

Health Expenditure Pattern and Factors Affecting the Utilization of Health Care by Marginalized and Vulnerable Groups in Nepal

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Preface

This monograph makes an attempt to show the aggregate picture of health conditions in Nepal in general and the pattern of health expenditure made by various economic and social groups in particular. It also covers the utilization of both the public and private health facilities by these groups of people. The raw data of Nepal Living Standard Survey (NLSS) as conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics in 1996 provided a major contribution to accomplish the study.

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I do hope that the monograph would be useful to all those who are interested to have the aggregate picture of the health conditions as well as health expenditure patterns of the different sections of the society.

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