

Access and Financing of Maternal Health Care in India

Abstract

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Two of the eight MDGs are directly related to maternal and child health. In India few states namely, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have already achieved the targets while states such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar lag far behind and have a large role to play in achieving these MDGs by India. Studies often attribute these wide differences to the factors such as access to and financing of maternal health services. The present study attempts to analysis and assess the role of these two factors in selected states India. Also, how these factors have impacted different socio-economic groups in these states.

The study would be based on the primary data available from the national sample survey on health as well as the budget support to health by the governments. In addition these two prime sources, other related data would also be supplemented where necessary. Results of this analysis would help drawing specific lessons from better performing states.