

Growth of 2079 children in 0-5 years age-group being monitored regularly

As a part of its initiative to address the issue of food security and malnutrition among Sahariya community children in Shahabad block of Baran district of Rajasthan, Prayatn team is undertaking regular monitoring growth of all 2079 Sahariya community children found in 30 villages of the block in 0 to 5 years age-group. While normal children are being monitored once in a quarter, children who are found severely or moderately malnourished are monitored on monthly basis. If a child is found severely malnourished, the Child Protection Committees formed by Prayatn ensure that the family takes the child to Malnutrition Treatment Center and get him/her treated. In case this is not possible, community based management of malnutrition through locally available food is undertaken through parental counselling and demonstration at home. The committees also ensure additional supplementary nutrition to such children through Anganwadis. The initiative is a part of 'Ensuring Food Security, Health and Nutrition among Sahariya Children' being implemented with the support of Child Rights and You (CRY).