



Assess the Level of Knowledge on Teenage Pregnancy Among Adolescent Girls

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INTRODUCTION

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STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

A descriptive study to assess the level of knowledge regarding teenage pregnancy among adolescent girls

OBJECTIVES

1. To assess the knowledge on teenage pregnancy among adolescent girls.
2. To associate the knowledge level with selected demographic variables.

METHODOLOGY

This chapter explains the methodology adapted by the researcher for the present study. It deals with the research design, setting of the study, population, sample size, sampling technique, criteria for the selection of the sample, development and description of the tool, procedure for data collection and statistical analysis.

RESEARCH DESIGN

Descriptive research design was used for this study.

POPULATION OF THE STUDY

The adolescent girls between the age group of 14 years to 20 years

SAMPLE SIZE AND TECHNIQUE

The sample size of the study was 30 adolescent girls. Non probability, purposive sampling technique was used to select the samples of the study.

CRITERIA FOR SAMPLE SELECTIONS

Inclusion criteria

1. Adolescent girls who are above the age group of 14 years.
2. Adolescent girls who attained menarche.

3. Adolescent girls who are in the village during our selection of the sample.

Exclusion criteria

1. Adolescent girls who doesn't attained menarche.
2. Adolescent girls who are not willing to participate

DEVELOPMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF TOOL

SECTION A: DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

It includes sample Number, Name, Age, Educational status, Family income, Previous knowledge regarding teenage pregnancy.

SECTION B: QUESTIONAIRES

This involves questions to assess the knowledge of adolescent girls on teenage pregnancy. Total number of items was 15. Investigator prepared the items that were found to be more pertinent to selected population.

SCORE INTERPRETATION

The correct answers were scored as 1, whereas wrong answers were scored as 0. The total score is 15. The scores obtained by the adolescent girls is considered as the level of knowledge regarding teenage pregnancy.

75-100%: EXCELLENT

50-75%: GOOD

Below 50%: POOR

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS ACCORDING TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE LEVEL REGARDING TEENAGE PREGNANCY

N=30

KNOWLEDGE LEVEL	RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE (%)
BELOW MEAN (<6)	18	60
ABOVE MEAN (>6)	12	40

The table shows that out of 30 respondents 18 (60%) had below mean value (<6) and 12 (40%) had above mean value (>6) regarding their knowledge level on Teenage pregnancy

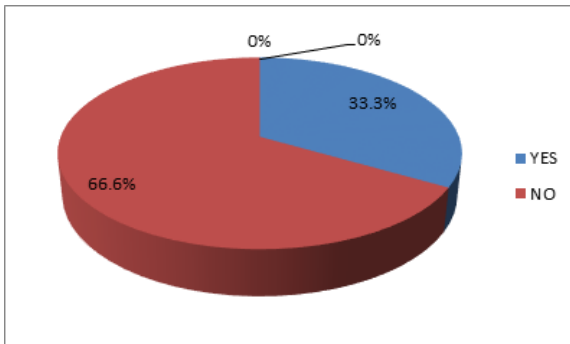


Figure 4 – Distribution of respondents according to their previous knowledge on teenage pregnancy

CONCLUSION:

This study helped us to get information regarding the knowledge on Teenage pregnancy among the adolescents.

MAJOR FINDINGS :

- The calculated value of chi-square of age(2.695%), education(0.086%), family income(3.65%) are not significant.
- The calculated value of chi-square of previous knowledge (9.93%) is significant.
- Majority of the respondents 18 (60%) have less level of knowledge regarding teenage pregnancy.

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