



Summary general questions

India

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Country description

The population in India is estimated at 1.3 billion, with 27 million births each year. The average life expectancy is estimated at 67 for men and 70 for women (2016). The gross national income per capita (PPP int. \$) is 7,055 (2017). The estimated total expenditure on health per capita (Intl \$, 2014) is 267 and the total current expenditure on health as percentage of GDP (2014) is 4.7%.

General health and school systems

It is unknown how many children are born in the hospital or the maternity clinic, but 85.7% of the births are attended by skilled personnel. Prematurely born children can be treated from 28 weeks. The average stay in the hospital is unknown. The birth registration coverage is 72%. The infant mortality under the age of 5 per 1000 live births per year is 48.

The primary school starts at age 5.

Existing prevention programmes and coverage

The policies for the national programmes are decided at the level of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. However the execution is at the state level and the conformation to guidelines may vary. The screening is performed by GPs, midwives, youth health care doctors and pediatricians. The care is funded by parents, charity, companies, health insurance, Council, municipalities and the government of India along with the other agencies.

All children are invited by notification in villages and other ways and almost all children attend screening. Every 6 months weight, height and head circumference are measured. The quality of the programme is monitored.

Vaccination is part of the programme. BCG is given at birth, DPT and polio vaccinations are given at 6 weeks of age, followed by MMR, diphtheria, Pertussis, tetanus, mumps and rubella later in life. About 76-89% of the children are vaccinated (WHO data).

The total costs of general screening are unknown. The average salary costs for screening professionals are about 1080 USD per year (about 9 USD per hour).

References

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- Data on birth registrations: <http://apps.who.int/gho/data/view.main.GSWCAH54v>
- Data on vaccinations: <http://apps.who.int/gho/data/view.main.UHCIMMUNIZATIONv>

World Bank (accessed August 2018):

- GDP per capita: <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.PP.CD?view=chart>