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The Potential Impact of Community-Based Distribution Programmes on Contraceptive Uptake in Resource-poor Settings: Evidence from Ethiopia

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Abstract

Community-based reproductive health services (CBRHS) have been in implementation in Ethiopia for over a decade. This paper assesses the impact of such programmes on contraceptive use. The data were obtained from the 2000 Ethiopian Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) and the 2003 Contraceptive Prevalence Survey (CPS). While the 2000 DHS contained a nationally representative random sample of women of reproductive age, the 2003 CPS focused on areas with active CBRHS programmes. The findings indicate that expanding the current CBRHS programme has the potential of doubling the current national contraceptive prevalence rate. (*Afr J Reprod Health* 2005; 9[3]:15-26)

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