

Interpretation: Index, Indicators Takeaways

1.

MUAC interpretation of measurements for children from 6 to 59 months:

Criteria	Normal	Moderate	Severe
MUAC	≥ 125	≥ 115 and < 125 mm	< 115 mm

2.

Oedema Index

Extent of oedema	Grade
feet/ankles	+
feet/ankles and legs	++
feet/ankles, legs and other parts of the body	+++

3. Criteria to determine acute malnutrition

Acute malnutrition	Criteria
Global Acute Malnutrition (SAM + MAM)	<-2 WHZ (0-59 months) and/or MUAC < 125 mm (6-59 months) and/or Bilateral oedema
Moderate Acute Malnutrition	<-2 to \geq -3 WHZ (0-59 months) and/or MUAC \geq 115 mm to < 125 mm (6-59 months)
Severe Acute Malnutrition	< -3 WHZ (0-59 months) and/or MUAC < 115 mm (6-59 months) and/or Bilateral oedema