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Acute diarrhoeal disorders among pre-school children in the estate population of two selected estates in Hunnasgiriya in the Kandy District

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The objective was to find the prevalence of acute diarrhoeal disorders among children aged 2-5 years in the estate population and to study the knowledge and practices of mothers regarding acute diarrhoeal disorders and to describe some socio-economic factors of these families. There was a significant difference in knowledge regarding " Jeewani" between literate and illiterate mothers and also between mothers with formal and mothers with no formal education. There was a significant difference in practices in dealing with acute diarrhoeal disorders between literate and illiterate mothers at P=0.05 level. Majority of mothers restricted food during diarrhoeal episodes. Inability to generalize the results of this study to the overall estate population of Sri Lanka is a limitation of this study.