

**CONSUMPTION OF RURAL HOUSEHOLDS IN FOOD AND NOURISHMENT IN MAHARASHTRA STATE, INDIA****Dr. Mahesh Tanaji Kolhal**Assistant Professor  
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Among the Indian states, Maharashtra has the highest rate of malnutrition. According to information provided by the state to the Bombay High Court, 6,582 kids perished from starvation between April of 2019 and April of 2022. In an affidavit submitted in April 2022, the state administration acknowledged that during these 39 months, the number of children with severe acute malnutrition increased by over 26,000 while the number of children with intermediate acute malnutrition increased by over one lakh. Almost 33 lakh youngsters in India are malnourished as of November 2021, which creates a somber and depressing backdrop to the country's 75th independences and discussions of a rapidly growing economy. According to data given by the Women's Health Initiative, more than half are extremely malnourished.

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A nutritious meal is crucial for true health. Eating proper is one of the most necessary components of healthful living. A nutritious, balanced food plan maintains our physique wholesome and helps battle off diseases. The UNDP's sustainable improvement desires have additionally recommended that attainment of meals and dietary safety is quintessential for all human existence and all and sundry has the proper to consume secure and nutritious meals with fitness well-being. Farming neighborhood in India has performed a top notch position in meals self-sufficiency and meals protection of the nation, however, they themselves lack the wholesome and hygienic meals consumption habits especially the horticultural merchandise (Sundaram et al., 2011). Among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the 2d SDG of UN is to quit hunger, attain meals protection and expanded vitamin and promote sustainable agriculture. Revealed that in 2020, between 720 and 811 million human beings in the world had been sufferings from starvation as many as 161 million greater than in 2019. In the identical year, over 30 per cent a beautiful 2.4 billion humans – 6 have been slightly or severely meals insecure, missing normal get admission to enough food. This represents an make bigger of nearly 320 million human beings in simply one year.

**METHODOLOGY**

This Data Note describes the developments for a set of key vitamin and fitness outcomes, determinants, and insurance of interventions. The findings right here are primarily based on facts from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 2015-2016, 2018-2022. In addition to well-known prevalence-based analyses, this Data Note consists of headcount-based analyses aligned to the furnish proof that helps discover precedence districts and variety of districts in the country with public fitness subject as per the WHO guidelines. The Data Note consists of a color-coded dashboard to examine the coverage of vitamin interventions throughout all the districts in the state. It concludes with key takeaways for children, women, and guys and identifies areas the place the kingdom has attainable to improve.

**Results and Discussion: -**

According to Swaminathan (2020) new evaluation from the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) confirmed that hundred million of humans in India above the worldwide poverty line of \$ 1.90 buying energy parity (PPP) per individual per day can't manage to pay for a healthful or nutritious diet. The statistics associated to opinion of the respondents about stability weight loss plan (Table 1) printed that about 70 per cent farm female opined that stability eating regimen offers strength to work observed by means of stability consumption of meals affords all integral physique nutrient (65%), it helps to develop and construct physique (63.33%), stability eating regimen protects in opposition to illnesses (58.33%) and balanced eating regimen helps proper fitness (53.33%) and enhances immunity (41.67%). However, college teens of ninth and 10 fashionable of village college have been discovered nearly comparable share of opinion as shared by means of farm women.

**Maharashtra's malnutrition**

In final few years, malnutrition has begun to acquire extraordinarily greater coverage interest as numerous states have taken massive scale initiatives to tackle it. The central government's selection to launch a National Nutrition Mission displays the government's acceptance that malnutrition in India is past ideal and consequently must be prioritised. Maharashtra is frequently stated as a success story for developing a State

Nutrition Mission and managing to limit stunting by way of 15 share factors for the duration of 2006-12 (Haddad et al 2014). While Maharashtra's fulfillment in reducing baby stunting has attracted a great deal interest (Nisbett and Barnett 2017, Haddad et al 2014), much less inquired upon is the query of sustainability: will this decline in stunting, introduced about in a brief length of six years, be maintained? This query is even greater pertinent when considered in context of the upward shove in incidences of losing considered as a temporary measure of malnutrition which displays interruptions in get admission to to meals and improved threat of death. Wasting and extreme losing in Maharashtra have multiplied from 20.11% and 2005-06 to 27.58% in 2015-16 respectively (Table 1).

