

Nutritional Status of Children Residing in Squatter Settlements on Pavements and Along Roadsides of Jaipur City as Determined by Anthropometry

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ABSTRACT The nutritional status of 296 children in the age group of 2-3 and 3-4 years residing in squatter settlements on pavements and along roadsides in Jaipur city was determined through anthropometry. Data on weights and heights of children were collected using standardized techniques. The results revealed that the weights and heights of these children were below those of their well-to-do counterparts. In the age group of 2-3 years, as per weight for age indicator using IAP classification, 35.5% boys and 32.4% girls were in the normal category. Similarly, in the age group of 3-4 years, 14.9% boys and 18.7% girls were in the normal category. In both the age groups, the rest suffered from varying grades of malnutrition.