

Preschool education

- ICDS, TINP, NMS
- Creches and balwadis in the voluntary sector
- Matriculation and nursery schools
- Private and unrecognised preprimary schools

Day-care -- full or partial

- ICDS, TINP, NMS (3-5 years only)
- Creches (0-6 years)
- balwadis (3-6 years only)
- private creches, nurseries and preschools

THE GAP

Can you estimate the gap between needs and services in terms of

- the quantity
- the location
- the timings
- the age-group
- the seasons
- the nature

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CHILD CARE NEEDS AND SERVICES THE GAP

What kind of child care services and how much, are needed? And what kind and how much are provided? Can we measure the gap?

To survey and evaluate needs, services and gaps, here are some of the things you should look at, in your own area.

WHO NEEDS CHILD CARE SERVICES?

Try to find out

- ? HOW MANY women are there below the poverty line? And how many of them have children below five years of age?
- ? WHICH occupations are these women engaged in? What timings? Which seasons? At which places? In their homes? or outside?
- ? WHERE do they live? Work? Are they home-based workers? Employed away from home? Distance from place of work? Transportation time and mode?
- ? WHAT services do they need for their children? for which age-group? 0-2 years, or 3-5 years, or 0-5 years? Health services? Nutrition supplements? Preschool education? Or all three? Do they need day-care? For which age-group? Partial or full day?
- ? WHO meets day-care needs now? Elders, siblings, other family members, child care centres? Or children carried to the workspot?
- ? WHEN do they need the services and HOW OFTEN? Daily? Seasonally? Which seasons /
- ? HOW MANY girls aged 6-14 are not going to school? WHY NOT? WHAT are they doing? Are they engaged in care of younger children? What kind of child care services would help them?

WHAT ARE CHILD CARE SERVICES?

- Health care only
- Nutrition supplements only
- Both health and nutrition
- Preschool education only
- Health, nutrition and preschool education
- Day-care (full or partial) with all the components, for 0-2 years, 2-6 years, 0-6 years

WHO PROVIDES CHILD CARE SERVICES?

Health

- PHCs and sub-centres
- hospitals and dispensaries (Government, Municipal)
- clinics and dispensaries (private)
- clinics and dispensaries (voluntary and charitable)

Nutrition

- TINP
- Noon Meals Centres, ICDS, Special Nutrition Programme
- Voluntary sector, balwadi and creches
- Other mother and child feeding schemes, private, charitable or voluntary