#### Pediatric diarrhea

- Pneumonia leading leading cause of death in children under 5 years (18%)
- Diarrhea second leading cause of death (15%)
- These deaths can be prevented with low cost treatments

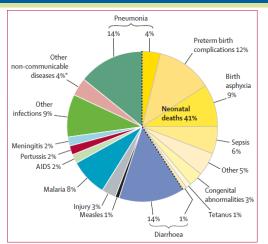
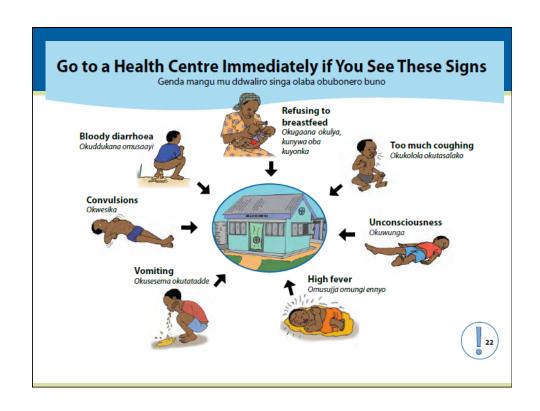


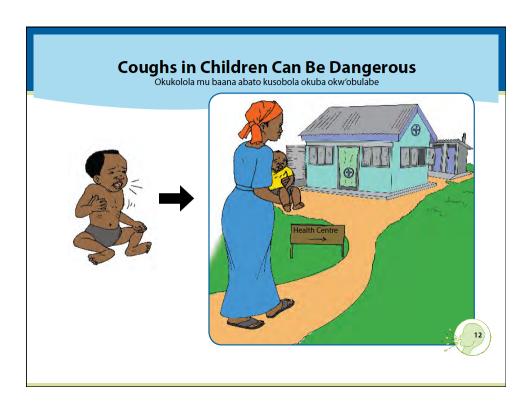
Figure 4: Global causes of child deaths

Data are separated into deaths of neonates aged 0-27 days and children aged 1-59 months. Causes that led to less than 1% of deaths are not presented.

\*Includes data for congenital abnormalities. Source: Black et al. <u>Lancet 2010; 375:1969-1987</u>

# Any child or newborn with... | Vomiting | V





# Specific danger signs for Pneumonia

- Bad cough
- Difficult breathing
- Severe respiratory distress
- Fast breathing
- Nasal flaring or grunting
- Decreased breath sounds, bronchial breath sounds, crackles and abnormal vocal resonance
- Stridor or wheezing

# When to seek care for Pneumonia

- Breathing more rapidly than normal
  - 2 months up to 12 months 50 or more breaths per minute
  - ●12 months up to 5 years − 40 or more breaths per minute
- Breathing with difficulty or gasping for air
- The lower part of the chest sucks in when breathing the stomach appears to move up and down, or the lower chest wall goes in as the child breathes in
- If the child has a cough for more than two weeks
- Unusual sleepiness
- Convulsions
- If the child becomes unconscious

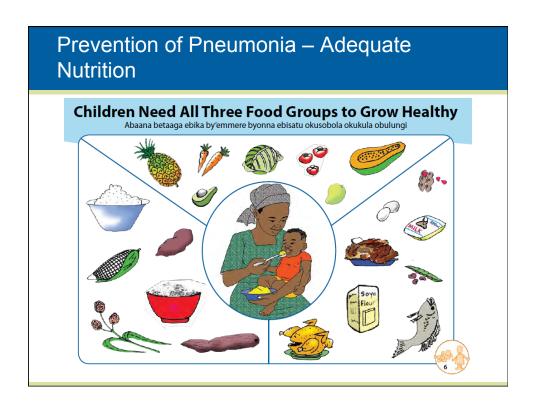
#### Prevention of Pneumonia

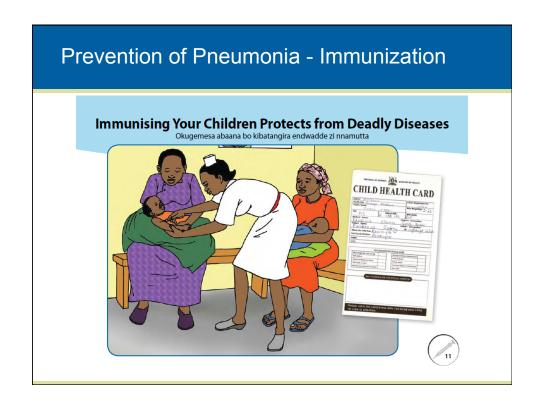
- Control of indoor air pollution
- Exclusive breastfeeding to six months of age
- Hand-washing to prevent spread of germs causing pneumonia
- Immunization
- Adequate nutrition

