

# India worst place in world for girl child: UN study

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**New Delhi:** It's official. India is the most dangerous place to be a baby girl. Newly released data shows that an Indian girl aged 1-5 years is 75% more likely to die than an Indian boy, making it the worst gender differential in child mortality for any country.

Infant (0-1 years) and child (1-5) mortality are declining in the country and the world, though not as fast as was hoped in India. Simultaneously, most of the world, except India and China, is experiencing a faster fall in female infant and child mortality than in male on account of biological factors which make girls better survivors of early infancy, given equal access to resources.

## Gender Bias

Ratio of male to female mortality (per 100 females)

Country	Infant (0-1)	Child (1-5)
India	97	56
China	76	97
Pakistan	120	100
Sri Lanka	125	111
Less Developed Areas	122	111
World	122	116

Source: UN-DESA