

Preface

The persistence of hunger and undernutrition in a fast developing economy like India is a constant source of mortification. It is not that the urgency of the issue remains unnoticed. Successive governments have put in place diverse policies and innovative programmes and schemes to address the problem, but progress has been excruciatingly slow. Research over the years has pinpointed diverse causal factors, and policy has accordingly changed focus, yet substantive results remain elusive. This book seeks to reassess the existing nutrition situation in the country, review changes in known determinants of nutrition status, identify shortcomings in existing schemes and suggest strategies to fast-track improvement. India cannot claim its place in the developed world until the debilitating shadow of undernutrition is lifted

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