

Reproductive Morbidity in Rajasthan: A Situational Analysis

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Abstract: Reproductive morbidity has its impact on women health and quality of life. In India and other developing countries sometimes pregnancy becomes dangerous due to the lack of medical care and ignorance as social and medical causes are associated with many pregnancy complications. In this study analyzed data is considered from Rajasthan Health Scenario 2000, Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur. The data is analyzed for Rajasthan, as well as for 41 districts of the state, using Statistical Package for Social Sciences. In the last section of the paper discussion is made.

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1. Introduction

According to early studies, more than 54 million women suffer from diseases or complications during pregnancy and childbirth and more than one half million women die of causes related to pregnancy and childbirth each year [1]-[3]. Various studies considered reproductive morbidity as inclusive of conditions of physical ill-health related to „successful childbearing“ and „freedom from gynaecological disease and risk“ [4]-[7]. According to world health organization (WHO) reproductive morbidity includes obstetric morbidity and it refers to ill health in relation to pregnancy and childbirth. Obstetric morbidity is defined as “morbidity in a woman who has been pregnant (regardless of site or duration of the pregnancy) resulting from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes” [8].

The overall prevalence of reproductive morbidity was found to be 46.3 %: Gynaecological morbidity in 31.3 % subjects, obstetric morbidity in 43.4 % of the eligible women and contraceptive induced morbidity in 11.2 % of the ever contraceptive users with 5 % reporting more than one symptom [9].

Recent analyses show that maternal mortality declined by one-third between 1990 and 2008, although roughly 350,000 women in developing countries still die annually from pregnancy-related causes [10],[11]

In this paper an account of reproductive morbidity in the state of Rajasthan, with a comparison of the situation between its desert and non-desert districts is presented. This study considers four important parameters concerning with reproductive morbidity viz. percentage of eligible women who had pregnancy complications (PEWPC), percentage of eligible women who had delivery complications (PEWDC), percentage of eligible women who had post-delivery complications (PEWPC) and percentage of females having any symptoms of RTI/STI (PFRTI).

2. Methodology

The data considered, is taken from Rajasthan Health Scenario 2000, Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur (13). Considered parameters are analyzed for Rajasthan, as a whole and for 11 desert-districts and 30 non-desert districts of the state. The data is analyzed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 16.0. Descriptive statistics, correlation coefficients of different parameters with Health Index (HI), t-test and multiple linear regression is computed. Significance of associations is also computed at 5% level of significance.

3. Results

Rajasthan as a whole

In Rajasthan, as a whole, eligible women having pregnancy complications were 57.1%. When we analyzed it district wise we found that maximum women in this category are in Sawai Madhopur, Bharatpur, Ajmer, Chittorgarh and Banswara representing 66.5%, 63.8%, 63.8%, 61.3% and 59.4% respectively with minimum percentages 23.5, 29, 31.8, 34.8 and 40.3 in Hanumangarh, Churu, Dausa, Alwar and Jaipur respectively. The correlation coefficient between PCWPC and HI was found to be significantly negatively associated i.e. -0.454 ($P < 0.05$)

As far as eligible women having pregnancy complications are concerned, in Bharatpur, Sawai Madhopur, Dholpur, Jhalawar and Barmer maximum number of women were reported, showing figure of 42.7%, 37.5%, 30.9% and 29.6% respectively. Minimum number of women who had delivery complications were found in Churu (5.6%), Rajsamand (6.2%), Sikar and Pali with 6.7% and Hanumangarh (8.0%). A negative correlation with HI is also found ($p < 0.05$).

If we consider post-delivery complications, maximum percentages highlighted the values 63.2, 51, 48.4, 44 and 43 in Dausa, Jhalawar, Bharatpur, Dungarpur and Bhilwara respectively. Under the same head minimum percentages of women were 14, 14.2, 15.2 and 15.3 belonging to Bundi, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Pali and Sikar respectively. A negative correlation of magnitude 0.341 was also turned out.

When we put our concentration on female having any symptoms of RTI/STI, Dausa, Bhilwara, Alwar, Bundi, and Bharatpur were observed representing 86.5%, 65.5%, 61.8%, 60.2% and 56.2% respectively. In Sirohi, SawaiMadhopur, Jaisalmer, Chittorgarh and Hanumangarh, minimum percentage of females in such category disclosed were 22.5,27.6,28.1,29.9 and 30.9. Correlation between this factor and HI computed was,-0.407

Desert versus Non Desert

The women under PEWPC in desert were found at its peak was 58.7% in Jaisalmer with its subsequent values 56.6%,53.9%,49.3%and 49.2% in Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Bikaner and Nagaur respectively. If the least values are taken into consideration, it outcome Churu, Ganganagar, Jodhpur, Barmer and Pali with respective percentage 29, 45.3, 46.6, 46.7 and 47.3.

In desert Rajasthan, correlation between PEWPC and HI disclosed a contradiction showing non- significant negative association having a value -0.044($p>0.05$)

As far as PEWDC is taken into account in the same area i.e. desert part of Rajasthan, a non-significant positive association was observed with a figure 0.0457($p=0.157$). Maximum and minimum percentages of eligible women having delivery complications were 29.6(Barmer), 29(Ganganagar), 22.1(Bikaner), 16.1(Nagaur as well as Jaisalmer).

