

Table 1 Prevalence of diarrhoea in the 2 weeks prior to the survey, by different definitions of improved water supply

Definition	No. of children	Prevalence of diarrhoea (%) ^d	P-value
JMP definition^a			
Improved	9731	8.4	NS
Unimproved	261	6.9	
Total	9992	8.4	
Improved-uninterrupted definition^b			
Improved-uninterrupted	5738	7.0	< 0.001
Improved-interrupted	3993	10.6	
Improved-unstored definition^c			
Improved-unstored	7909	7.8	< 0.001*
Uninterrupted	5395	7.5	
Interrupted	2514	10.8	
Improved-stored	1822	11.2	
Uninterrupted	343	10.8	
Interrupted	1479	12.4	

^aWater obtained from a piped source within the dwelling, a public tap, a tubewell, borehole or a protected well or spring; ^bImproved water supply with no interruption in water supply in the past 2 weeks; ^cImproved water supply and household does not store water before use.

^dCalculations use Egypt Demographic and Health Survey sample weights.

*P-value for improved-unstored versus improved-stored.

JMP = WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation; NS = not significant.