

Sex Differentials in IMR: An Inter-District Analysis

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Abstract

Across the range of health problems, girls and women face differential exposures and vulnerabilities that are often poorly recognized in Uttar Pradesh, infant mortality rate in Uttar Pradesh is still very high. The main objective of this paper is to examine the inter-district differences in gender bias against female children in Uttar Pradesh. The analysis reveals that there are wide variations in male-female infant mortality within the state. Concerted actions are needed to close the large health gap between female and male infant in the districts of U.P. The persistence of spatial variations within the state also calls for an examination of cultural and historical factors and of the role of socio-economic variables. This would require field studies in the area identified as having IMR well below or above the expected level.