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analyze
antenatal
anti-retrovirals
behaviour
birthweight
bottle feeding
breastfed
breastfeeding
breastmilk
care givers
century
colour
cooperate
coordinate
cost-benefit
cost sharing
counsellor
cow milk/goat milk
cross section
database
day care
deadline
decision-maker
decision-making
defence
diarrhoea
eastern Europe (geo)
Eastern Europe (political)
Emphasize
e-mail
enrollment
etiology
favour
field test
fieldwork
foetal
food-based
food-chain
formulae
forty-two
fulfillment
globalization
government (general)
Government of (particular country)
haemoglobin
health for all
HIV-infected
ill health
labelling
labour
labour intensive
large scale
long term
low cost
macroeconomic
matrices
Member countries
Member States
microeconomic
nutrition-related
organization
overemphasize
overestimate
overnutrition
overweight
p values
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policy-maker
practice
prenatal
preschool
programme
realization
recognize
re-examine
sero-positive
socioeconomic
South-East Asia Region
south-west
south-western
States Parties
Sub-Saharan
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Triple A
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