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Reproductive Health Behavior Among Adolescent Girls In Rural Areas, South Sulawesi, Indonesia

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Early marriage on girls are more prevalent in rural than urban areas, which can have negative impacts on reproductive health, nutritional status of mothers and fetus (MoH, 2013)

This study aimed to assess the knowledge, attitude and practice of reproductive health on female adolescent in rural areas.

Cross-sectional study was conducted with on girls (601 samples of 610 populations) from class X in five Senior High School at Maros Dsitric South Sulawesi. Nine people do not participate in the study due to illness and was not present at the school at the time of the study. Data were collected using a structured questionnaire and analyzed by correlation test.

Almost half (44.9%) of the subjects had relatively low reproductive health knowledge. Girls who had never heard or know of reproductive health (15.5%). Many girls did not know that reproductive health includes reproductive organs and functions (27.8%), early marriage can cause reproductive health problems and disorders of pregnancy (52.9%), deviation of sexual behavior resulting in sexually transmitted diseases (42.9%). Many girls (54.1%) have a negative attitude towards reproductive health whom were answer agree that early marriage (<20 years old) does not endanger reproductive health, pregnancy and fetus (35.6%). The subjects answered disagree (48.4%) that early marriages increase the risk of maternal death. Reproductive health practices of girls that were not good (37.9%). Most of the girls (62.7%) had been dating and performing risky sexual behavior such as holding hands, kissing, cuddling and making out when courting (7.2%). Knowledge of reproductive health girls were significantly correlated with attitudes by 41.4% ($r = 0.414$; $p = 0.001$) and practices by 12% ($r = 0.120$; $p = 0.003$), whereas the correlation between attitudes to the practice of female adolescent reproductive health was not statistically significant ($r = 0.079$; $p = 0.052$).

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