

DISTRICT NUTRITION PROFILE

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About District Nutrition Profiles:

District Nutrition Profiles (DNPs) are available for 707 districts in India. They present trends for key nutrition and health outcomes and their cross-sectoral determinants in a district. The DNPs are based on data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-2016) and NFHS-5 (2019-2020). They are aimed primarily at district administrators, state functionaries, local leaders, and development actors working at the district-level.



Figure 1: Map highlights district Nalbari in the state/UT of Assam

Given the focus of India's national nutrition mission on child

undernutrition, the DNPs focus on the determinants of child undernutrition (Figure on the left). Multiple determinants of suboptimal child nutrition and development contribute to the

outcomes seen at the district-level. Different types of

interventions can influence these determinants. Immediate

determinants include inadequacies in food, health, and care for

infants and young children, especially in the first two years of life. Nutrition-specific interventions such as health service

delivery at the right time during pregnancy and early childhood

can affect immediate determinants. Underlying and basic

determinants include women's status, household food security,

hygiene, and socio-economic conditions. Nutrition-sensitive

interventions such as social safety nets, sanitation programs,

women's empowerment, and agriculture programs can affect

What factors lead to child undernutrition?

Optimum fetal and child nutrition and development

IMMEDIATE DETERMINANTS

Breastfeeding, nutrient-rich foods, caregiving practices, low burden of infectious diseases

UNDERLYING AND BASIC DETERMINANTS

Women's status, sanitation and hygiene, food security, socioeconomic conditions

Source: Adapted from Black et al. (2008)

NUTRITION-SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS

Service delivery to mothers and infants along the continuum of care, access to health facilities

INTERVENTIONS THAT AFFECT UNDERLYING AND BASIC DETERMINANTS

Women's empowerment, sanitation, agriculture, and social safety net programs

District demographic profile, 2019-20

Nalbari



917/1,000

Sex ratio (females per 1,000 males) of the total population



247,691

Number of women in reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



underlying and basic determinants.

13,824

Number of pregnant women



12,606

Number of live births



64,330

Total number of children under 5 vrs



12,265

Children under 5 yrs whose births were registered

Source:

- 1. IFPRI estimates The headcount was calculated as the product of the undernutrition prevalence and the total eligible projected population for each district in 2019. Projected population for 2019 was estimated using Census 2011.
- 2. NFHS-4 (2015-16) & NFHS-5 district & state factsheets (2019-20).

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Low-birth weight

Stunted

Stunted

15%

Wasted

15%

Severely wasted

Underweight

Overweight/obesity

Anemia

0%

20%

45%

71%

71%

71%

Assam

2016

2020

Burden on nutrition outcomes (2020)

Indicators	No. of children (<5 yrs)
Low-birth weight	NA
Stunted	17,684
Wasted	9,894
Severely wasted	3,152
Underweight	17,170
Overweight/obesity	2,940
Anemia	41,018
Total children	64,330

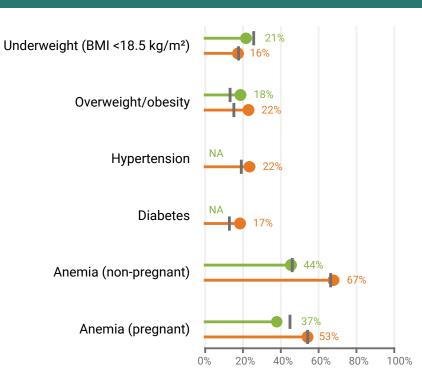
Note: NA refers to data are unavailable for a given round of NFHS data.

Points of discussion:

- · What are the trends in undernutrition among children under five years of age (stunting, wasting, underweight, and anemia)?
- What are the trends in overweight/obesity among children under five years of age in the district?