**Table 1: Decline in malnutrition among children below five years of age in Maharashtra (between 2005-06 and 2018-22)**

Period	Stunting	Underweight	Wasting
2005-06	42.55	42	20.11
2015-16	34.4	38	27.58
2018-2022	11.9	55	15.96

Source: Third and fourth rounds of National Family Health Survey

**There a Divergence: -**

This contradictory conduct of a variety of symptoms of malnutrition in Maharashtra underscores the pressure of structural boundaries that have been bypassed by means of ongoing vitamin intervention in the state. My interactions with more than a few officers and group of workers in the district planning board show up to set up the underlying function of systemic constraints and institutional elements technical ability and understanding are frequently discovered lacking. Maharashtra has made aggressive interventions to tackle baby malnutrition however the strategy is really oriented closer to a rapid restore and overlooks the want for sustainability.

The big discount of toddler stunting via round 15 proportion factors for the duration of 2006-2012 (Haddad et al 2014) has resulted from country interventions that are targeted however additionally tremendously goal oriented: the center of attention is on assembly numbers as an alternative than enhancing infrastructure. As a result, the improvement of vitamin infrastructure has been sidelined, structural necessities have been unnoticed and neighborhood authorities' establishments have no longer been worried in the process. The trouble with non-permanent options that gain measurable consequences is the sidelining of troubles that are deeply embedded and require long-term structural exchange (Fukuda-Parr and Orr 2014). That is why no longer all indications of malnutrition exhibit comparable deceleration. This state of affairs on vitamin intervention in Maharashtra displays what Nelson (2015) discusses in context of fitness intervention in Africa: focused on discounts in maternal mortality costs hurries up the style in the direction of narrow, vertical interventions calculated to go the Millennial Development Goals (MDG) ambitions besides imparting adequate interest to advantageous structures which ought to grant healthcare crucial for maternal health.

**Identity Affect Access to Nutrition: -**

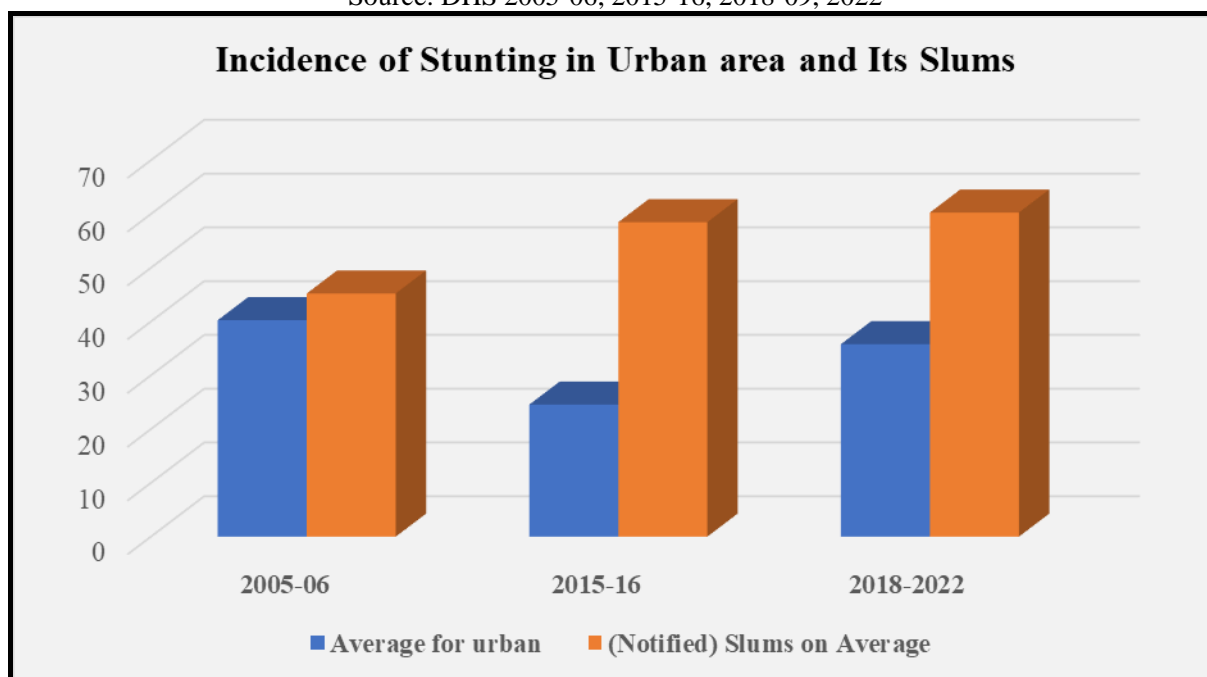
Maharashtra's vitamin interventions overlook each urban and fairness dimensions in incidences of starvation and malnutrition, the place fairness in city areas is a higher problem due to a widespread populace difference. Evidence from throughout the globe (IFPRI 2017, FAO 2012, Crush and Frayne 2011, Haddad et al 1999) and from India as properly highlights that malnutrition in city areas, even though nevertheless greater than rural counterparts, has been displaying larger downward tension than the latter. This have to be purpose for problem for Maharashtra, one of the country's greater urbanized states.

