

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

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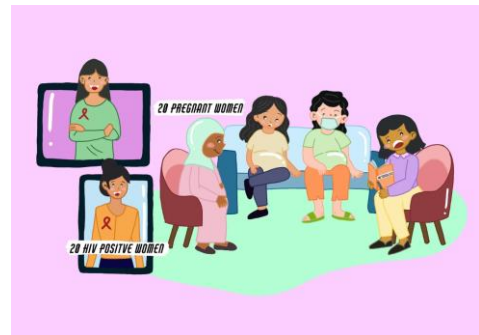
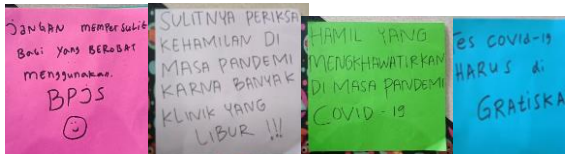
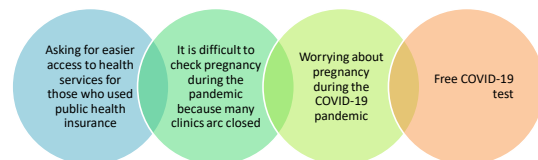
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Pregnant women's voices during pandemic



In this study there are forty-five women selected to participate. Twenty out of forty women were pregnant during the pandemic

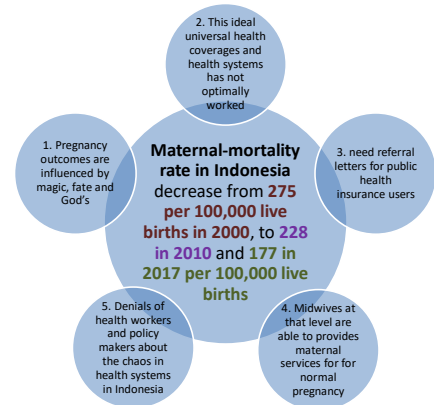
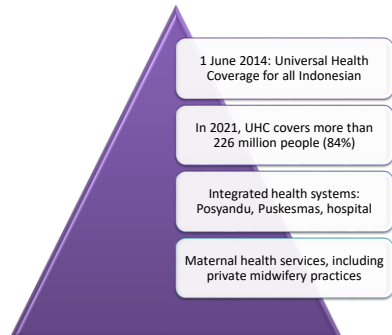


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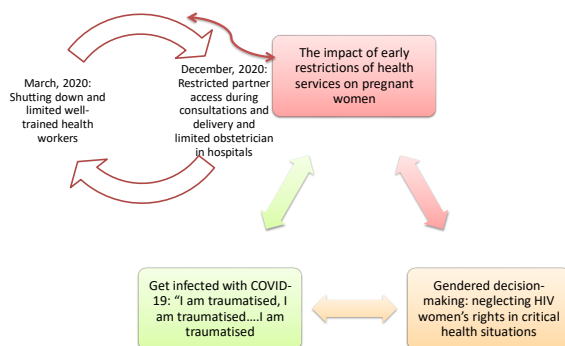
Palembang, South Sumatra and other region in South Sumatra
December 2020-July 2021



At Glance: Health Systems in Indonesia



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



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 disappointed 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.

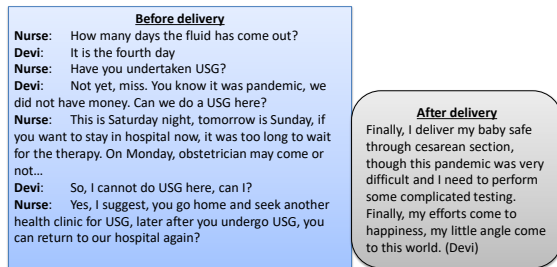
Security: Yes, he does... But only the patient is allowed to enter the clinic.

Husband: Why, sir?

Security: That's the rule, sir. I am just doing my work.

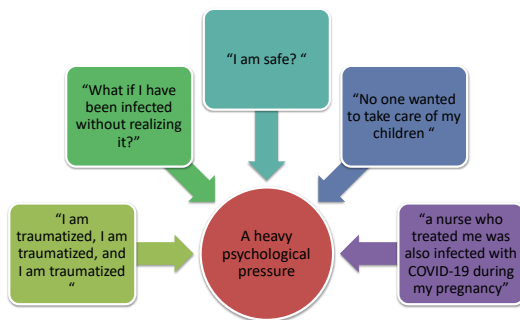
B. December, 2020: Restricted partner access during consultations and delivery within limited obstetrician in hospital

- 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



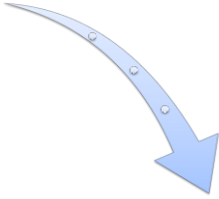
“I am traumatised, I am traumatised....I am traumatised”: A difficult birth during pandemic

- 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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