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AMONG MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE IN
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This study on utilization of immunization services among mothers with children under five years of age was conducted in Abbottabad district, Pakistan by the use of a structured questionnaire. This study was a cross-sectional descriptive study done in March, 1999 at the vaccination centres of ten villages. The purpose of the study was mainly to identify factors such as socio-demographic characteristics, knowledge of the respondents about immunizable diseases and immunization programme, perception of mothers towards immunizable diseases and immunization programme and accessibility and availability of immunization services and their effect on utilization of immunization services.

The results of the study revealed that only 62.5 percent of the respondents were utilizing the immunization services. Furthermore, this study also revealed that socio-demographic characteristics such as age, education of the respondents, occupation of the respondents, family income and number of children under five years of age had an effect on the utilization of immunization services; similarly, knowledge and perception of the respondents about immunizable diseases and immunization programme had an effect on the utilization of immunization services. There was also an effect of accessibility and availability of immunization services on the utilization of immunization services.