

HYGIENE EDUCATION AT SCHOOLS

Output indicator

Indicator Phrasing

English: number or % of students who received hygiene education as part of the school curriculum

French: nombre ou % d'élèves ayant reçu une formation en hygiène dans le cadre du programme scolaire

Portuguese: número ou % de estudantes que receberam educação sobre a higiene como parte do plano curricular

Czech: počet nebo % studentů jenž se zúčastnilo vzdělávacího modulu o správné hygieně organizovaného v rámci školních osnov

What is its purpose?

The indicator assesses the proportion and number of children who were taught by their teachers the essential hygiene-related practices and knowledge as a part of the standard school curriculum (i.e. not as a part of an externally-driven, one-off initiative).

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

There are **two main options** for gaining the required data:

> you can collect them **from the school administration's records** - this method is recommended if you can trust the quality of the data the school provides and if you do not plan to conduct any survey among children

> if you plan to **conduct a survey among school children** (for example, on their knowledge and practice), you can include a question: "*During the last [specify time period], did you participate in a lesson where the teacher taught you about good hygiene?*"

> alternatively, you can do both and then cross-check the data

If you report on the percentage of students who received hygiene education, **calculate the indicator's value** by dividing the number of students who received hygiene education as part of the

school curriculum by the total number of the target schools' students and multiplying the result by 100.

Disaggregate by

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