In 2002 there were almost 3.2 million deaths of children aged under 5 years, but not under 1 year old. The distribution of these deaths is: 29% in Southern Asia, 26% in Northern Africa, and 18% in Southeastern Africa. The territory with the most deaths of children aged 1 to 4 in one year was India, at 670 thousand.

The region with the highest death rate in this age group was Central Africa, where there are 79 deaths per 1000 live births. This is three times more than the world average. The region with the lowest death rate is Western Europe, where 1.4 children aged 1 to 4 died in 2002 per 1000 live births.

Territory size shows the proportion of all deaths of children aged over 1 year and under 5 years old, that occurred there in 2002.

“The image of what you saw — a dying child — is very frequent here. It is our reality.”

Laurinda Vidal Quipunco, 2006