

India - Medical Certification of Cause of Death, 1990-2013

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ABSTRACT

Reliable cause-specific mortality statistics is required on a regular basis by Administrators, Policy Planners, Researchers and other Professionals for evidence-based decision-making with regard to resource allocation, monitoring of indicators, identifying the priorities for programs and other related activities in the area of Public Health. Keeping this in view, the scheme of Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD) was introduced in the country under the provisions of Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD) Act, 1969. Since then, it has been operational in the country, but with varying levels of efficiency across the States/Union Territories. Under the scheme, the Office of the Registrar General, India (ORGI) obtains data on medically certified deaths as collected, compiled and tabulated by the Offices of the Chief Registrars of Births and Deaths of the States/UTs.

TOPICS

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

The report on MCCD-2013, is based upon 9,28,858 (Males: 5,75,710 and Females: 3,53,148) total medically certified deaths (20.1 per cent of total registered deaths) supplied by 31 States/UTs. As mentioned above, owing to different levels of efficiency of medical certification across the States/UTs, the number of deaths reported therein may lack the representative character in the strict sense, however, it may be sufficient to throw some valuable insights into deaths by various cause groups and their gravity.

The MCCD under Civil Registration System has been implemented in the States/UTs in a phased manner to provide data on cause of death. However, it has so far been implemented in only certain hospitals, generally in urban areas which are selected by the Chief Registrar of Births & Deaths. Thus, the scheme covers mostly those deaths, which occur in medical institutions located in urban areas. The coverage under the scheme in terms of percentage level of medical certification as well as the type of hospitals covered has not been uniform across the States/UTs. Some of the States have notified only teaching and specialized hospitals under it, whereas in others, only district hospitals and Primary Health Centers (PHCs) have been brought under its ambit. There are three States/UT viz. Kerala, Meghalaya and Lakshadweep which are yet to formally notify the scheme. In order to take the scheme of MCCD forward in a systematic manner in the country, the Registrar General, India has been impressing upon all the States/UTs to bring all hospitals (whether public or private) and private medical practitioners under its coverage, both in rural as well as urban areas.

Questionnaires

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Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
1998	2013	N/A

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

The necessary data is collected in the prescribed forms (Form 4 for Hospital deaths and Form 4A for Non-institutional deaths). Both these forms have been designed by World Health Organization (WHO). The forms are filled-up by the medical professionals attending to the deceased at the time of terminal illness. Thereafter, these forms are to be sent to the concerned Registrars of Births and Deaths for onward transmission to the Chief Registrar Office for tabulation as per the National List of Causes of Death based on Tenth Revision of International Classification of Disease (ICD-10). The States/UTs subsequently send it to the Office of RGI in the form of Statistical Table-9 for consolidation at the national level

Data Processing

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Data Appraisal

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