

ABSTRACT

Paying attention to Reproductive Health of women can bring desirable improvement in the health status of women. It is well known and the facts and data are already there to justify, that a good health of woman is greatly depends on a healthy Reproductive Health of woman. There are lot of efforts has already been done by various developmental agencies to combat the need of improvement in health status of women.

Despite various efforts which have been carried out by various developmental agencies in terms of launching and providing various schemes, health care facilities (Especially Reproductive Health), financial provisions etcetera. Several people living in remote area still remain neglected to grab the opportunities meant for them. Data from various studies shows that still there is a gap between available Reproductive Health care facilities and which is needed to be availed by women, unfortunately due to various reasons they were unable to avail them. The reason could be that either they are unaware about the facilities available for them or they are living far from the area.

Making them aware about the reproductive issues is a most important part of their life. If it is concerned with tribal women, the first things came out are the area where they live, the educational level and the medical services available for them is very poor.

Researcher put an effort in the present investigation to develop a Reproductive Health Package covering almost all the important reproductive health aspects of women's life, which affects them more in all manners. Reproductive health practices were also found out in the present study.

The objectives undertaken in the study were to assess the profile of respondents, to identify Reproductive health practices prevalent among them, to develop Information Education and Communication Package covering Reproductive Health of women viz; Stages of Reproductive Health, Maternal Care, Sexually Transmitted Diseases/ Reproductive Tract Infections and Family Planning, to see and check the effectiveness of Instruction Education and Communication Package by the respondents and to assess reactions of the respondents towards various media and material developed under the IEC Package.

Present investigation was carried out in “Kerwas” Village of Pratapgarh District of Rajasthan, India. The study was carried out with purposively selected 100 tribal women of selected village. A complete Information Education and Communication Package on various Reproductive Health aspects were developed which included various IEC materials and methods on these selected aspects. In the package IEC materials denotes Charts, Posters, Pamphlets, Self-Learning Cards Booklet, whereas Educational Video Films, Power Point Presentations, Educational Games stands for methods for imparting knowledge among the respondents. Data was collected using structured interview schedule. Pre-test post-test experimental group only design was used in the present study and data was collected through personal interview method.

Statistical measures used were frequency, percentage, t-test and ANOVA to generate results of the present study and revealed that combining various methods and materials always perform better to gain in knowledge about any topic. Tribal women’s knowledge was found high when imparted with regards to various facets of Reproductive Health by using IEC Package. Significant and remarkable difference was found in the mean score of pre-test and post-test of the respondents as a whole and every aspects of Reproductive Health.

It appears that informing tribal about anything is always been as challenging issue, as they are quite different in their characteristics, language, rituals customs etcetera. But keeping in mind above the present investigation has been planned and effectively carried out for betterment of society.