The state of nutrition outcomes among women (15-49 years)

Nalbari



Assam





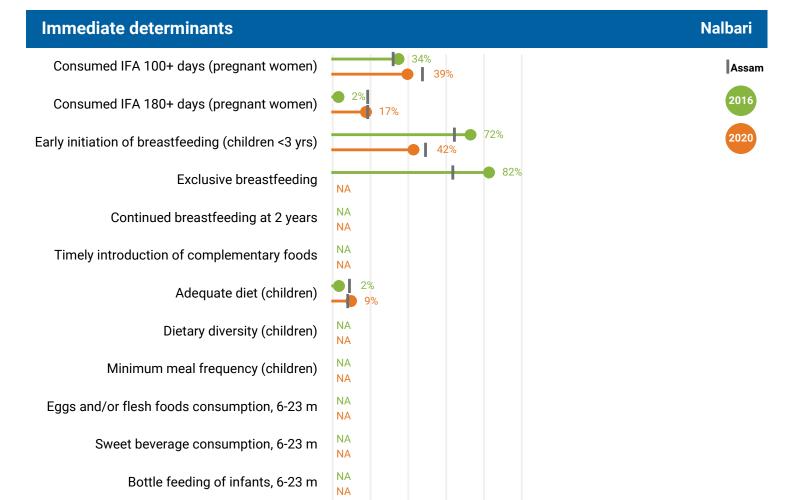
Burden on nutrition outcomes (2020)

Indicators	No. of women (15-49 yrs)
Underweight	40,498
Overweight/obesity	54,096
Hypertension	55,681
Diabetes	42,974
Anemia (non-preg)	165,755
Anemia (preg)	7,350
Total women (preg)	13,824
Total women	247,691

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Points of discussion:

- What are the trends in underweight and anemia among women (15-49 yrs) in the district?
- What are the trends in overweight/obesity and other nutrition-related non-communicable diseases in the district?



Points of discussion:

• What are the trends in infant and young child feeding (timely initiation of breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding, timely initiation of complementary feeding, and adequate diet)? What can be done to improve infant and young child feeding?

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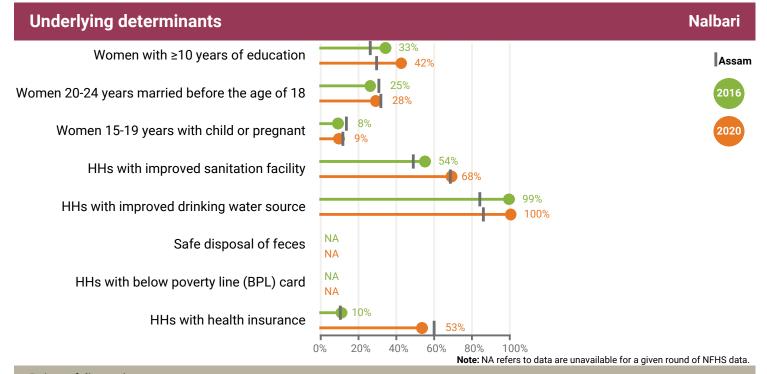
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• What are the trends in IFA consumption among pregnant women in the district? How can the consumption be improved?

20%

0%

· What additional data are needed to understand diets and/or other determinants?



Points of discussion:

- · How can the district increase women's literacy, and reduce early marriage, if needed?
- How does the district perform on providing drinking water and sanitation to its residents? Since sanitation and hygiene play an important role in improving nutrition outcomes, how can all aspects of sanitation be improved?
- How can programs that address underlying and basic determinants (education, poverty, gender) be strengthened?
- · What additional data are needed on food systems, poverty or other underlying determinants?

Demand for FP satisfied lodized salt Pregnancy registered (MPC card) ANC first trimester > 4 ANC visits Weighing Birth preparedness counselling Breastfeeding counselling Tetanus injection Received IFA tab/syrup Deworming Food supplementation Institutional birth Financial assistance (JSY) Skilled birth attendant Postnatal care for mothers Postnatal care for babies Food supplementation Health & nutrition education Health checkup (ICDS) Full immunization Vitamin A Pediatric IFA Deworming

Food supplementation (6-35 months)

Counselling on child growth

ORS during diarrhea

Zinc during diarrhea

Careseeking for ARI

Preschool at AWC

Health checkup from AWC

Weighing





Points of discussion:

· How does the district perform on health and nutrition interventions along the continuum of care? Does it adequately provide both prenatal and postnatal services to women of reproductive age, pregnant women, new mothers and newborns?

0%

20%

40%

60%

80%

· How has access to health and ICDS services changed over time (food supplementation, health and nutrition education and health checkups)?