Health of the Children: National Family Health Survey-5

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Introduction

The findings of the latest round of the National Family Health Survey (i.e. NFHS-5) conducted in 2019-20 covering 22 States/UTs under phase-I present a somewhat disappointing picture of children’s health in India. The majority of the experts, based on prima facie evidence, just highlighted the deteriorating sign of child health in terms of an increase in the proportion of stunted and underweight children in most of the phase-I states/UTs over the last two rounds of NFHS (2015-16 to 2019-20). Several authors concluded that the poorer child health outcomes during the last five years are either due to economic slowdown, deteriorating public health care systems, or due to adverse effects of poverty, unemployment, and the economic shocks India experienced.

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