children age 6- 59 months who were given multiple micronutrient powders	Number of children age 6-59 months who were given multiple micronutrient powders in the 12 months preceding the interview	Number of children age 6-59 months
Given iron-containing supplements 6-59 months	Percentage of children age 6- 59 months who were given iron-containing supplements	Number of children age 6-59 months who were given iron-containing supplements in the 12 months preceding the interview	Number of children age 6-59 months
Given vitamin A supplements 6-59 months	Percentage of children age 6- 59 months who were given vitamin A supplements	Number of children age 6-59 months who were given vitamin A supplements in the 6 months preceding the interview	Number of children age 6-59 months
Given deworming medication 12-59 months	Percentage of children age 12- 59 months who were given deworming medication	Number of children age 12-59 months who were given deworming medication in the 6 months preceding the interview	Number of children age 12-59 months

¹ DHS reports micronutrient supplementation and deworming indicators based on children who stayed in the household the previous night.

IX. Food/Cash Assistance, Deworming, and Iron-containing Supplementation during Pregnancy

Indicator ¹	Definition	Numerator	Denominator
Receipt of food or cash assistance during pregnancy	Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years, who received food or cash assistance during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 who received food or cash assistance during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth and/or stillbirth in the last 2 years
Took deworming medication during pregnancy	Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years, who took deworming medication during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 who took deworming medication during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth and/or stillbirth in the last 2 years
Took any iron- containing supplements during pregnancy	Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years, who took any iron-containing supplements during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 who took any iron-containing supplements during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth and/or stillbirth in the last 2 years
Number of days women took iron- containing supplements during pregnancy	Percent distribution of the number of days during which women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years took ironcontaining supplements during pregnancy for the most recent live birth or stillbirth	Number of women age 15-49 distributed by the number of days they took iron-containing supplements during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth (none, less than 60, 60-89, 90-179, 180+, don't know)	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth and/or stillbirth in the last 2 years
Source of iron- containing supplements	Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth or stillbirth in the last 2 years, who were given or bought iron-containing supplements during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth or stillbirth, by source of supplement	Number of women age 15-49 who were given or bought iron-containing supplements and who obtained the supplements from various sources.	Number of women age 15-49 with a live birth and/or stillbirth in the last 2 years

¹ DHS reports food/cash assistance, deworming, and iron-containing supplementation based on women who stayed in the household the previous night.

X. Salt lodization

Indicator ¹	Definition	Numerator	Denominator
Household salt iodization	Percentage of households with salt tested which contained iodized salt	Number of households with iodized salt	Number of households in which salt was tested for iodine content

¹ DHS reports household salt iodization based on interviews households.

XI. Anthropometry Data Quality

Indicator ¹	Definition	Numerator	Denominator
Trainee precision	Precision TEM	Number of trainees with precision TEM	Number of trainees who completed the standardization exercise
Trainee accuracy	Accuracy TEM	Number of trainees with accuracy TEM	
Incomplete data for height	Percentage of children under age 5 with data incomplete or missing for height/length	Number of children under age 5 with missing or incomplete height	Number children under age 5
Incomplete data for weight	Percentage of children under age 5 with data incomplete or missing for weight	Number of children under age 5 with missing or incomplete weight	
Incomplete data for month or year of birth	Percentage of children under age 5 with data incomplete or missing for month or year of birth	Number of children under age 5 with missing or incomplete month or year of birth	
Implausible data for height-for-age	Percentage of children under age 5 with implausible height-for-age data	Number of children with implausible data for heightfor-age	Number of children under age 5 who have complete height and age
Implausible data for weight-for-height	Percentage of children under age 5 with implausible weight-for-height data	Number of children with implausible data for weightfor-height	Number of children under age 5 who have complete weight and height
Implausible data for weight-for-age	Percentage of children under age 5 with implausible weight-for-age data	Number of children with implausible data for weightfor-age	Number of children under age 5 who have complete weight and age
Valid data for height-for-age	Percentage of children under age 5 with valid height-for-age data	Number of children with no missing, incomplete, or implausible height-for-age data	Number of children under age 5
Valid data for weight-for-height	Percentage of children under age 5 with valid weight-for-height data	Number of children with no missing, incomplete, or implausible weight-for-age data	
Valid data for weight-for-age	Percentage of children under age 5 with valid weight-for-age data	Number of children with no missing, incomplete, or implausible weight-for-age data	
Height measurements with a difference >1 cm ²	Percentage of height measurements with a difference >1 cm	Number of height re- measurements among children under age 5 with a difference >1cm	Number of children under age 5 randomly selected and remeasured
Median difference in height measurements ²	Median difference in height measurements	Mid-point value of the height re-measurements among children under age 5	

Height measurement	Percentage of children under age 5	Number of children with	Number of children
interference	for whom hairstyle or	hairstyles or ornaments that	under age 5
	ornamentation interfered with	inferred with height	
	height measurement	measurement	
Weight	Percentage of children under age 5	Number of children not	Number of children
measurement	who were not minimally dressed or	minimally dressed or who	under age 5
interference	who wore heavy permanent	wore heavy ornaments during	
	ornaments during weight	weight measurement	
	measurement		

¹ DHS reports anthropometry data quality indicators based on children who stayed in the household the previous night

 $^{^2}$ This indicator is based on children selected for random remeasurement who have a first and second measurement.

XII. Food Insecurity

Indicator ¹	Definition	Numerator	Denominator
Moderate or severe food insecurity	Percentage of the de jure population that have experienced moderate or severe food insecurity in the last 12 months	De jure population with moderate or severe food insecurity	Number of persons
Severe food insecurity	Percentage of the de jure population that have experienced severe food insecurity in the last 12 months	De jure population with severe food insecurity	

DHS reports food insecurity indicators based on the de jure population. That is all usual residents of the household whether or not they stayed in the household the night before the interview.