

Facsheet: Basic Child Indicators In Tsunami Countries

Many of the children affected by the tsunami are among the poorest in the world. Even before the tsunami, a significant percentage of children were malnourished and underweight, un-immunized against childhood diseases and weakened by constant illness caused by unhygienic environments or poor-quality drinking water.

Here are the basic child survival indicators for each of the affected countries, before the quake:

Bangladesh – 65 million children¹ (45%)

U5MR ² :	69
un-immunized ³ :	15%
without clean water:	25%
without basic sanitation:	52%
underweight (<5) ⁴ :	48%

India - 415 million children (39%)

U5MR:	87
un-immunized:	30%
without clean water:	14%
without basic sanitation:	70%
underweight:	47%

Indonesia - 78 million children (35%)

U5MR:	41
un-immunized:	30%
without clean water:	22%
without basic sanitation:	48%
underweight (<5):	26%

Maldives – 158 thousand children (50%)

U5MR:	72
un-immunized:	2%
without clean water:	16%
without basic sanitation:	42%
underweight (<5):	30%

Myanmar – 19 million children (38%)

U5MR:	107
un-immunized:	23%
without clean water:	20%
without basic sanitation:	27%
underweight (<5):	35%

Somalia – 5 million children (55%)

U5MR:	225
un-immunized:	60%
without clean water:	71%
without sanitation:	75%
underweight (<5):	26%

Sri Lanka - 6 million children (30%)

U5MR:	15
un-immunized:	1%
without clean water:	22%
without basic sanitation:	8%
underweight (<5):	29%

Thailand – 19 million children (31%)

U5MR:	26
un-immunized:	4%
without clean water:	15%
without basic sanitation:	1%
underweight (<5):	19%

All data from The State of The World's Children 2005

¹ “Children” refers to <18 years old.

² Under five mortality rate given in deaths per thousand.

³ Routine EPI figure indicated through DPT3 <5 status (diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus vaccine).

⁴ “Underweight” refers to children under five years weighing below 80 per cent of the reference median weight for age. The data period is 1995-2003, except for Thailand where data refers to an unspecified period.