

Introduction

There were approximately 287000 deaths worldwide in 2020 with low in-come countries accounting for 95% (WHO,2023)

In Nigeria, high maternal death is an ongoing challenge and accounts for 50% of global incidents (Hogan, 2010; ;Olaewaju, 2021).

The north-eastern region of Nigeria has the highest MMR with 1,549 deaths per 100,000 live births (Abimbola *et al.*, 2018)

27.8% women in the north utilise maternal healthcare centres compared to women in the south (89.0%). The number pf births not attended by skilled attendants was high in the north (86.5%) and lowest in the south (9.5%) (Abimbola *et al.*, 2018).

However, these deaths are preventable if pregnant women aptly utilise the healthcare service provided, especially in the rural areas (Arogundade, *et al.*, 2021, National Population Commission, 2019).

Aim of the study

To explore factors that limit pregnant women in utilising Maternal Health Care Services in Bauchi State, Nigeria.

Methodology & Methods



Results

Figure 1: Health Care Challenges as a limiting factor to the underutilisation of maternal health services in Bauchi State, Nigeria.

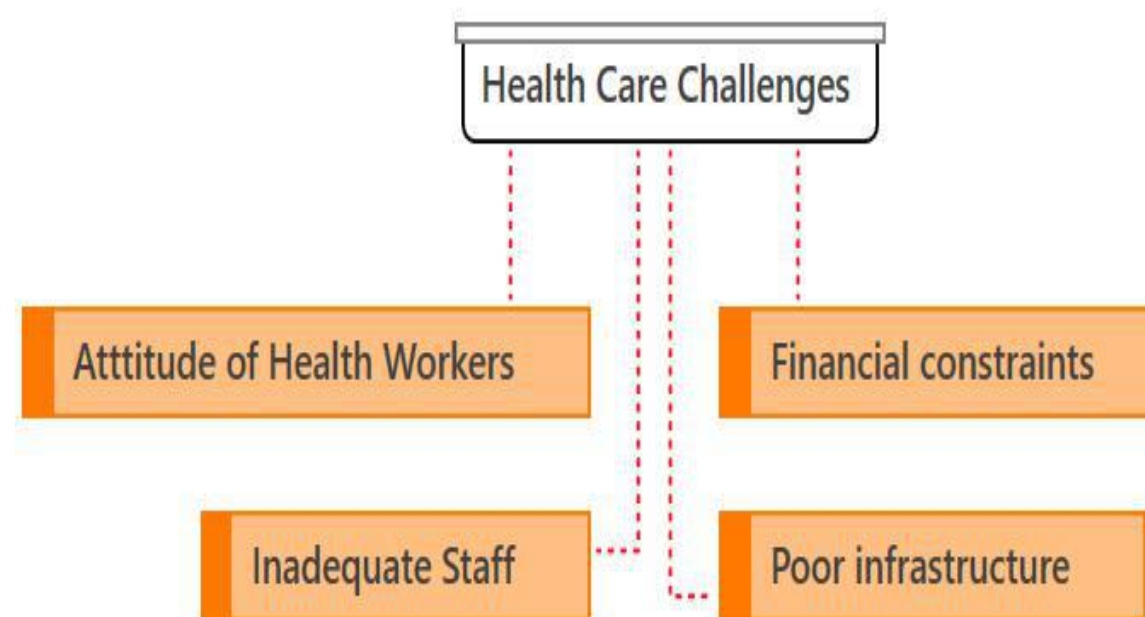
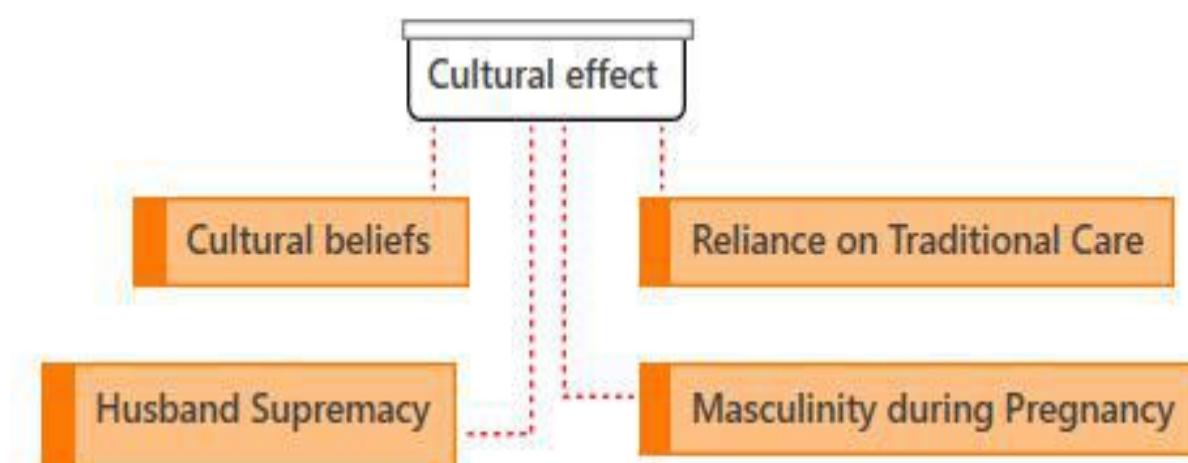


Figure 2- Cultural limiting factors to the underutilisation of maternal health services in Bauchi State, Nigeria.



Conclusions

- Pregnant women are considered stronger when they give birth at home
- Patients' financial difficulty affected their capacity to pay for maternal health services
- Discouraging attitudes and insufficiency of maternal health workers affected patients to utilise maternal services

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