

Bridging the Gap: A Social Determinants Analysis of Child Mortality in
Rural India

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Introduction

The following is an account of my internship at BDO INDIA LLP in Gurgaon for the period of February 2024 to June 2024 where I did my internship in Business Advisory Services Department. During this period, I conducted research for my dissertation on the “Bridging the Gap: Social Determinates Analysis of Causes of Child Deaths in Rural India: A quantitative study. The present internship allowed for generating valuable experiences in terms of research assignments, group work with senior people and understanding the basic principles of consulting domain.

BDO INDIA LLP is an external audit firm, a corporate service provider who offers audit service, tax, advisory as well as consulting services and they serve many different and diverse clients. The firm currently connects to the world’s largest accounting and consulting network of BDO international firms and has a healthy representation in the India with offices in strategically important locations and over 3000 professionals.

Objectives of Internship

1. Receive general information about the consulting field and ideas that can be obtained from the experts of BDO INDIA LLP.
2. Using data analysis, calculate statistical measures of variability, and regression analysis to determine the relationship existing between the rural healthcare infrastructure, nutritional status and child mortality rates.
3. The consolidated recommendations for future research are as follows: Conduct a thorough review of the existing literature to situate the research findings with regards to child mortality and to explore possible preventative strategies in rural India.
4. Create applications to support data analysis and generate great and informative dissertation report containing the conclusions and the recommendations of the research.

Organizational Profile

BDO INDIA LLP is a leading professional services firm and a member firm of BDO International, the 5th largest Accounting Network in the world. At BDO India, we offer Assurance, Tax, Advisory and Business Services & Outsourcing for both domestic and international clients across a range of industries.

We take pride in offering our service portfolio built on the back of a rich blend of experience and expertise, bringing to fore a work culture that is both client-centric and knowledge driven. We believe in quality underpinning all that we do. We endeavor to deliver truly exceptional client service through a tailored solutions approach, while partnering with our employees and clients globally.

Services Provided by Organization

BDO INDIA LLP offers a broad range of services, including:

- Audit and Assurance
- Tax Advisory and Compliance
- Risk Advisory
- Business Services and Outsourcing
- Consulting and Advisory
- Forensic and Litigation Support

Key Activities/ Projects Undertaken Other than Dissertation

In addition to the dissertation research, I was involved in the following activities during my internship:

- Participated in clearing the UNICEF Climate Landscape Analysis for Children (CLAC) Project by working on the policy mapping of States to know their policies on children's education, health, protection, disasters, water, sanitation & hygiene, and climate.
- Formulated and computed state-wise quantitative questionnaires to provide a quantitative strategic profile for projects.
- Helped in the preparation of different IFIs related proposal, policy mapping exercise, background notes for preparation of EOI and CONCEPT NOTE.
- Designed nice looking info-graphics for pulling data.
- Aided in creating project briefs, status reports, and any other material pertinent to the clients.
- Actively participated in the research projects and analyses with fellow members of the team.

Key Learnings from Internship

The internship at BDO INDIA LLP provided me with valuable learning experiences, including:

- The general ideas of quantitative research approaches and data analysis techniques in practice.
- Working with other professions to carry out the research and gather the information and findings.
- Disseminating research findings in reports as well as presentations.
- The task focuses on the consulting industry and the place of consulting and professional service firms in the context of managing and solving critical issues.
- Able to solve critical and emerging problems, management skills and professionalism.

The internship has been a transformative experience and it has been a great opportunity to implement the theoretical knowledge gained in the academic years and to get a glimpse of the working of this line of business. I am privileged to join BDO INDIA LLP to join the esteemed team and to support the firm's goals of providing excellent client satisfaction and value.