

Table 4.31 Comparison of the anthropometric status of children aged 12 – 71 months from the present survey and that of children obtained from the SAVACG survey (1995)

Anthropometric parameter	Age groups in months					
	12 - 23 m/th	24 - 35 m/th	36 - 47 m/th	48 - 59 m/th	60 - 71 m/th	RSA (12 – 71 m/th)
Stunting						
Number (n) Present survey	406	408	384	356	329	1883
% H/A < - 2SDs Present survey	24.6 20.4-28.8*	25.5 21.2-29.7	26.3 21.9-30.7	23.0 18.6-27.4	18.8 14.6-23.1	23.8 21.9-25.8
Number (n) SAVACG survey	2048	2201	2144	1991	1533	10819
% H/A < - 2SDs SAVACG survey	23.4 21.0-25.9	22.8 20.4-25.1	23.8 21.6-26.1	24.0 21.4-26.5	23.8 20.9-26.7	22.9 21.4-24.5
Underweight						
Number (n) Present survey	406	408	384	356	329	1883
% W/A < - 2SDs Present survey	11.3 8.2-14.4	10.8 7.8-13.8	15.1 11.5-18.7	8.7 5.8-11.7	9.1 6.0-12.2	11.1 9.7-12.5
Number (n) SAVACG survey	2129	2247	2198	2064	1590	11238
% W/A < - 2SDs SAVACG survey	9.0 7.5-10.5	10.2 8.6-11.9	9.0 7.7-10.3	9.7 8.2-11.2	9.9 8.1-11.8	9.3 8.5-10.1
Wasting						
Number (n) Present survey	406	408	384	356	329	1883
% W/H < - 2SDs Present survey	6.9 4.4-9.4	4.2 2.2-6.1	0.8 0.0-1.7	1.4 0.2-2.6	4.3 2.1-6.4	3.6 2.7-4.4
Number (n) SAVACG survey	2027	2189	2142	1994	1528	10819
% W/H < - 2SDs SAVACG survey	3.6 2.7-4.5	2.1 1.4-2.7	1.6 1.1-2.2	2.3 1.7-3.0	3.0 2.1-4.0	2.6 2.2-2.9

* Confidence intervals

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	12 - 23 m/thrs	24 - 35 m/thrs	36 - 47 m/thrs	48 - 59 m/thrs	60 - 71 m/thrs	RSA (12 – 71 m/thrs)
Severe Stunting						
Number (n) Present survey	406	408	384	356	329	1883
% H/A < - 3SDs Present survey	8.4 5.7-11.1*	6.4 4.0-8.8	9.9 6.9-12.9	6.2 3.7-8.7	4.6 2.3-6.8	7.2 6.0-8.3
Number (n) SAVACG survey	2048	2201	2144	1991	1533	10871
% H/A < - 3SDs SAVACG survey	6.8*	6.7	7.2	6.7	7.3	6.6
Severe Underweight						
Number (n) Present survey	406	408	384	356	329	1883
% W/A < - 3SDs Present survey	1.5 0.3-2.7	3.4 1.7-5.2	1.6 0.3-2.8	0.8 0.0-1.8	0.6 0.0-1.5	1.6 1.1-2.2
Number (n) SAVACG survey	2129	2247	2198	2064	1590	11238
% W/A < - 3SDs SAVACG survey	1.7*	1.8	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.4
Severe Wasting						
Number (n) Present survey	406	408	384	356	329	1883
% W/H < - 3SDs Present survey	1.7 0.5-3.0	0.5 0.0-1.2	0.3 0.0-0.8	0.8 0.0-1.8	0.6 0.0-1.5	0.8 0.4-1.2
Number (n) SAVACG survey	2027	2189	2142	1994	1528	10819
% W/H < - 3SDs SAVACG survey	0.6*	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4

* Confidence intervals, where available

Table 4.33 Comparison of the anthropometric status of children in South Africa with that of children in some other countries in Africa, South America and Asia¹

Country	GNP/Capita (US\$ 1997)	Anthropometric status		
		Stunting♦	Underweight♦	Wasting♦
South Africa* 1999	3210	30	12.4	4.6
Ethiopia	110	64	48	8
Burundi	140	43	37	9
Tanzania	210	42	27	6
Malawi	210	48	40	7
Uganda	330	38	26	5
Bhutan	430	56	38	4
Nigeria	280	43	36	9
Bangladesh	360	55	56	18
India	370	52	53	18
Zambia	370	42	24	4
Ghana	390	26	27	11
Nicaragua	410	25	12	2
Pakistan	500	38	N/A [§]	N/A [§]
Lesotho	680	44	16	5
Zimbabwe	720	32	15	6
Bolivia	970	26	10	2
Egypt	1200	25	12	6
Guatemala	1580	50	27	3
El Salvador	1810	23	11	1
Namibia	2110	28	26	9
Botswana	3310	29	17	11
Brazil	4790	11	6	2

* Children aged 1 – 6 years;

♦ Data from other countries refer to under-five year old children; combined moderate and severe

§ N/A = Not available