



TITLE: Risk factors for chronic malnutrition in children aged 6 to 23 months in Bopa, southwest Benin

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ABSTRACT (upto 300 words)

During the first two years of a child's life, nutritional status is crucial for their well-being and growth. This study explains the risk factors of chronic malnutrition during the first two years of life in south-west Benin. The methodological approach uses the construction of Food Consumption Score (FCS), Reduced Coping Strategies Index (rCSI), Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS) and Livelihood Coping Strategies Index (LCS), and the Chi2 test helps to explore the dependency between the variables. The simple binary logit model is used to examine the effects of the explanatory variables on the dependent variable. The results show that about 27% of children aged 6-23 months are chronically malnourished. This chronic malnutrition is determined by the age range of the child, the type of union and the average monthly income of the head of the household, the food consumption score and the size of the household. During difficult times, households rely on atypical coping strategies mechanisms by disposing of their productive assets. 20.3% of households are not able to cover their minimum food needs using crisis or emergency coping strategies mechanisms.

BIOGRAPHY (upto 200 words)

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