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Q3(a)

How anthropologists assess the nutritional status of a community? Discuss the significance of intersectionality of ecology, culture, and social inequality in the study of nutritional anthropology

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Stunting

Low height-for-age. It marks chronic undernutrition and repeated infection, not a single hungry week.

Wasting

Low weight-for-height. It marks acute undernutrition and often sits beside stunting in poor communities.

MUAC

Mid-upper arm circumference. It is a rapid field screen for acute undernutrition, especially in emergencies.

Intra-household allocation

Gendered and seniority rules of serving food can produce undernourished women and girls inside a household that looks adequate on paper.

POSHAN Abhiyaan

India's contemporary nutrition mission sits beside ICDS and PDS as the policy setting in which anthropological assessment now speaks.