

Factors Influencing Healthcare Seeking Behaviors for Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Services of Female Sex Workers in Bomet County, South West Part of Kenya.

Introduction

To improve health of every individual, universal health coverage has to be effected now, not in the near future or tomorrow but today. . FSWs have a higher morbidity and mortality risk than the general population while access and equitable distribution of health services that provide comprehensive, sexual and reproductive health services and holistic care is still a problem in sub Saharan Africa. To meet FSWs needs, it is important to have a paradigm shift from disease model to a person centered model where there is integration of the biophysical, mental, emotional and social aspects of health. The study will help us understand the health care seeking behaviors of female sex workers, depict the barriers that FSWs experience when seeking healthcare and the key health determinants that play a role in influencing their health. This study is aligned with the third sustainable development goal and the social pillar of Kenya vision 2030.

Methods

This is a phenomenological qualitative research design with a target population of female sex workers working in Bomet County. A partner working with this population by providing both preventative and curative health services will assist in accessing the population. The sampling procedure will be non- probability through respondent driven snowball sampling. Sampling will be done until saturation is achieved and no new data will be collected. A Semi-structured in-depth key individual interview will be used as the instrument to collect data and confidentiality of all participants will be assured. Data will be transcribed, then translated in English for analysis. Constant comparison analysis will be used where codes will be assigned and emerging themes highlighted and written in the final document. Safe data handling and all other ethical considerations will be observed for this study. Community engagement has started and will continue throughout the research study.

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