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Abstract

Objective:

According to the World Health Organization, about half of all pregnant women in India suffer from some form of anemia. While poor nutrition is the most common cause, social factors, such as gender and religion, also impact anemia status. This study investigates the relationship between anemia and socioeconomic and health-related factors among pregnant women in Mysore, India.

Design:

Prospective cohort study conducted between January 2009 and 2012

Setting:

144 rural villages ten or more kilometers outside of Mysore City received integrated antenatal care and HIV testing services provided by mobile medical clinic in their communities.

Participants:

1675 pregnant women from the villages were screened. All women and their infants were then followed up for up to a year after delivery.

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