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Abbreviations and definitions

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| ART | antiretroviral therapy |
| CDC | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA) |
| Diarrhoea | the passage of loose or liquid stools more frequently than is normal for the individual |
| Persistent diarrhoea | diarrhoea for 14 days or more |
| Chronic diarrhoea | diarrhoea for 28 days or more |
| Bloody diarrhoea | presence of blood in the stools; also called dysentery |
| Infant | under 12 months of age |
| Generalized HIV epidemic | setting in which more than 1% of the population is HIV-positive |
| GRADE | grading of recommendations assessment, development and evaluation |
| HIV | human immunodeficiency virus |
| HIV-exposed | born to a mother who is HIV-infected |
| HIV-infected | proven to have HIV infection by tests appropriate to age |
| ORS | oral rehydration solution |
| PCP | <i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i> (previously <i>Pneumocystis carinii</i>) pneumonia |
| Pneumonia | |
| Danger signs | severe signs, including lethargy or unconsciousness, inability to drink or breastfeed, persistent vomiting, central cyanosis, severe respiratory distress, or convulsions in a child aged 2 months to 5 years |
| Non-severe | cough or difficult breathing and fast breathing in a child aged 2 months–5 years with no general danger signs |
| Severe | cough or difficult breathing plus lower chest indrawing with no general danger signs |
| Very severe | cough or difficult breathing in a child aged 2 months–5 years, chest indrawing |

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