

NON-RECOVERY RATE

Outcome indicator, Cluster indicator

Indicator Phrasing

English: % of children discharged as medical referrals and as non-response

French: % d'enfants déchargés comme référés à un centre médical et comme non-réponse

Spanish: % de niños dados de alta como derivaciones médicas y como no respuesta

Portuguese: % de crianças com alta devido a encaminhamento médico ou não-resposta

Czech: % dětí propuštěných kvůli přeložení do jiné zdravotní péče a kvůli pohřešování

What is its purpose?

Non-recovery rate is one of the four core performance indicators of the malnutrition treatment programs. It is a combination of two indicators: medical referral rate and non-response rate.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Determine the indicator's value by using the following methodology:

- 1) Count the number of a) children who have been referred outside the nutrition program for medical care and could not continue nutritional treatment (medical referrals) plus b) the number of children who have not reached discharge criteria after a pre-defined length of time despite all investigations and transfer options (non-response cases).
- 2) Divide the number by the total number of discharged children. Multiply the result by 100 to convert it to a percentage.
- 3) The resulting number is the non-recovery rate (in percentages).

Disaggregate by

[Disaggregate](#) the data by gender and age groups.

Important Comments

- 1) The indicator **does not require a separate survey** – all data can be gained from the treatment program's regular records.

- 2) The **four core performance indicators** of a malnutrition treatment program (esp. the Community Management of Acute Malnutrition, CMAM) are [recovery rate](#), [death rate](#), [default rate](#) and non-recovery rate.

Access Additional Guidance

- SCH (2015) [Standardised Indicators and Categories for Better CMAM Reporting](#)
- [Nutrition Cluster Indicators Registry \(incl. thresholds\)](#)