



Trained community health workers are well positioned for early identification of children with severe acute malnutrition. According to WHO guidelines, undernourished children are managed by following an integrated management protocol, involving both community as well as facility based care.

## Screening criteria

WEIGHT FOR HEIGHT Weight relative to height/length (WFH) compared against WHO growth standards	Below $-3$ sd Less than 3 standard deviations below median	$-3$ sd to $-2$ sd Between 3 and 2 standard deviations below median	Above $-2$ sd More than 2 standard deviations below median
MID-UPPER ARM CIRCUMFERENCE This can identify children with severe acute malnutrition, but not predict risk of death	Less than 115 mm	Between 115–124 mm	More than 125 mm
BIALTERAL PITTING EDEMA Verified when normal thumb pressure applied on top of feet for 10 seconds leaves an indentation	✓ Present	✗ Not present	✗ Not present

