

Notes on calculating combined GAM estimates within the Rapid Assessment Method (RAM)

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1 Background

2 Possible approach

PROBIT gives a probability so we look to combining two probabilities:

$$P(GAM_{MUAC} \cup GAM_{WHZ}) = P(GAM_{MUAC}) + P(GAM_{WHZ})$$

However, the problem is that we do not have independent probabilities. We overestimate because the intersection gets counted twice. Therefore we need:

$$P(GAM_{MUAC} \cup GAM_{WHZ}) = P(GAM_{MUAC}) + P(GAM_{WHZ}) - P(GAM_{MUAC} \cap GAM_{WHZ})$$

We have the first two terms but not the third. We can estimate the third term from a 2 by 2 table:

	WHZ < -2	WHZ ≥ -2
MUAC < 125	a	b
MUAC ≥ 125	c	d