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The effect of womens' groups facilitated by Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) on birth outcomes in Eastern India

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Study information

Scientific Title
Community mobilisation with participatory womens groups facilitated by Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) to improve maternal and newborn health in underserved areas of Jharkhand and Orissa (India): a cluster randomised controlled trial

Acronym
Jharkhand Orissa Health Action Research (JOHAR)

Study objectives
The community mobilisation intervention led by ASHAs will lead to a 30% reduction in neonatal mortality in the last 24 months of the study.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
UCL Research Ethics Committee approved in March 2008, annually reviewed, ID number: 1488 /001

Primary study design
Interventional

Study design
Cluster randomised controlled trial

Study type(s)
Prevention

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Maternal and Child Health

Interventions
. Participation in learning action cycle with womens groups
2. In each intervention cluster, trained and incentivised Accredited Social Health Activists and convene womens groups
3. ASHAs are government appointed volunteers incentivised to mobilise communities for improved health outcomes, assist women to access institutional deliveries and delivery a range of primary healthcare services
4. The participatory learning and action cycle has 4 phases
5. In the first phase, groups identify and prioritise maternal and newborn health problems, then plan strategies to address these problems
6. In the second phase, they discuss and prioritise strategies to address these problems
7. In the third and fourth phases, groups put these strategies into practice, and evaluate their progress
8. The role of the ASHA as part of the intervention being tested is to activate and strengthen groups, support them in identifying problems related to maternal and newborn health, help to plan possible solutions and support the implementation and monitoring of strategies to address identified problems in the community
9. ASHAs support group meetings alongside their other activities
10. In all clusters, control and intervention, activities are implemented to strengthen Village Health Committees

11. We do not use patient information sheets because this was a community trial of a social intervention (i.e. not a clinical trial). The intervention consists of women's groups that discuss and design their own strategies to improve newborn and maternal health. All the women in these women's groups participate voluntarily. At the start of the women's groups, there was extensive discussion of what the aims and structure of the women's groups are. By voluntarily joining a women's group, the participants consent to the intervention (i.e. women's groups). Oral consent was obtained from the respondents in the monitoring and surveillance interviews

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)
Neonatal mortality (deaths in the first 28 complete days after birth per 1,000 live births), during the last 24 months of the study.

Key secondary outcome(s)
1. Early and late neonatal mortality rate
2. Stillbirth rate
3. Maternal mortality ratio
4. Pregnancy related mortality
5. Health care seeking
6. Home care practices

Completion date
31/12/2012

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
1. Women who give birth in 30 geographic clusters during the study period
2. Women and their newborn infants are included after birth, or, if a woman dies during pregnancy, at her death.

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Neonate

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria

1. Women who decline to be interviewed
2. Women who have migrated out of the study areas (classified as those who cannot be traced 9 months after a birth or death identification)

Date of first enrolment
01/09/2010

Date of final enrolment
31/12/2012

Locations

Countries of recruitment
United Kingdom

England

India

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Institute of Child Health
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Sponsor information

Organisation
University College London (UK)

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https://ror.org/02jx3x895

Funder(s)

Funder type
Charity

Funder Name
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Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/02/2016		Yes	No
Protocol article	protocol	25/07/2011		Yes	No