

Indicator: # of children under five (0-59 months) reached with nutrition-specific interventions through USG-supported nutrition programs**STANDARD SECTOR****INDICATOR CODE:**

HE_MNCH_252_FTF

HEALTH SECTOR **PROJECT AREA:** Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health**Type:** Output**Unit of Measure:** Individual**Disaggregation:****Sex:** M, F

Type of Service: # children under 5 whose parents/caretakers received behavior change communication interventions that promote essential infant and young child feeding behaviors; # children 6-59 months who received vitamin A supplementation in the past 6 months; # children under 5 who received zinc supplementation during episode of diarrhea; # children under 5 who received Multiple Micronutrient Powder (MNP) supplementation; # children under 5 who were admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition; # children under 5 who were admitted for treatment of moderate acute malnutrition; # children under 5 who received direct food assistance

Related Objective: Increase the knowledge and skills of child caregivers to keep children under 5 healthy (Obj. 2)

Precise definitions

Children Under 5: Children under 5 years are those 0-59 months of age. They are often targeted by US-supported activities with nutrition objectives.

Reached: This indicator is not intended to capture one-time activities or events but should focus on caregivers/children participating in activities that are ongoing, such as care groups, mothers groups, etc. Increasing knowledge and changing behavior is a longer-term process and requires multiple interactions with the same individual. While there may be some utility in once-off events, this indicator is focused on those individuals who attend a number of predefined sessions co-facilitated by the PCV and their counterpart or other local health staff/volunteers.

Nutrition-specific Interventions:

A child can be counted as reached if s/he receives one or more of the following nutrition-specific interventions directly or through the mother/caretaker:

1. Behavior change communication (BCC) interventions that promote essential infant and young child feeding behaviors including:
 - a. Immediate, exclusive, and continued breastfeeding
 - b. Appropriate, adequate and safe complementary foods from 6 to 24 months of age 2.
2. Vitamin A supplementation in the past 6 months
3. Zinc supplementation during episodes of diarrhea
4. Multiple Micronutrient Powder (MNP) supplementation
5. Treatment of severe acute malnutrition

6. Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition
7. Direct food assistance of fortified/specialized food products (i.e. CSB+, Supercereal Plus, RUTF, RUSF, etc)

USG-supported programs: Values reported should reflect countrywide results in Feed the Future focus countries; results should not be restricted to only those achieved in the Feed the Future Zone of Influence.

Data collection

Tool: Child Health Attendance Tracking Tool, Feed the Future Tab

Data should be collected routinely at each session covering topics related to child health. A PCV should track individuals separately per session to assess how many total sessions each participant attended by the end of the intervention. Feed the Future countries should use the “FTF” tab of the workbook to track this specific indicator, including the specific type of service received.

A caregiver or child reached by these interventions should be counted under this indicator (HE_MNCH_252_FTF Number of children under five (0-59 months) reached with nutrition-specific interventions through USG-supported nutrition programs). Children under two can also be counted under indicator HE_MNCH_255_FTF Number of children under two (0-23 months) reached with community-level nutrition interventions through USG-supported programs.

Children can be double-counted across the intervention disaggregates if they receive more than one intervention, but a unique number of children reached must be entered into the age disaggregates.

Reporting

To be counted for this indicator the following criteria must be met:

- Individuals received BCC interventions around essential infant and young child feeding behaviors that was facilitated by a PCV and their counterpart, or one of the other six direct supplementations.
- The supplementation/counseling was provided by the PCV and their counterpart in an individual or small group setting of 25 individuals or less.
- Individuals attended at least 75 percent of the sessions.
- Attendance at the counselling sessions was documented by the Volunteer or their partner (sign-in sheet, photo, etc.).

Data will be aggregated over the reporting period, counting each participant only once during the fiscal year (October 1–September 30). For example, if a caregiver/child attended 10 different child health-care sessions over five months, they would only be counted once under this indicator within the fiscal year. If they continue to attend another group in the following year, they could be counted again, as one individual, under the same indicator in the VRT for the following fiscal year.