

The Impact of Covid19 on the life, livelihoods, education and economy

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<p>Webinar 1: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., October 1, 2021 (Friday)</p> <p>Topic: Public Expenditure on Children</p> <p>Invited Chair: Dr. Soumen Bagchi Social Policy Specialist (Lead - Public Finance & Local Governance) UNICEF India Country Office</p>	<p>Since the emergence of the pandemic, the lockdown and associated restrictions has affected the health and well-being, learning, economic and social security of children and adolescents. The study is based on the analyses of budget and expenditure data from 14 major states, comparing the immediate pre and post Covid trends and patterns in the spending on children. Public spending on children refers to the expenditure on various aspects such as education, health, nutrition and social protection for all in the 0-18 years of age.</p>
<p>Webinar 2: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., October 21, 2021 (Thursday)</p> <p>Topic: Life and livelihoods of migrant labourers in Bangalore</p> <p>Invited Chair: Prof. Narendar Pani Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore</p>	<p>One of the most disturbing images during the pandemic is that of thousands of migrant workers on the roads. This study is based on a survey of 500 migrant workers in Bangalore covering industries where the proportion of immigrant workers is high: construction, hospitality, domestic help, garment and security. We looked at income and livelihoods losses, living conditions, access to basic services, coping mechanism and the impact on aspirations for children's lives. The survey was conducted during March-April, and in August 2021, allowing us also to gauge the differences between the first and second waves.</p>
<p>Webinar 3: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 2, 2021 (Tuesday)</p> <p>Topic: Macro-economic impact on the economy of Chhattisgarh: Implications for other states</p> <p>Invited Chair: Prof. Vinod Vyasulu President CBPS Society, Bangalore</p>	<p>This study is based on assessing the impact of Covid19 on the economy of Chhattisgarh and presents estimations for the state's economy including revenue for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23. We present two different scenarios, one pessimistic and one relatively optimistic, taking two sets of assumptions about all relevant indicators. We also present the possible economic policy choices that have potential for reviving the economy. Using this study as a base, we also draw some general implications for other Indian states as well.</p>
<p>Webinar 4: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 16, 2021 (Tuesday)</p> <p>Topic: Impact on children's lives and education</p> <p>Invited Chair: Prof. Jean Dreze Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Ranchi University, Ranchi</p>	<p>In this, we present data of more than 700 children collected through three rounds of Survey (Round 1 in April-May 2020, round 2 in July-Aug 2020 and Round 3 in June – Sept 2021) from two districts, Patna and Muzaffarpur, in Bihar. In addition to discussing the issue of their lives in terms of what they have been doing in these long periods of school closure, their learning and hopes of returning to schools, we also analyse the family's income and livelihood situation, and their links with education. We also explore the issue of accessing children through telephone and postal addresses, and present how fragile their lives and contacts are.</p>
<p>Webinar 5: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 30, 2021 (Tuesday)</p> <p>Topic: Civil society responses to Covid: Two case studies</p> <p>Invited Chair: Dr. Shantha Sinha Founder, M V Foundation, Hyderabad and former Chair, National Council for Protection of Child Rights</p>	<p>Through our collaborative research with two grassroots-based civil society organisations, Doosra Dashak in Rajasthan, and Bhumika Women's Collective in Telangana, we have tried to understand and analyse the specific ways in which these two organisations used their expertise, networks and reach to provide support to vulnerable communities, and the challenges they faced in doing so. We will also present the importance that long standing community relationships and collective action influenced the creation of resilient strategies during the pandemic. In doing so, we will illustrate the potential of the scope and role that organisations such as Doosra Dashak and Bhumika Women's Collective can play in providing collective action in times of crisis.</p>