



CASE FINDING PROCEDURE-RURAL

Go directly to the Village leader and introduce yourselves, the program, explain why you are there and what you will be doing. Make sure you explain that you want to see all oedematous, thin, or sick (can apply the local terms) children and children in the program aged between 6-59 months of age.

Ask the leader to provide you with a guide to show you houses with oedematous, thin and sick children and children in the program (Specifically, ask for Volunteers and/or a woman who knows all the mothers of U5s in the village).

Ask the guide to take you to houses with oedematous, thin and sick children and children in the program.

Go to the first household identified by the guide or the leader.

When you arrive at an identified household, introduce yourselves, the program, and explain why you are there and what you will be doing. Then start assessing the child.

Is the child between 6-59 months of age? To confirm the age ask for vaccination card and calculate the age in months (if no card use calendar of events to calculate the age of the child).

No.

Thank the carer, ask the mother of this child if she knows of any children that might be oedematous, thin or sick, or in the program.

Then move on.

Yes.

Screen the child for malnutrition (Use MUAC < 11.5 for screening if the child is not in the programme)

Check Oedema and take MUAC

Does the child have bilateral pitting oedema or MUAC < 11.5 cm or in the program?

No

Thank the carer, and ask the mother of this child if she knows of any children that might be oedematous, thin or sick, or in the program.

Then move on.

Yes

Then fill up the questionnaire.

If the child is not in the programme, refer her/him to the nearest OTP site

Remember

- 1) After you have assessed the children in the selected household, always ask the mother if she knows of any children that might be oedematous, thin or sick, or in the program. Then move on to the selected household.
- 2) To ask if any child from the village is currently in hospital or at a health centre. If so, get the name of the child and mother and make sure you measure him / her in the health facility.
- 3) If a mother with oedematous, thin and sick child is away from the village, go where she is and measure the child.
- 4) If a mother with a child in a program is away from the village, take the name and age of the child