UTILIZATION OF ANTENATAL CARE AMONG THE KARBIS IN GUWAHATI CITY

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to describe the awareness and utilization of ANC services among the Karbi women residing in Guwahati city, Assam. An attempt was also made to study the socio demographic factors such as literacy and income in the utilization of ANC service. A study was carried out in the year 2009-10 among 354 ever married Karbi women belonging in the age group of 15-49 years in Guwahati city. It was observed that only 31% of Karbi women received ANC service as they considered pregnancy to be a natural process which doesn’t require any care. The data on ANC were collected through a structured interview schedule and qualitative data were collected through indepth interviews from key informants of the village. Poor literacy level, low income and lack of awareness had led to underutilize of ANC services by Karbi women, inspite of residing in an urban locality.

KEYWORDS: Antenatal, Karbi women, maternal health, awareness, literacy, income.

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