

## Abstract

Government's policy to station trained midwives in every village was an effort to decrease Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR). Village's midwives main role is to support government's determination of reducing MMR. At Probolinggo district, almost all villages already have midwives, but their performance was not optimal particularly in reporting and recording i.e. filling mother's card during antenatal care (ANC). The goal of this study was to enhance the performance of village midwives by improving mother's card recording during ANC. This was an analytic study using cross sectional method. Carried out from June 1<sup>st</sup> until June 15<sup>th</sup> 2003 and the respondents were 35 village midwives taken randomly from the population. Data collected were analyzed descriptively using Spearman's correlation test. The result showed that all faktor mentioned bellow had no significant correlation with the filling of mother's card; 1) management faktor i.e. reward system, task and availability of mother's card; 2) village midwives faktor i.e. motivation, attitude and employee's status; 3) work faktor i.e. midwife's task and work plan; 4) mother's card faktor i.e. the availability of mother's card; the availability of manual for mother's card; 5) process of recording faktor i.e. assisting, work schedule application, and performed task. The only one faktor that showed significant correlation with the filling of mother's card was the knowledge of village midwives. Based on these findings, a recommendation to improve the filling of mother's card during ANC was as follows: 1) to conduct an on-the job training for village midwives purposely to enable them to fill mother's card flawlessly; 2) to inform their duty and responsibility as well as technical skill needed prior to their placement at the village; 3) to reduce additional work load of village midwives so that they could fill and complete mother's card forms; 4) to maintain the supply of mother's card, deliver it promptly accompanied with its manual and 5) to supervise village midwives regularly and if necessary a monthly meeting conducted by the head of District Health Office.

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