

Abstract

Reproductive health is the complete physical social and mental wellbeing not merely the absence or infirmity in all matters related to reproductive system and its function. The international mandates and policies addressed the right of reproductive health time to time since 1948. The awareness on sexual and reproductive health during emergency situations identified as one of the major necessary service after formation of inter-agency working group for reproductive, which subsequently became the minimum initial service package in late 1990s.

In SriLankan health framework public health midwives are the grass root level service providers of reproductive health. This study analyzed the knowledge, attitude and practices of public health midwives in the provision of sexual and reproductive health services in disaster and emergency situations.

. The title of the study is the Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Public Health Midwives on Sexual and Reproductive Health services in Disaster situations in Kalmunai RDHS region.

The General objective of the study is to describe the Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Public Health Midwives on Sexual and Reproductive Health services in Disaster situations in Kalmunai RDHS region.

This is a descriptive cross sectional study during April to November 2015.

140 public health midwives who were working in the field of RDHS region Kalmunai, were studied, excluding who were on maternity leave.

Statistical analytically the majority of the participants are having the positive attitude and poor knowledge, therefore, all public health midwives need refresher training on routine reproductive health Practices, all public health midwives need a regular training on sexual and reproductive health in crises situations. and the knowledge, attitude and practices of other public health staff also should be studied.

The result concludes that their knowledge is deficient even though they showed very positive attitudes towards the practice of reproductive health in crises situations.