

**Table 1 Distribution of various characteristics of diarrhoea among the study subjects**

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>No. of children (n = 856)</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>Onset of symptoms</i>		
Acute	787	
91.9		
Chronic	69	8.1
<i>Presenting symptoms<sup>a</sup></i>		
Watery stool	830	
97.0		
Vomiting	708	
82.7		
Fever	635	
74.2		
Blood and mucus	150	
17.5		
Abdominal cramps	239	
27.9		
<i>Number of stools per day</i>		
1–5	328	
38.3		
6–9	361	
42.2		
10–19	151	
17.6		
20–30	16	1.9
<i>Associated illness</i>		
	96	
11.2		
Respiratory illness (n = 96)	70	