

Comprehensive District Assessment of Maternal and Child Health in Mugu

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Aiming to strengthen the health system's capacity to improve maternal and child health conditions

Project Objectives:

- To identify major obstacles in provision of quality of care for maternal and child health (MCH) in Mugu district hospital.
- To identify existing main barriers among pregnant women, mothers and children in seeking MCH services and access to health facilities.
- To identify the level of knowledge, attitudes and practices of local communities in regard with MCH.
- To design more cost effective and impactful interventions for the KOICA's project.
- To collect MCH data to monitor and evaluate the progress of the project.

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Project Summary

The Comprehensive District Assessment of Maternal and Child Health in Mugu District is part of 6 year KOICA project (2013-18) titled 'Improving Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Care in Mugu district'. This project aims to strengthen the health system's capacity to provide quality and equitable maternal health services and build on the capacity of caregivers, parents, families and communities to make informed decisions to improve MCH health and hygiene.

Methodology

This study is being carried out in a cross-sectional design using mixed-methods approach. Under the quantitative component sample were drawn from Married Women of Reproductive Age (MWRA). For the health facility survey, all health facilities in the identified 8 VDCs of the district were covered (6 intervention VDCs and 2 control VDCs).

Under the qualitative component Key Informant Interviews were conducted with District Health Officer, MCH focal person, health facility in-charges, school health teachers, community leaders, FCHVs, women's group and other relevant persons.

Focus Group Discussions were carried out with HFDMC members, Mother's Group members-FCHVs, married women having children and married men having children to ensure their

homogenous representation.

Semi-structured interviews (SSIs) were conducted for the stakeholder analysis. The identification of the stakeholders was based on the consultations with the DHO, MCH focal person, community leaders and other individuals as relevant.

Field researchers were aided with SSI guides comprising of main and probing questions.



Field researchers walking through treacherous path during data collection



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