

## 6. Management of fever in newborn

A baby has fever if the temperature is above 99 degree **Fahrenheit (37.2 degree Celsius)**. In the case of high body temperature of the baby during summer, verify in the following manner whether this is due to the body being overdressed or does it really have fever:

- Unwrap the baby and take off its cap.
- Ventilate the room too to cool the baby.
- Ask the mother to start breastfeeding.
- If there is a source of extra heat (like a fire) in the room, put it out.
- Wait for 30 minutes and take the temperature once again.

*If the baby's temperature returns to normal, explain to the mother that in very warm weather, the baby does not have to be kept covered with additional cloth or kept wrapped.*

*If the temperature is still above normal after the above measures have been taken, refer the baby for treatment.*