

Factors Influencing Maternal Mortality Prevalence in Same District, Tanzania
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The study focused on analysing factors influencing prevalence of maternal mortality in Same District, Tanzania. The researcher chose Same District because it is the district that is affected with maternal mortality compared to other districts in Kilimanjaro Region. The study specific objectives were to examine the influence of demographic factors on maternal mortality prevalence, analyse socio-economic factors influencing maternal mortality prevalence, examine the trend of maternal mortality and examine community perceptions on maternal mortality in the study area. The study used a cross sectional research design which enabled collection of both qualitative and quantitative data. Simple random and purposive sampling were used to determine the sample size, whereby 99 respondents were involved in the study. Both primary and secondary data were collected and used in the study. Data were analysed using Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) and excel, and were presented through tables and figures. The findings of the study revealed that the level of socio-economic status, socio-cultural practices, early marriage, distance and transport issues in Makanya Ward played significant role in affecting women's access to health services, and this influenced to maternal mortality. The study recommends that the community should be involved in formulation of policies so as to understand their perception on the causes and means to reduce maternal mortality in the study area. The study findings suggest that government and other stakeholders need to encourage expectant mothers to improve upon their health by visiting the health facilities. Moreover, it recommends that the government should improve transport infrastructures because most of women fail to reach health facilities and decide to deliver at home because of poor infrastructure especially during the rainy season.