



Relationship between personal characteristics and impact of integrated child development scheme on beneficiaries

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Parbhani district of Marathwada region. The total sample consisted of 120 respondents for study and they were interviewed, personally to collect the data with the help of structured and pre-tested interview schedule. The correlation coefficient (r) showed that the independent variables namely, education, social participation and use of source of information were positively and significantly related with the impact. Age, family size and family type were negatively related with the impact while occupation, land holding and annual income, were non-significantly related with impact.

INTRODUCTION

Children are the future of a nation. Recognizing the importance of children as a vital human resource, the constitution of India, Directive Principles of State Policy and the National Policy for children have addressed the need for ensuring holistic development of the child. Government of India proclaimed a national policy on children in August 1974 declaring children as, "Supremely Important Asset". The policy provided the required framework for assigning priority to different needs of the child. The programme of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) was launched on 2nd October 1975 in 33 community development blocks seeking to provide an integrated package of services in a convergent manner on an experimental basis to commemorate the 106th birth anniversary of the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi seeking to provide an integrated package of services in a convergent manner for the holistic development of the child. So, the present study was conducted to know which personal

characteristics were having major contribution in impact factor. The present study was conducted with the objectives to study personal characteristics of beneficiaries of ICDS and to study the relationship between personal characteristics and impact of ICDS on beneficiaries.

METHODS

Present study was conducted in Parbhani district. The district consists of nine talukas namely, Parbhani, Jintur, Selu, Pathri, Manwat, Sonpeth, Gangakhed, Palam and Purna. Out of these, Manwat, Parbhani and Purna talukas were selected randomly by lottery method. Four villages from each Tahasil and ten respondents from each village were selected randomly on the basis of nth number method to comprise the total sample of 120 respondents for study. The data were collected by contacting the ICDS beneficiaries personally with the help of structured interview schedule. The qualitative data were quantified in view of the objectives. The beneficiaries were