Similar to PEWDC, PEWPC also turned out with a non-significant positive correlation having its value 0.192 ($p=0.571$). Most frequent occurrences of post-delivery complications were in Barmer, Jhunjhunu, Jaisalmer, Ganganagar, and Jalore with 39.2%,33.3%,30%,24.8%and 24.7%respectively with its minimum frequencies in Jodhpur, Pali, Nagaur, Sikar and Churu reflecting 14.2%,15.2% (in Pali and Nagaur),15.3% and 16.3%respectively.

In case of females having any symptoms of RTI/STI,54.3%,48.1%,44.9%,41.5% and 37.6%were reported in Jalore, Barmer, Pali, Ganganagar, and Nagaur respectively. While Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Sikar, Churu and Bikaner had lesser female having such symptoms. Under this head non-significant negative correlation was also computed.

Whereas in non-desert, Sawai Madhopur, Bharatpur, Ajmer, Chittorgarh and Banswara were reported as the states having a high number of females having pregnancy complications with 66.5%,63.8%(for both Bharatpur and Ajmer) 61.3% and 59.4% respectively. Hanumangarh, Dausa, Alwar, Jaipur and Kota had lowest numbers of such females. The percentages for these states were 23.5%, 31.8%, 34.8%, 40.3% and 48.1% respectively. Correlation coefficient between PEWPC and HI was -0.644($p<0.01$). Under the head PEWDC, maximum percentage was in Bharatpur (42.7%), SawaiMadhopur (37.5%), Dholpur (30.9%), Jhalawar (30.4%)and Banswars (27.3%). Minimum delivery complications were observed in Rajsamand, Hanumangarh, Bhilwara, Kota and Bundi having the percentages 6.2,8.0,8.9,and 9.9 respectively. Kota and Bundi had the

same percentages. In this case non-significant and negative correlation with a magnitude 0.410 was found ($p=0.081$)

In non-desert area of Rajasthan post-delivery complications were most frequent in Dausa, Jhalawar, Bharatpur, Dungarpur and Bhilwara. The respective percentages were 63.2,51,48.4,44 and 43.In Bundi, Kota, Hanumangarh, Sirohi and Chittorgarh, minimum percentages of 14,19.1,22.5,24 and 28 of post- delivery complications were disclosed. In this case also a non-significant correlation coefficient -0.046 was computed ($p=0.852$).

In case of PFRTI, Dausa, Bhilwara, Alwar, Bundi and Bharatpur were top five states having females with any symptom of RTI/STI with 86.5%, 65.5%, 61.8%, 60.2% and56.2% respectively. Under the same, states with minimum percentages were Sirohi (22.5%), SawaiMadhopur (27.6%), Chittorgarh (29.9%), Hanumangarh (30.9%)and Ajmer(34.3%).The value of correlation coefficient was appeared to be -0.152($p=0.547$).

4. Discussion

In desert part of Rajasthan, Jaisalmer has 102% more pregnancy complications cases as compared to Churu. There were only 3.0% more cases of pregnancy complications than Rajasthan in Jaisalmer. As compared to Churu which has a minimum number under PEWDC, Barmer has around 430% more cases with 55% extra cases than Rajasthan. Barmer is also leading under the category PEWPC with 176% increased cases than Jodhpur.As compared to Rajasthan it is representing around 27% increment. Women with symptoms of RTI/STI are 93% more in Jalore than Jaisalmer. As compared to Rajasthan, Jalore indicate 20% more cases of such type.

In non-desert, around 1835 more cases of PEWPC are there in SawaiMadhopur as compared to Hanumangarh. When a comparison is made with Rajasthan, 16% more cases in SawaiMadhopur are calculated. In Bharatpur, an increase of around 590% cases of delivery complications are caught as compared to Rajsamand.124% additional cases in Bharatpur are observed as compared to the district Rajasthan. If we put our concentration on post-delivery complications in non-desert we find an addition of 351% in Dausa as compared to Bundi. Dausa has 104% more post-delivery complications than Rajasthan.as far as females having symptoms of RTI/STI, there are 28.4% more women in Dausa as compare to Sirohi. In Dausa an increment of 92% cases is pinpointed.

The correlation coefficients are showing negative association in case of PEWPC and PFRTI with HI in desert whereas in case of PEWDC and PEWPC with HI, it is showing positive but non-significant correlations. In non-desert all the heads considered are showing negative correlations.

The non-significant t-test (Table1)is an indication that climate conditions affect the reproductive health. Significant association between the predictors and HI in Table 2 confirms that complications during and after pregnancy have their impact on health.

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Table 1: Descriptive Statistics and t-test for Rajasthan

Parameters	Rajasthan		Desert Rajasthan		Non-desert Rajasthan		t-test (Desert Vs Non-desert)
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
PEWPC	50.83	10.55	48.28	7.73	52.3	11.83	-0.97
PEWDC	18.02	9.97	15.27	8.5	19.61	10.62	-1.11
PEWPDC	30.57	12.19	22.88	8.52	35.03	11.92	-2.86
PFSRTI	44.26	14.04	38.12	8.16	48.02	15.7	-1.87

Table 2: Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

Model		Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	.135	4	.034	4.856	.005 ^a
	Residual	.167	24	.007		
	Total	.303	28			
a. Predictors: (Constant), PFSRTI, PEWDC, PEWPC, PEWPDC						
b. Dependent Variable: HI						

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