

DISTRICT HEALTH SYSTEM MANAGEMENT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH FROM KAPHO DISTRICT IN PATTANI PROVINCE, THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

This study was performed in a descriptive retrospective fashion to evaluate the result of District health system management, aiming to improve the quality of maternal and child health care (MCH) in Kapho District, Pattani Province, Thailand. Data collection was carried out by document review method. Data management and analysis were divided into two phases. In the first phase, covering the years 1999 to 2006, a situation analysis and past experiences were incorporated. The second phase lasted from 2007 to 2012, wherein a theoretical analysis was done.

The findings demonstrated that the District health system management positively influenced the quality of MCH care. As examples, Maternal Mortality Ratio was shown to be zero per 100,000 live births, since the fiscal year 2007 to 2012, and the Perinatal Mortality Rate was as low as 3.09 per 1,000 total births in 2012. Furthermore, there revealed improved service coverage to the MCH populations. For instance, four – section observation of antenatal care coverage showed an optimistic trend (69.9%, 78.98%, 80.43%) from the year 2010 to 2012. This was totally due to the comprehensive management system, comprising the following six core components: (i) service delivery, (ii) health workforce, (iii) health information systems, (iv) essential medication access, (v) financing, and (vi) leadership or governance.

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