

AVAILABILITY OF SOAP

Output indicator, Cluster indicator

Indicator Phrasing

English: % of respondents which can within one minute bring and show a soap from their dwelling

French: % des répondants qui peuvent, en une minute, apporter et montrer un savon de leur habitation

Portuguese: % de inquiridos que conseguem dentro de um minuto trazer e mostrar sabão de sua casa

Czech: % respondentů, jež dokáže během jedné minuty přinést ze svých obydlí mýdlo na mytí rukou

What is its purpose?

Washing hands with soap is the most effective way of preventing life-threatening diarrhoeal diseases. The indicator therefore assesses the proportion of households having soap available for their use.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Collect the following data by conducting individual interviews with a [representative sample](#) of the adult members of your target households:

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

Q1: *Do you currently have any soap for washing hands?*

A1: yes / no / doesn't know

(ask the following question only if the previous answer is YES)

Q2: *Can you please show it to me?*

A2:

- 1) soap was reported and is available
- 2) soap was reported and is available, but it took longer than 1 minute to bring
- 3) soap was reported but is NOT available

To **calculate the indicator's value**, divide the number of respondents who brought and showed soap within one minute, by the total number of respondents. Multiply the result by 100 to convert it to a percentage.

Disaggregate by

[Disaggregate](#) the data by [wealth](#).

Important Comments

- 1) According to [UNHCR's standards](#), the proportion of households having soap at home should be $\geq 90\%$.
- 2) **ECHO's list of the Key Result Indicators (KRI)** uses a different version of a soap-related indicator: "*number of people having regular access to soap to meet hygienic needs*". ECHO's guidance on the use of this indicator is available below.
- 3) **USAID/OFDA** uses a different version of this indicator: "*number of households with soap and water at a hand washing location*".
- 4) Do not count washing powder and other detergents as 'soap' as it is very unlikely that they would be used for washing hands daily.

E-Questionnaire

- [XLS form for electronic data collection - indicator Availability of Soap](#)

Access Additional Guidance

- [Global WASH Cluster](#)
- ECHO (2016) [List of Key Results Indicators \(KRI\)](#)