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Health and Morbidity Profile of Bharias-A Primitive Tribe of Madhya Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The study was carried out to determine the health and morbidity status of Bharia tribe. A total of ten villages were surveyed, and total of 172 households and nine hundred ten individuals were covered. The major occupation of the head in the households surveyed is agriculture and agriculture labor. 66.4 percent of the population was illiterate. Acute respiratory infection and fever were the commonest morbidity found more in preschool and school going children than adult population. According to weight for age, 52.5 percent of the Pre-school children were underweight ($<-2SD$). Stunting was 48.1 and wasting was 33.9 percent. Prevalence of chronic energy deficiency ($BMI < 18.5$) was about 35.6 percent in adult population. Bharia Children are suffering with more morbidity like fever, respiratory infection and malnutrition than adult population.