
This study investigates the fulfillment of child rights in prenatal, perinatal and postnatal care in the health region Huetar Norte of Costa Rica. Huetar Norte, made up of the cantons San Carlos, Guatuso and Los Chiles, is characterized by the agriculture and livestock industries as well as its situation as a region on the border between Costa Rica and Nicaragua. The attention given to children in Huetar Norte was investigated through interviews with health professionals in the hospitals and EBAIS (Equipos Básicos de la Atención Integral a la Salud) of the region. Also, data concerning the births in the hospitals were analyzed, and the local health establishments were observed and photographed. It was determined that child rights are fulfilled in the hospitals and EBAIS of Huetar Norte to the greatest possible degree, but due to the poverty and underdevelopment that characterize the region, as well as the Nicaraguan influence, obstacles still impede care. To improve this condition it is recommendable to increase human and technological resources in the health institutions and promote the expansion of basic needs to the most rural and distant areas of Huetar Norte.