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Subject: Stool disposal

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Regarding Woman's Questionnaire

Child feces / stool disposal by burying = unsafe

This is a note requesting confirmation of a change in tabulation/indicator definition, not questionnaire design. We will post again during the DHS-7 Tabulation Review period, but am posting here too as a heads-up.

In our understanding, DHS is in the process of changing its definition of safe child feces disposal so that buried is considered unsafe. This would match the standard MICS tables, as well as UNICEF's current analysis methodology - shown for instance on page 18 of the Pneumonia and Diarrhea 2012 report ([http://www.childinfo.org/files/Pneumonia\\_Diarrhoea\\_2012.pdf](http://www.childinfo.org/files/Pneumonia_Diarrhoea_2012.pdf)) and new country profiles WSP and UNICEF are currently developing.

Could you please confirm that buried will now be tabulated as unsafe?

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