THEN CHECK **ALL CHILDREN FOR MALNUTRITION**

LOOK AND FEEL:

- Look for mouth ulcers. Are they deep and extensive?
- Weigh the child and plot the child's weight-for-age in the RTHB
- Look at the shape of the child's weight curve. Does it show weight loss, unsatisfactory weight gain or satisfactory weight gain?
- If the child is 6 months or older measure the child's MUAC* and record in the child's RTHB
- If the child's weight-for-age chart shows a problem it is important to also measure and record their length/ height-for-age and weight-for-length/height in the child's RTHB to check for stunting and wasting, respectively
- Look for oedema of both feet
- Conduct an Appetite Test if indicated (p. 20)

* MUAC is Mid-Upper Arm Circumference which should be measured in all children 6 months or older using a MUAC tape.

** Growth curve flattening/ decreasing is defined by changes on the growth curve over a 2-3 month period.

CLASSIFY ALL CHILDREN'S NUTRITIONAL STATUS

One or more of the following • Oedema of both feet • Weight for length/ height z-score less than -3 **OR** MUAC less than 11.5cm **AND** **One or more of the following:** • Any danger sign • Any other RED or YELLOW classification • Weighs 4 kg or less • Less than six months of age • If fails appetite test (p. 20)	SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION WITH MEDICAL COMPLICATION	• **Test for low blood sugar, then prevent (p. 35)** • **Keep the child warm (p. 11)** • **Give antibiotic. If indicated for another classification, give ceftriaxone (p. 35). Otherwise give first dose of amoxicillin (p. 37)** • **Give stabilizing feed or F75 (p. 35)** • **Give dose of Vitamin A (p. 34)** • **Refer URGENTLY**
• Weight for length/ Height z-score < -3 **OR** • MUAC ≤ 11.5 cm **AND** • No oedema of both feet • Six months or older • Weighs 4 kg or more • No other RED or YELLOW classification	SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION WITHOUT MEDICAL COMPLICATION	• Give amoxicillin for 5 days (p. 37) • Give dose of Vitamin A (p. 34) and treat for worms if due (p. 34) • Assess the child's feeding and counsel the caregiver on the feeding recommendations (p. 16 - 23) • Assess for possible HIV & TB infection (p. 32 & 33) • Provide RUTF or other supplements according to local guidelines (p. 41) • Advise caregiver when to return immediately (p. 45) • Make sure that the has a birth certificate, and is receiving a child support grant if eligible. • Refer to other available services if indicated (CHW, social worker, community based organisations) • Follow up in 7 days (p. 48)
• Weight for length/height between -3 and –2 z-score **OR** MUAC from 11.5 cm to 12.5cm • No oedema of both feet	MODERATE ACUTE MALNUTRITION	• Give dose of Vitamin A (p. 34) and treat for worms if due (p. 34) • Assess the child's feeding and counsel the caregiver on the feeding recommendations (p. 16 - 23) • Assess for possible HIV & TB infection (p. 32 & 33) • Provide RUTF or other supplements according to local guidelines (p. 41) • Advise caregiver when to return immediately (p. 45) • Make sure that the has a birth certificate, and is receiving a child support grant if eligible. • Refer to other available services if indicated (CHW, social worker, community based organisations) • Follow up in 7 days (p. 48)
• Losing weight **OR** • Weight gain unsatisfactory **OR** • Low or very low weight **OR** • Low length for age (children below 24 months)	NOT GROWING WELL	• Assess the child's feeding and counsel the caregiver on the feeding recommendations (p. 16 - 23) • Assess for possible HIV & TB infection (p. 32 & 33) • Treat for worms and give Vitamin A if due (p. 34) • Make sure that the child has a birth certificate, and is receiving a child support grant if eligible. Refer to other available services if indicated (CHW, social worker, community based organisations) • Advise caregiver when to return immediately (p.45) • If feeding problem follow up in 7 days (p. 48) • If no feeding problem, follow-up after 14 days (p. 48)
• Weight for length/height greater than +2 z-score	OVERWEIGHT / OBESE	• Assess feeding, and counsel caregiver(p. 23) • Provide dietary counseling (p. 22) • Encouraging healthy eating habits for entire family (p. 23) • Provide advice on physical activity (p. 21)
• Weight normal **AND** • Weight gain satisfactory **AND** • Weight for length/height –2 z-score or more **OR** MUAC 12.5 cm or more	GROWING WELL	• Praise the caregiver • If the child is less than 2 years old, assess feeding and counsel the caregiver on feeding according to the feeding recommendations (p. 18 - 20) • If feeding problem, follow up in 7 days (p. 48)