

Reproductive and Child Health Programmes in the Urban Slums of Bangalore City: A Study on Unmet Needs for Family Welfare Services.

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Abstract :The objective of this study was to understand the reproductive health programmes operating in Bangalore City slums and to find out their utilization. It was also aimed at identifying factors responsible for the unmet need.The present study was conducted in the slums of Bangalore City. Nearly 680 currently married women in the age group of 15-44 years were contacted from one thousand selected households. Around 60 per cent of the currently married women availed maternal health services and 50 per cent availed child health services for their children. Reproductive morbidity of various illnesses ranged from 10 to 40 per cent among the women. There was an unmet need of 26.8 per cent for family planning. This was mostly found among women up to the age of 25 years.