

Abstract

Determinants of Utilization of Maternal and Child Health Services among Muslim in a Southern Border Province of Thailand

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This research aims to examine factors affecting the utilization of maternal and child health (MCH) services such as antenatal care (ANC), place of delivery and birth attendants among Muslim's women in Pattani Province. The results showed that the pattern in utilization MCH at every age group of women access MCH services with health officers at a low level. The rate was lower at the early and at the end of reproductive age group. The trend in utilization MCH services with a health officer increased but less than the half of women accessed MCH services. Women whose occupation was merchant and other, had a higher age at first marriage, resided in municipal area, could speak little Thai or speak Thai well, lived in a nuclear family and had fewer members in household were more likely to utilize MCH services with health officer than women who were housewives, had lower age at first marriage, resided in non-municipal area, could not speak Thai, lived in an extended family and had more members in the household.