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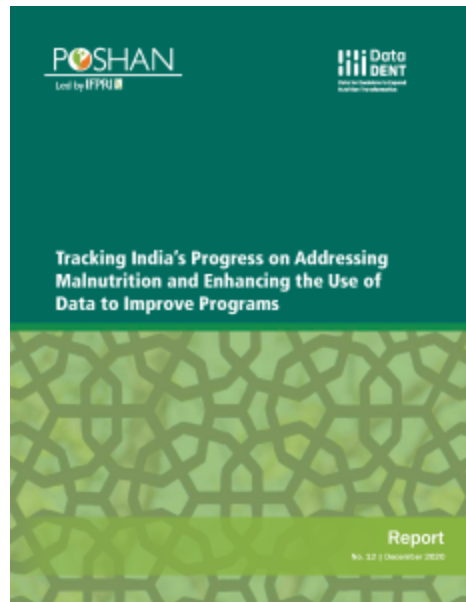
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In collaboration with [Partnerships and Opportunities to Strengthen and Harmonize Actions for Nutrition in India \(POSHAN\)](#), DataDENT co-funded an activity identifying an indicator list and respective data availability for evidence-based interventions, determinants, and outcomes aligned with the POSHAN Abhiyaan framework. A blog post on this work is available [here](#). View the policy note summarizing findings in the IFPRI eLibrary [here](#).



INTRODUCTION

India has a robust policy framework for nutrition that draws from evidence-based interventions (Vij et al., 2018), and it has in place extensive national program platforms – the Integrated Child Development Services and the National Rural Health Mission – with the mandate to deliver diverse nutrition interventions (Sinha et al., 2018). The National Nutrition Strategy (NITI Aayog, 2017) and POSHAN Sampark, India's national nutrition mission launched in early 2018, provide an updated strategic framework for action to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. The mission-mode approach provides an impetus to strengthen not only the implementation but also the monitoring and measurement of progress. The mission explicitly notes that NITI Aayog has a mandate to lead on the monitoring and evaluation of POSHAN Sampark.

This Policy Note, developed jointly with NITI Aayog and Otagiri, aims to provide guidance to national, state, and district level government officials and nodes on ways to consider on the use of data to track progress on nutrition interventions, immediate and underlying determinants, and outcomes. It proposes an indicator framework for POSHAN Sampark and examines availability of data on these indicators across both population-based surveys and administrative data systems. Finally, it lays out ways to be considered in strengthening efforts to improve the use of data in the context of POSHAN Sampark and makes key

recommendations on improving data availability and improving the use of currently available data.

WHAT DID WE DO?

We first generated a comprehensive list of evidence-based interventions, opportunities, and outcomes that align with POSHAN Sampark's framework. We then identified potential indicators for each of these POSHAN Sampark's interventions and across the lifecycle from adolescence, premarriage, pregnancy, delivery, postnatal, newborn care, all the way through early childhood (Figure 1). For opportunities, we focused both on immediate determinants, such as maternal nutrition, infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and child health, and underlying determinants, such as sanitation, early marriage and others. Finally, for outcomes, we focused on the related target goals of POSHAN Sampark as well as the nutrition-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to which India has committed.

Using a list of indicators for the interventions, determinants, and outcomes articulated in the POSHAN Sampark framework, we examined the availability of data on these across multiple data sources, including population-based household surveys and administrative data. We reviewed the questionnaires used in the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 2019-21, the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS 2019-21), the Jharkhand Census Programme (JCP Survey 2019 and second round 2019-21) by Otagiri

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