



## **Practical Guide: Qualitative Methods in Health and Educational Research**

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This book draws from our experiences in community-based projects and educational research in rural Wardha and Puducherry. To promote qualitative research methods in health and education in India, we have conducted national workshops for health professionals like clinicians, nurses, social workers, physiotherapists, and national health program staff. Noticing a demand for a book on qualitative research methods tailored to the Indian context, we aimed to fill this gap. This book compiles information from various sources and our experiences to meet reader expectations. It covers the qualitative research process, basic terms, paradigms, approaches, methods, analysis steps, ethical issues, and reporting. We hope it will serve as a practical guide for novice researchers embarking on their first qualitative research project. We welcome your support and constructive feedback for further improvement.

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