



## What Makes Children Grow?

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Young people do need food to grow, but young people and pregnant women also need the type of support and care that comes from the healthy social–economic–political–emotional environments (SEPE). People need the physical and emotional security of knowing that they will have a diet that meets all nutrient requirements, the security of good water, sanitation, and protection from infection, and the security of other material safeguards, such as adequate housing.

Here, we focus only on those that relate to the biocultural needs of people and child growth. Pregnant women, infants, and children lacking social–emotional security and love suffer growth failure, even death, despite having physical necessities. Human growth is successful only with true wellbeing and the opportunity to participate in healthy social and community environments, including appropriate informal and formal education, and hope for the future.





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