

HANDWASHING FACILITIES WITH SOAP AND WATER

Outcome indicator

Indicator Phrasing

INDICATOR PHRASING: Percent of households with soap and water at a handwashing station on premises

Français: Pourcentage de ménages bénéficiaires disposant d'eau et de savon dans un poste de lavage des mains sur place

What is its purpose?

This indicator assesses the proportion of households with so called "basic handwashing facilities", as defined by JMP. Existing research shows that people with access to a handwashing facility are more likely to wash their hands. Furthermore, observation of handwashing facilities and materials represents a more reliable proxy for measuring handwashing behaviour than asking people whether they wash their hands. A "handwashing station" is a location where household members go to wash their hands. In some instances, these are permanent fixtures (e.g. cement sink) while in others the handwashing devices can be moved for the family's convenience (e.g. tippy taps). The measurement takes place via observation during the household visit, and both soap and water must be available at the station. The soap may be in bar, powder, or liquid form. Shampoo is considered as liquid soap. The cleansing product (i.e. soap) must be at the handwashing station or reachable by hand when standing in front of it. A "handwashing station on premises" is one that can be readily observed by the enumerator during the household visit, and where survey respondents indicate that family members generally wash their hands.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Communal handwashing stations should not be counted under this indicator.

Calculation: the percent is calculated by dividing the number of beneficiary households in the sample where both water and soap are found at the handwashing station on premises by the total number of beneficiary households in the sample.

Numerator: number of beneficiary households in the sample where both water and soap are found at the handwashing station on premises

Denominator: number of beneficiary households in the sample

Collect the following data by conducting individual interviews and observations among a representative sample of your target group members: During the pre-testing it is important to ensure there is common understanding of what can be considered as a handwashing facility. For example, just a 20-litre jerrycan, not adjusted in any way, should not count as a "handwashing facility". People might be used to leaving their soap at a different place (e.g. somewhere out of the reach of domestic animals, young children or rain) but still use it regularly for washing their hands.

RECOMMENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS:

Q - can you show me where members of your household most often wash their hands? If you are interviewing someone away from their household, then ask them to "tell you where members of the

household most often wash their hands".; select one of the following

Permanent fixed facility inside dwelling (e.g. sink with tap)

Fixed facility in yard/plot (e.g. tippy-tap)

Mobile or temporary facility (e.g. bucket/jug/cup)

They do not have their own handwashing facility

Other (please specify) _____

IF: can you show me where members of your household most often wash their hands? is They do not have their own handwashing facility

Q. Why don't you have a handwashing facility? Select all that apply

Afraid it will be stolen

Afraid it will be poisoned, damaged or tampered with

Can't afford to buy one

Don't think it's important to have one

Used to have one but it was stolen

Used to have one but it broke

Other (please specify) _____

Don't know

IF: can you show me where members of your household most often wash their hands? is one of

Permanent fixed facility inside dwelling (e.g. sink with tap), fixed facility in yard/plot (e.g. tippy-tap),

Mobile or temporary facility (e.g. bucket/jug/cup), Other ((please specify)

Observe Is water available at the handwashing facility

Yes

No

Unable to observe

IF: can you show me where members of your household most often wash their hands? is one of

Permanent fixed facility inside dwelling (e.g. sink with tap), fixed facility in yard/plot (e.g. tippy-tap),

Mobile or temporary facility (e.g. bucket/jug/cup), Other ((please specify)

Observe Is soap or alternative cleanser available?

Yes

No

Unable to observe

IF: OBSERVE Is soap or alternative cleanser available? is any of YES

Observe what kind of soap or cleanser is available at the time of the visit

Soap

Alcohol rub

Ash

Other (please specify) _____