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Knowledge towards antenatal care and service utilization among women in Fiche Town, North Shewa, Ethiopia**Rebik Shukure**

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Maternal mortality is the highest in sub-Saharan Africa, where the life time risk of death from pregnancy related conditions is 1 in 16, compared with 1 in 2800 in developed countries. In Ethiopia, like other sub-Saharan Africa countries, maternal and infant mortality remains to be a problem of public health importance. There are 350 maternal deaths for every 100,000 live births. Antenatal care, the care that the women receive during pregnancy, helps to ensure healthy outcome for women and new born. A community based cross-sectional study design was conducted. Systematic random sampling technique was used. A total of 345 women who delivered in the 5 years before the date of survey were interviewed. 223 (64.6%) women were reported to have received antenatal care at least once during their last pregnancy. Of these, 89 (39.9%) had four or more antenatal care follow ups during their last pregnancy. This is low coverage compared to other developing country. The government sector and health worker need to give great attention for antenatal care.

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