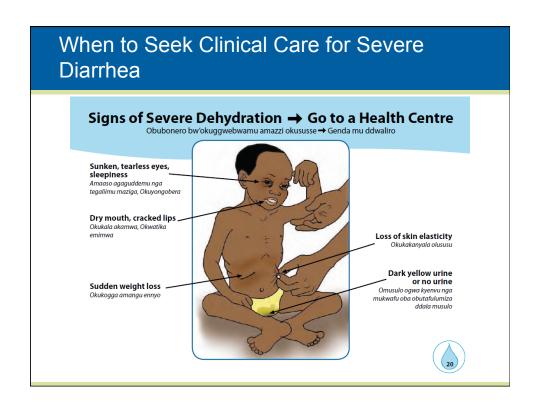
# Prevention of Pneumonia – Exclusive Breastfeeding Give Only Breastmilk from Birth to 6 Months Okuva ku kuzaalibwa okutuuka ku myezi mukaaga, omwana muyonse mabeere gokka

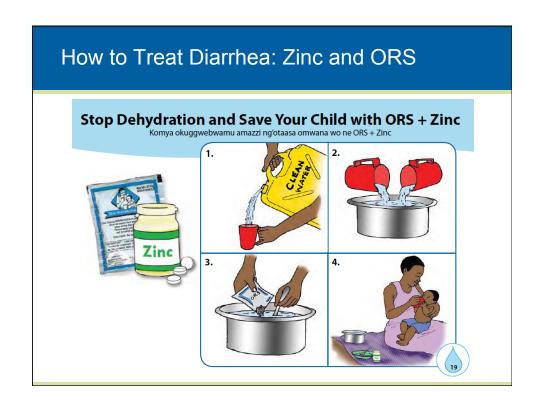












# How to Treat Diarrhea: Oral Rehydration

#### How to mix and give ORS:

- Wash hands with soap and water
- 1 liter bottle of water (may be less, follow package directions)
- 1 package of ORS
- Pour the entire packet of ORS into the bottle of water and mix until dissolved

#### Amount of ORS to give in addition to usual fluid intake:

- Up to 2 years 50 to 100 ml after each loose stool
- 2 years or more 100 to 200 ml after each loose stool

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#### Tell the mother to:

- Give frequent small sips from a cup
- If the child vomits, wait 10 minutes. Then continue, but more slowly
- Continue giving ORS until the diarrhoea stops
- · Breastfeed more frequently and for longer at each feed
- If the child is exclusively breastfed, give ORS solution in addition to breastmilk

#### How to Treat Diarrhea: ORS

#### If ORS is not available, give:

- · Clean water
- · Boiled rice water
- · Light porridge
- Soup
- Fruit juice
- · Clean water



# How to Treat Diarrhea: Zinc Supplements

Tell the mother how much Zinc to give:

- Up to 6 months 10 mg daily (1/2 tablet)
  - for 10 days
  - One 5-ml teaspoon syrup daily for 10 days
- 6 months or more 20 mg daily (1 tablet) for 10 days
  - Two 5-ml teaspoons syrup daily for 10 days





NOTE: Continue to give zinc for 10 days even if the diarrhoea stops earlier.

#### How to Treat Diarrhea: Zinc



# Why Zinc?

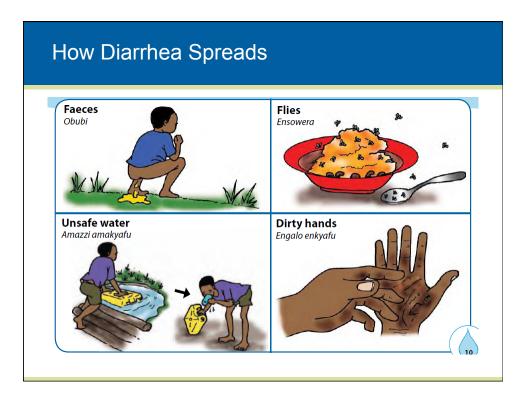
- Zinc is an essential micronutrient
- Zinc builds the body's immune system
- Most diarrheas are caused by viruses that do not respond to antibiotics. Zinc helps the body fight the viruses and end diarrhea episodes.
  - Zinc supplementation in children less than five years of age, significantly:
    - a) Reduces the severity of diarrhoea
    - b) Reduces the duration of diarrhoea
  - c) Reduces the incidence of diarrhoea in the subsequent two (2) to three (3) months after the diarrhoea episode



· Zinc is well tolerated by children

#### How Diarrhea Spreads

- Diarrhea spreads through fecal contamination in water or food. The germs that cause diarrhea are spread by
  - Contact with the dirt where feces has been dropped or washed
  - Flies and other insects that move from feces to food
  - Food that has fecal matter on or in it
  - Fingers that touch feces or other objects that have been contaminated
  - Water that has been contaminated by fecal matter



# Prevention of Diarrhea

- Maintain clean latrines and prevent seepage into the water supply
- Wash hands with soap and clean water after using the toilet, after cleaning a baby's nappy, and before preparing or eating food.
- Treat household drinking water daily to kill bacteria and then drink only treated water
- Do not consume food contaminated by non-potable water
- Nurse babies for at least 6 months exclusive and early breast-feeding
- Vaccinate children under 12 months to ward off other illnesses that can make a child more susceptible to diarrhea
- Adequate and safe complementary feeding

