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Content

Antenatal care (ANC) is the care that women receive when pregnant. Its considered as a preventive healthcare service. However, if the provision of ANC declines, it results in frightening increase in the maternal mortality rate. According to WHO, maternal mortality (MM) is the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration. The importance of this research is that in Wad Madani, MM ratio reaches up to 442/100000 live births, and this attributes to complications due to lack of ANC. So, are women in Ahmed Al Mustafa village aware of the importance of ANC and its direct relation with the exacerbation of the rate of MM? Objectives: To raise the awareness to the importance of ANC and the death of some mothers as a dreadful consequence of not receiving it. Methods: Data was collected by filling a questionnaire from nearly 50 women in the child bearing age. Results: 46.6% knew the importance of receiving ANC and its direct relationship with the maternal mortality. However, only 41% received ANC during their recent pregnancy. 32.5% were advised from health workers on the importance of ANC. Unfortunately, 59% didn't receive ANC. The reasons were 35.8% thought that there was no need as they haven't experienced complications, 17.2% said services weren't satisfactory and 6% said the treatment was costly. Conclusion: Women in Ahmed Al Mustafa village are unaware of the importance of receiving ANC. Low educational levels and low socioeconomic statuses had also contributed to this.



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