

## **SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS INFLUENCING THE UTILIZATION OF MATERNAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN AMUWO-ODOFIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The use of maternal healthcare services reduces maternal mortality, which is unimaginably high in Nigeria. Therefore, this study investigates the socio-economic factors influencing the utilization of maternal healthcare services in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government Area of Lagos state, Nigeria. Each of the socioeconomic factors of women and their spouses which include: income, occupation, education and culture were examined. Primary data was gathered through administration of questionnaires in the study. A total sample size of 230 respondents was selected. The univariate, bivariate, chi-square test and Analyses of variance (ANOVA) were employed in order to identify the influence of socio-economic variables on the use of maternal health care services in the study. Findings from Chi-square analyses depict that respondents' income ( $p=0.000$ ), culture ( $p=0.000$ ) and educational status ( $p=0.000$ ) have significant influences on the use of maternal healthcare services in the study. Further results from one-way ANOVA reveal that respondents' occupational status ( $p=0.011$ ) has significant influence on the use of maternal healthcare services in the study. Therefore, this study recommends that the government should channel more of her resources and attention to ensuring a more sustainable growth of women's socio-economic status in Nigerian society.

**KEYWORDS:** Maternal Healthcare Services, Utilization, Socio-Economic Factors



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