



ICDS Survey in Jharkhand

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According to a recent survey, **more than 55% did not receive Supplementary Nutrition under Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)** in **Jharkhand** even once in the first six months of 2021.

Key Points

▪ Vulnerability of Jharkhand:

- As per [National Family Health Survey-4 data](#), **every second child in the state is stunted and underweight** and every third child is affected by stunting and **every 10th child** is affected from **severe wasting** and around **70% children are anemic**.

▪ ICDS:

◦ About:

- The **Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)** is a [centrally sponsored scheme](#) implemented by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**. It was **launched in 1975**.

◦ Six Schemes under Umbrella ICDS:

• [Anganwadi Services Scheme:](#)

- It is a unique programme **for early childhood care and development**.
- The **beneficiaries** under the Scheme are **children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers**.
- It provides a **package of six services** namely **supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, nutrition & health education, immunization, health check-up and referral services**.
- **Supplementary Nutrition** includes Take Home Ration (THR), Hot Cooked Meal and morning snacks and holds importance for many vulnerable households as it impacts the nutritional outcome of the children.

• [Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana:](#)

- It provides **cash incentive amounting to Rs.5,000/- in three installments** directly to the Bank/Post Office Account of Pregnant Women and Lactating Mother (PW&LM) in [DBT \(Direct Benefit Transfer\) Mode](#) during pregnancy and lactation in response to individual fulfilling specific conditions.

• [National Creche Scheme:](#)

- It provides **day care facilities to children of age group of 6 months to 6 years of working women**.
- The facilities are provided for **seven and half hours a day for 26 days in a month**.

- Children are provided with supplementary nutrition, early childcare education, and health and sleeping facilities.
- [Scheme for Adolescent Girls](#):
 - It aims at **out of school girls in the age group 11-14**, to empower and improve their social status through nutrition, life skills and home skills.
 - The scheme has **nutritional and non nutritional components** which include nutrition; iron and folic acid supplementation; health check up and referral service; nutrition and health education; mainstreaming out of school girls to join formal schooling bridge course/ skill training; life skill education, home management etc.; counselling/ guidance on accessing public services.
- **Child Protection Scheme**:
 - It aims to **contribute to the improvement and well-being of children in difficult circumstances**, as well as, reduction of vulnerabilities to situations and actions that lead to abuse, neglect, exploitation, abandonment and separation of children from parents.
- [POSHAN Abhiyaan](#):
 - It targets to **reduce the level of stunting, under-nutrition, anemia and low birth weight babies** by reducing mal-nutrition/undernutrition, anemia among **young children** as also, **focus on adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers**.

▪ Objectives of ICDS:

- To improve the **nutritional and health status of children** in the age-group **0-6 years**.
- To lay the foundation for **proper psychological, physical and social development** of the child.
- To reduce the **incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropout**.
- To achieve **effective coordination of policy and implementation** amongst the various departments to promote child development.
- To enhance the **capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child**.
- To **facilitate, educate and empower Adolescent Girls (AGs)** so as to enable them to become self-reliant and aware citizens.

Other Similar Government Schemes

▪ [National Health Mission \(NHM\)](#):

- Launched in 2013, it subsumed the **National Rural Health Mission and the National Urban Health Mission**.
- It is being **implemented by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**.
- The main programmatic components include health system strengthening in rural and urban areas for - **Reproductive-Maternal- Neonatal-Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A)**, and **Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases**.

▪ [Mid Day Meal Scheme](#):

- It was launched in 1995 as a **centrally sponsored scheme**.
- It provides that **every child within the age group of six to fourteen years studying in classes I to VIII** who enrolls and attends the school shall be provided with a **hot cooked meal, free of charge every day except on school holidays**.
- It comes under the **Education Ministry's Department of School Education and Literacy**.

▪ **National Nutrition Strategy**:

- The Strategy **aims to reduce all forms of undernutrition by 2030**, with a focus on the most vulnerable and critical age groups.
- It also **aims to assist in achieving the targets identified as part of the [Sustainable](#)**

- [Development Goals](#) related to nutrition and health.
- It has been released by the [NITI Aayog](#).

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