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“ A STUDY ON ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ACCESSIBILITY TO PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FACILITY AND MATERNAL HEALTH INDICATORS IN 54 BACKWARD DISTRICTS OF 3 STATES OF INDIA ”

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This article attempts to study an association between the accessibility of primary healthcare facility and the maternal health indicators in the 54 backward districts of 3 EAG (Empowered Action Group) states of India. Inaccessibility of essential health care services at the time of pregnancy to the women most affected, and the physical as well as economic and sociocultural distance separating health services from the vast majority of women, are only part of the problem. Distance of a primary healthcare centre at the time of pregnancy alone plays a major role in the reduction of MMR (Maternal Mortality Rate) specially in poor performing States. This study is an effort to understand the correlation between the distance of primary healthcare centres identified by JSK (Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh) and the 6 maternal health indicators stated by DLHS (District Level Household Survey). The study can help in further researches and for further planning and decision making measures with regard to policies. The study establishes the positively significant correlation between the distance of healthcare facilities and the maternal health indicators. Prevention of maternal deaths requires fundamental changes not only in resource allocation, but in the very structures of health services delivery. These will have to be fought for as part of a wider struggle for equity and social justice.

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