

AN ASSESSMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MATERNAL HEALTHCARE POLICY IN PHCS CENTER IN BORNO STATE

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ABSTRACT

The study measures whether infrastructural facilities are adequate in Primary HealthCare Centres (PHCs) to reduce maternal health in Borno State to meet the target of Millennium Development Goal Five (MDG5). The target of MDG5 cannot be achieved without putting in place adequate infrastructural facilities in Primary HealthCare Centres (PHCs) for the implementation of maternal health policy. In this study, questionnaire was distributed to 363 beneficiaries (women of reproductive age), 352 questionnaires were returned as valid and used for the analysis of data, and forty-five (45) Health Officials were interviewed whether the infrastructural facilities for the implementation of maternal healthcare policy in Primary Healthcare Centres in Borno State are adequate to reduce maternal health among women of reproductive age. Tables 1.1 and 1.2 show the adequacy of infrastructural facilities in Primary Healthcare Centres. Out of 352 respondents (women of reproductive age), 5.7% strongly agreed that infrastructural facilities are adequate in primary Healthcare Centres in Borno State, 4.0% agreed, 9.5% are yet to decide while 37.5% disagreed and 47.4% strongly disagreed. Out of 45 Health Officials interviewed, 40% responded that infrastructural facilities are adequate in the Primary Healthcare Centres while 60% responded that it is inadequate. This means that infrastructural facilities are not adequate in Primary Healthcare Centres in Borno State. The implication of this finding is that, reduction in maternal mortality upto 75% as per MDG5 have not been achieved in Borno State. The study concludes that adequacy of infrastructural facilities in Primary Healthcare Centres in Borno State is not adequate. The study recommends that inadequacy of infrastructural facilities should be properly addressed by the Government to reduce the maternal mortality in Borno State.

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