

The assessment of nutrition and health services performance of health center related to the nutritional status of children under three years old in Bandung District

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Abstrak

The objectives of this study was to determine whether different health center performance was related to children nutritional status. The study was cross-sectional. Two sampling technique were used. The first stage used simple random sampling of finite population, which selected 37 out of 100 health centers. The second stage used comparing of two proportion, where 254 children between 6-36 months were selected from 3 health centers in upper level and other 3 health centers in lower level.

Health center performance in Bandung district were low. Staff capability was the most influencing factor for health center performance and nutrition service quality. Different performance scores in two groups of health center (205.5 ± 2.1 for low group vs. $273.01 - 3.7$ for high group) was not positively related to children nutritional status ($p > .05$). Mother's knowledge as an outcome of health center performance has strategic role on the improvement of children nutritional status.