

# APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF DIARRHOEA - RECOGNITION OF WARNING SIGNS

Output indicator

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## Indicator Phrasing

**English:** % of caregivers which can specify at least 3 situations when a child suffering from diarrhoea needs to be taken to a health facility

**French:** % de gardiens d'enfants qui peuvent spécifier au moins 3 situations où un enfant souffrant de diarrhée doit être conduit dans un établissement de santé

**Portuguese:** % de cuidadores(as) que conseguem especificar pelo menos 3 situações de quando uma criança que sofre de diarreia necessita de ser levada para uma infraestrutura de saúde

**Czech:** % rodičů schopných uvést alespoň 3 situace, kdy dítě trpící průjmem musí být vyšetřeno ve zdravotním středisku

## What is its purpose?

Several warning signs indicate when home treatment of diarrhoea is insufficient and a child must be taken to a health facility. The indicator measures the proportion of caregivers aware of at least 3 out of 5 to 6 key warning signs.

## How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Collect the following data by conducting individual interviews with a [representative sample](#) of the primary caregivers (mainly mothers).

### RECOMMENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS (Q) AND POSSIBLE ANSWERS (A)

**Q1:** *Can you please tell me the symptoms of when a child's diarrhoea is so dangerous, that the child needs to be taken to a health facility for treatment?*

**A1:**

- 1) the child has blood in her/ his stool
- 2) the child's stool resembles white water
- 3) the child has a fever
- 4) the child does not drink more fluids than usual
- 5) the diarrhoea lasts for 4 or more days

6) (if old enough) the child complains about severe pain in the abdomen or rectum

7) other: .....

8) I don't know

**NOTE:** Encourage the data collectors to probe for further explanation if the respondent provides only a limited response (for example, by asking: "*Do you know about any other symptoms?*").

To **calculate the indicator's value**, divide the number of caregivers, which could specify at least 3 situations when a child suffering from diarrhoea needs to be taken to a health facility by the total number of interviewed caregivers. Multiply the result by 100 to convert it to a percentage.

## Important Comments

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## E-Questionnaire

- [XLS form for electronic data collection - indicator Appropriate Treatment of Diarrhoea - Recognition of Warning Signs](#)