

**Tamil Nadu Nutrition Project**

## **Non-Technical Summary of Study Reports**

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# **PREFACE**

**This is a summary of various studies conducted by the Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, under different phases of Tamil Nadu Nutrition Project. The main purpose is to consolidate the summaries of approach as well as findings of analytical studies conducted, in a single small document. We are grateful to the Department of Food, Government of India, for the financial support for organising the studies and their publications.**

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# Introduction

The main thrust of the study is on evolving an integrated approach to nutrition planning with a view to reducing the nutrition gap to a reasonable limit and in reasonable time, within the demand and supply constraints. An appropriate methodology has been designed, and tested to achieve these specific objectives. However, we have encountered enormous problems in working out the broad nutritional intervention planning strategy for prescribing efficient solutions using Systems Models, due to limitations of relevant data. Granted that models could be evolved pragmatically to cover the limitations of data; but, however, such an effort would mean that at the present stage no optimising exercise can be done, since fundamental data on the impact of different nutrition programmes are lacking even on a representative sampling basis. Accordingly, part of the study is necessarily oriented towards evolving an approach for future usage as and when additional requisite data are forthcoming. This last requisite has a lot to do with effective concurrent and ex-post evaluation of all nutrition programmes on a scientific basis in different regions. With this in view, a separate supplementary report has been drafted dealing with co-ordination, monitoring, and evaluation aspects.

Whereas the IIM, Ahmedabaad, studied the Agricultural production sub-system, TNNP office, Madras, covered a number of features dealing with food processing, computer software, and other aspects.

The various study reports brought out by the Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, are listed below :

1. Nutritional Aspects of Food Policy (November 1979)
2. Integrated Nutrition Planning Models (November 1979)
3. (a) Demand for Nutrients (May 1982)