

Table 1: Maternal responses to food security questions at six weeks postpartum.

Question	Sub-study (N=204)			Full cohort (N=1,398)		
	Girls (N=100)	Boys (N=104)	P	Girls (N=681)	Boys (N=717)	P
	% who responded sometimes or often					
Food runs out due to lack of money	51	40	0.160	45	42	0.195
I/we eat less because of lack of money	47	35	0.087	39	34	0.076
The variety of foods I am (we are) able to eat is limited by lack of money	46	32	0.036	42	37	0.071
I/we rely on others to provide food and/or money for food for my/our household when I/we don't have enough money	33	19	0.025	32	28	0.162
I/we make use of special food grants or food banks when I/we do not have enough money for food	14	12	0.837	15	13	0.491
I feel stressed because of not having enough money for food	33	31	0.765	37	32	0.064
I feel stressed because I can't provide the food I want for social occasions	19	15	0.578	27	22	0.034
	% food insecure					
Total score for 7 questions ≥ 4	33	21	0.057	35	29	0.025

To each question, mothers responded either “never,” “sometimes” or “often.” For each question the proportion responding never is presented. The three responses were scored 0, 1 and 2 respectively. A total score was derived by summing all seven individual question scores. Total score ≤ 3 was categorised as food secure and ≥ 4 as food insecure.