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Subject: Updated Indicators for Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)

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An inter-agency technical consultation to review WHO-UNICEF Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) indicators was held in July 2018. An outcome of this consultation was the recommendation to develop three new indicators of unhealthy dietary practices in children, measured by consumption in the last 24 hours of: (i) sugar-sweetened beverages; (ii) "junk" food; (iii) zero fruit or vegetable. The guidance on the new indicators is scheduled to be finalized in 2019. We propose to include these three indicators in the DHS-8 core questionnaire, which could be calculated by modifying existing Q650.

1. Sugar-sweetened beverage consumption

Definition: Percentage of children 6-23 months who consumed sugar-sweetened beverages during the previous day.

2. Junk food consumption

Definition: Percentage of children 6-23 months of age who consumed sweet or savory junk foods during the previous day.

3. Zero fruit and vegetable consumption

Definition: Percentage of children 6-23 months of age who consumed no fruits or vegetables during the previous day.

Attached to this post is a completed submission form with full justification for the recommendation.

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This recommendation originated in the September 2018 Technical Consultation on Measuring Nutrition in Population-Based Household Surveys and Associated Facility Assessments--a 2-day working meeting convened by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and United States Agency for International Development in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and coordinated by Data for Decisions to Expand Nutrition Transformation (DataDENT). The consultation included more than 60 technical experts, survey program representatives from DHS, MICS, LSMS and SMART, country data stakeholders, and donors from the nutrition measurement community.

This recommendation was authored by Alissa Pries (Helen Keller International (HKI)) and reviewed by Julia Krasevec (UNICEF), Chika Hayashi (UNICEF), Megan Deitchler (Intake Center for Dietary Assessment), Mary Arimond (Intake Center for Dietary Assessment), and Mduduzi Mbuya (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)).

This recommendation is endorsed by the WHO-UNICEF Technical Expert Advisory Group on Nutrition Monitoring (TEAM). Out of the 10 sets of recommendations endorsed by TEAM, this recommendation was prioritized as Tier 1 of 3 (critical data need).

This recommendation is also endorsed by Countdown to 2030, Alive & Thrive, the nutrition team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Department of International Health at the Johns

Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

## File Attachments

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1) [7. IYCF Unhealthy Foods\\_25 Feb.docx](#), downloaded 794 times

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