

Child Deprivation and Link with Poverty: A Field Survey in Purulia

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Abstract

Child deprivation is a global problem that persists both in developed and less developed countries but in different forms. A child is counted as deprived in one or more domains depending on the number and type of deprivation experiences at different ages of the childhood period. Child deprivation is a multidimensional phenomenon that can be analysed from different points of view. Depriving children of access to basic health may adversely affects the socio-economic conditions which usually stunts their growth, makes them physically weak, exposes them to high level of mortality. Children living in poverty are unable to fulfil their basic need-education. Financial deprivation compels them to perform as child labour, involve them in activities, such as to collect fuel, fodder, water away from home that abducts their schooling opportunities. If quality education, skill and expertise through proper training are not imparted to them, then future human capital may not be adequate for the sustainability requirements of an economy. Because today's children are future performers as productive capital in diverse fields. Therefore, proper care of children should be taken to have their skilled contribution to a country's development.

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