This exclusion is now not exogenous, rather it is a product of nearby sentiments and biases that work towards positive communities. Numerous casual influences based totally on biases of imposing actors can be discovered in the direction of unique groups, which end result in an absence of get admission to to a number of entitlements. These influences have been bypassed by way of formal institutional design, main to Programme screw ups vis-à-vis sure companies (Choudhary 2017). Ostensibly, these settlements characterize companies whose boundaries are created or accentuated through others in order to justify discrimination and enrich and empower these who do the classification (Stewart 2004). After mentioned starvation deaths in remaining few years, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) centres have been created in the neighborhood of these groups, however the exceptional of diet stays an issue.

**Table 2: Incidence of Stunting in Urban area and Its Slums**

Period	Average for urban area	(Notified) Slums on Average
2005-06	40.25	45.22
2015-16	24.55	58.48
2018-2022	35.78	60.27

Source: DHS 2005-06, 2015-16, 2018-09, 2022



Observations made by using a SNEHA (Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action) consultant critique the present-day country of affairs of Maharashtra's Nutrition Mission, specifically with admire to the vulnerability of casual settlements and migrants in Mumbai.

'The diet mission set up in Maharashtra has no longer been a great deal lively and its center of attention is restrained to rural areas. Though ICDS centers have been primarily prolonged to casual settlements also, nice stays a large concern. Also in city areas, these facilities do now not measure top of children, as a phase of boom monitoring. Thus, monitoring of infant malnutrition, which is an necessary job of ICDS centers, stays partial.

Further, subject interactions additionally expose that neighborhood establishments continue to be alienated from programme sketch and different government actions. It is excessive time that the states which includes Maharashtra start to contain nearby governments in diet planning and intervention. While Maharashtra's vitamin interventions are appreciable, this spirit has no longer been internalized by way of ground-level institutions. In the absence of this, the difficulty of equity, which features at grass roots level, continues to elude positive companies even though the motion graph of its State Nutrition Mission does realised these challenges. These are genuinely structural troubles which have been systematically bypassed below Maharashtra's diet intervention whilst the advent of the vitamin mission has been observed by way of an awful lot hype.

### Conclusion

The National Nutrition Mission can also fall brief of assembly its mandate until structural troubles are accommodated in its functioning. Unfortunately, from its inception the authorities of India's intention is to work with a top-down approach. One hundred and fifteen (most backward) aspirational districts have been chosen by means of the authorities for improvement in which vitamin is a vital component. Further, in view that the administration is technically weak, it relies upon too lots upon donor companies like World Bank and Care India in a way that the nation civil society boundary looks to have been blurred. The question, therefore, is this: can the National Nutrition Mission, with the aforementioned challenges, invoke transformative alternate and enhance

India's diet scenario.

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