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Subject: Age of measurement of stunting and wasting  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 15 Sep 2024 14:31:46 GMT  
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I wanted to know whether the measurements for anthropometry of children are taken from birth onwards till 5 years or 6 months to 5 years. While stunting( height for age) is fine when less than 6 months, wasting has MUAC which is measured from 6 months to 5 years and not before. So what age is practically taken during surveys? If it is from birth how do we use MUAC for those less than 6 months?

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Subject: Re: Age of measurement of stunting and wasting  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Mon, 16 Sep 2024 20:24:19 GMT  
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Thank you for submitting your question. Could you please provide some more detailed information so we can better advise you?

Can you let us know:

- Which survey you are using (Include country name and year)?
- Which data files you are referring to?
- Which software you are using (Stata, SPSS, R, etc.)?

If you are trying to match a Table in a final report, please also indicate which table and which estimate you are trying to match.

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