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Factor affecting utilisation of health facilities and trained birth attendants for childbirth in Jahi district Abuja Nigeria.

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It is well known that giving birth in a health institution under the care and supervision of trained health providers promotes child survival and reduces the risk of maternal mortality. World Health Organization estimates that more than half a million women lose their lives in the process of reproduction worldwide every year and most of these mortalities are avoidable if mothers have access to maternal health care services, Nigeria is rated number 11 high globally with 630 maternal death in every 100,000 live births. Despite the availability of Primary Health Care Centre in virtually all villages in Nigeria, maternal mortality and other reproductive health problems persists. Utilisation of maternal health services remains very low, especially during labour and delivery. Most of the child deliveries are still taken at home by the relatives or friends in the house or sometimes by untrained midwives and unskilled traditional birth attendants in the village. This study was conducted with objectives of identifying the factors affecting utilization of maternal health care services in primary health centres, best practices and suggestions for improving primary health care child delivery.

Biography

Bawa-Muhammad Taiwo Hassanat is a registered nurse with Nigeria Nursing and Midwifery Council. She received her Bachelor of Nursing Science from National Open University of Nigeria Lagos with second class upper. She is awaiting admission for her Master's in Public Health Nursing from John's Hopkins School of Nursing Baltimore and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She is the present vice chairman of Federations of Local Government Nurses and Midwife Abuja Municipal Area Council branch Abuja, Federal Capital Territory Nigeria from April 2012. She is the nurse in charge of antenatal, postnatal, family planning and prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV/AID in Jahi I Primary Health Care clinic FCT Abuja Nigeria from 2012 July till date. Her current research interests include How to improve quality of care in Primary Health Care Centres across Nigeria, and factors influencing bringing care from clinics to homes in Nigeria.

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