



Ensuring Child Health and Nutrition: An ASHA's Role



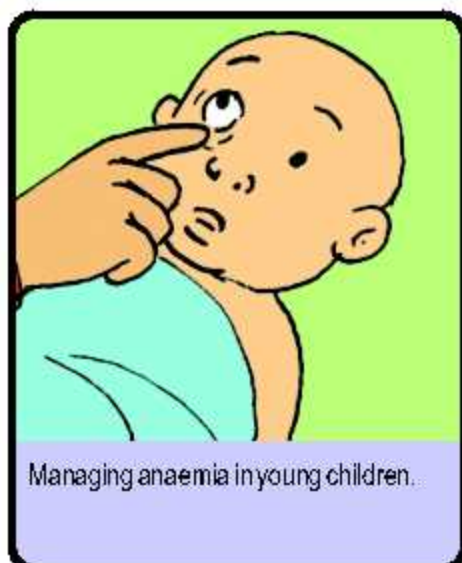
Communicating essential messages on prevention of malnutrition.



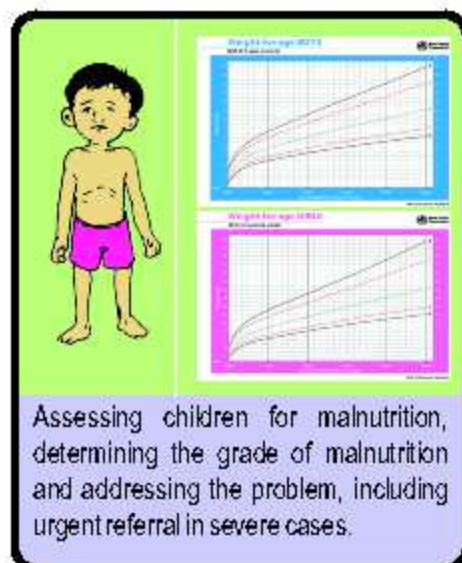
Advising families on feeding practices and access to health and nutrition services.



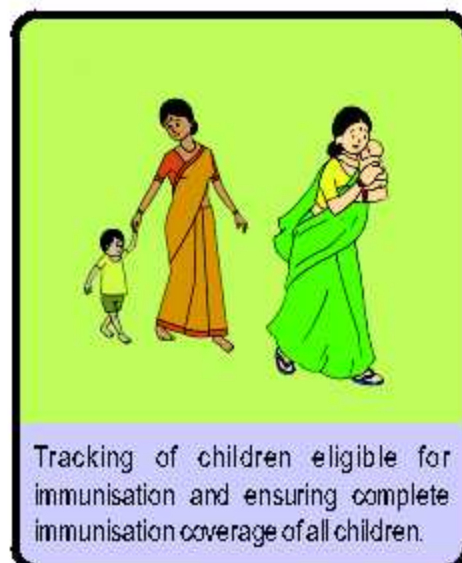
Counselling families for prevention of malnutrition and reversal of malnutrition in children below five years.



Managing anaemia in young children.



Assessing children for malnutrition, determining the grade of malnutrition and addressing the problem, including urgent referral in severe cases.



Tracking of children eligible for immunisation and ensuring complete immunisation coverage of all children.



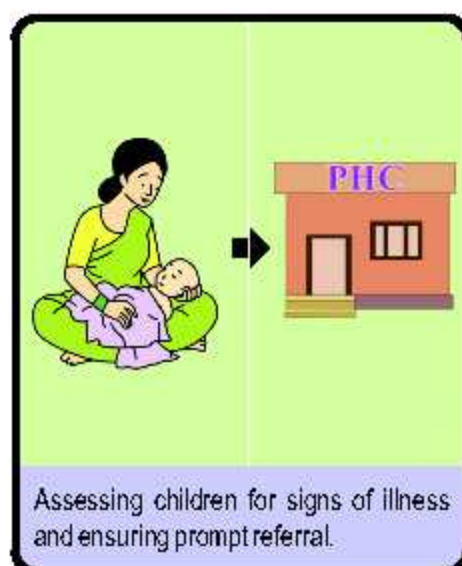
Ensuring that first dose of BCG is given soon after birth.



Discussing immunisation with families of all eligible children and escorting mother and child to the VHND when the vaccine is due.



Mobilizing children for VHND, and paying special attention to ensure that the poorest and most marginalized children are able to access immunisation services.



Assessing children for signs of illness and ensuring prompt referral.



Assessing children for fever, enabling referral if required and starting first line of treatment.



Managing diarrhoea, including counselling family on prevention, on use of ORS and referral in severe cases.



Diagnosing and managing acute respiratory infection and referral in serious cases.



Helping home management for common cold and cough.