Fears of pregnant women seeking antenatal care during the Covid-19 pandemic: Disrupted maternity in South Sumatra, Indonesia

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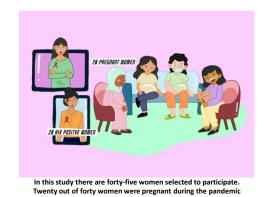


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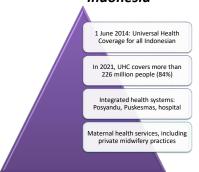


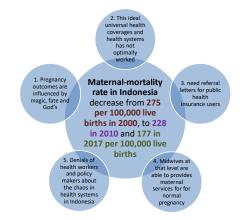


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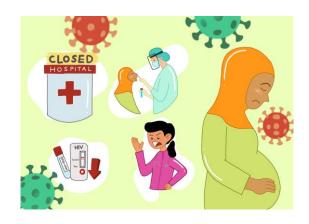


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This presentation discusses experiences of accessing antenatal care among twenty women who were pregnant during the first eighteen months of COVID-19 pandemic, from March 2020 to July 2021 in South Sumatra, Indonesia



March, 2020: March, 2020: Sestricted partner access during limited well-trained health worker Get infected with COVID-19: "I am traumatised, I am traumatised...I am traumatised women's rights in critical health situations Gendered decision-making: neglecting HIV women's rights in critical health situations

The impact of early restrictions of health services on pregnant women

A. March, 2020: Shutting down and limited well-trained health workers

 Rini and Yaya's stories: A young pregnant mothers and a housewife in early pandemic from low-middle income family

Rini, 23 years old, in her first pregnancy, was disapointed when a health workers said "we cannot check you. If you felt getting worse, such as having bleeding, then you can come to the puskesmas again" (Rini's diary notes, 2021)"

Yaya, 24 years old, She said that after the midwifery practices that she visited were closed, she and her husband visited another clinic

Husband: Sir, [is] the doctor still accepting the patient? We want to do a pregnancy check.

Security: Yes, he does... But only

the patient is allowed to enter the clinic. **Husband**: Why, sir? **Security**: That's the rule, sir. I

am just doing my work.

B. December, 2020: Restricted partner access during consultations and delivery within limited obstetrician in hospital

• Devi's, 24 years, Ibu rumah tangga from low-income family, with a husband who work as a laborer in a traditional market, delivered her first baby on December 2020

Before delivery
How many days the fluid has come out?

It is the fourth day Have you undertaken USG?

Not yet, miss. You know it was pandemic, we did not have money. Can we do a USG here?

Nurse: This is Saturday night, tomorrow is Sunday, if

you want to stay in hospital now, it was too long to wait for the therapy. On Monday, obstetrician may come or

So, I cannot do USG here, can I?

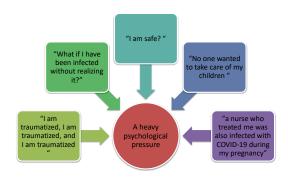
Nurse: Yes, I suggest, you go home and seek another health clinic for USG, later after you undergo USG, you can return to our hospital again?

After delivery

Finally, I deliver my baby safe through cesarean section. though this pandemic was very difficult and I need to perform some complicated testing. Finally, my efforts come to happiness, my little angle come to this world. (Devi)

"I am traumatised, I am traumatised....I am traumatised": A difficult birth during pandemic

- Other participants who were a working, from middle income family, pregnant mother during pandemic, faced different pressures and spoke of the stress caused by COVID-19
- · These stresses were compounded when pregnant women themselves or a close family member, were tested positive for COVID-19.



Neglecting HIV Positive Women's Rights

Reflection









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