

RURAL HEALTH CARES IN ASSAM- THE PERCEPTION OF COMMUNITY

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ABSTRACT

In Development of a rural area, Health care plays an important role. The term “Health care” embraces a multitude of services provided to individuals or communities by the health service providers for the purpose of promoting, maintaining and monitoring the health. The purpose of health care services is to improve the health status of the community and to deliver quality health services. In accessing health services in rural area certain social determinants such as income, education, environment, etc have an important role. In the context of Assam in rural health care systems, the first contact point of the community is ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) as a health service provider and SC (Sub Center) as health facility, following this nearest primary health center and community health center come. In accessing health services in a rural area many a time due to lack of empathic approach of some service providers, their insensitivity towards the need of the public, lack of articulation skill of ASHAs in providing health-related information at community level create some issues. These issues in later part shape the perception of community towards health institutions and health service providers.

The aim of this research article is to look into these aspects from the perspective of the community. The findings of this article have important implications because it would highlight the cause and instances that construct the perception of community towards the rural health care system.

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