

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Title:**

Factors affecting utilization of antenatal care services among mothers in Namuwongo community.

### **Background:**

Antenatal care is a key strategy for reducing maternal morbidity and mortality but many pregnant women in Namuwongo do not receive it.

### **Aim:**

The purpose of this study was to establish the factors affecting utilization of ANC among mothers in Namuwongo community, Kampala district.

### **Methodology:**

The study employed a cross sectional study design to establish the factors affecting utilization of antenatal care services among mothers in Namuwongo. A systematic random sampling technique was used and a sample of 386 respondents was obtained. Data was collected using semi-structured questionnaires, and then entered and analyzed using SPSS.

### **Results:**

The results showed that the level of utilization of antenatal care services among mothers in Namuwongo was 60.4%. Results also showed that socio-demographic factors and health facility factors did not affect utilization of ANC. Although individual factors such as attitude and knowledge were found to affect the utilization of antenatal care services.

### **Conclusion:**

More qualitative and quantitative research is required to explore the factors affecting utilization of ANC among mothers with more emphasis on individual factors.

### **Key words:**

Antenatal care, mothers, utilization of ANC, Namuwongo community.