

**OBSERVATION OF A CORRELATION BETWEEN EATING HABITS OF MOTHERS AND MALNUTRITION OF CHILDREN 0 TO 5 YEARS DURING AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL EXPLORATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SÉGUÉLA (CÔTE D'IVOIRE)**

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**ABSTRACT**

From the cradle to coffin, good diet is a crucial element in the development process of each of us. This means that poor feeding practices are able to subvert various aspects of life of the individual who is affected. The category of individuals who are interested in this research is children 0 to 5 years whose feeding practices for mothers, noted, may interfere somewhat, more or less significant and persistent, various forms of development of this category of children. And that, despite the sensitization of the health authorities of the department. Indeed, put in a cultural and social context, socio-anthropological exploration undertaken in the department of Séguéla, North-west of the Côte d'Ivoire, clarifies that the feeding practices of mothers with children between 0-5 years lead to malnutrition. It is this situation that this article attempts to provide some answers, relying on a qualitative approach to comprehensive targeted. This approach is strongly focused on semi-structured interviews and participant observation carried out over a long anthropological boardwalk<sup>3</sup> in the north-west of the Côte d'Ivoire (department of Séguéla).

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