

**DISSERTATION TITLE:**  
**FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO PERSISTENT OF HOME DELIVERY IN HAI DISTRICT**

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**ABSTRACT**

The problem of home delivery in Hai District reflects to be a big health problem compared to the National targets of 80% of deliveries which should be done in Health Facilities is to be achieved/attained by the year 2008. The magnitude of home delivery in 2007 accounted 50%; this is due to different factors that contributed to it. Objective of the study was to determine factors contributing to persistent of home delivery. Descriptive cross sectional study design was used to study 204 pregnant mothers. Interviewer administered questionnaire, Focus Group Discussion questionnaire guide and in depth interview questionnaire guide was used to collect the data.

Almost all pregnant women (95%) attended ANC at least once during their last pregnancy, but 53% reported to deliver at home, in which 65% of these home deliveries were assisted by Traditional Birth Attendants. Women who had low knowledge on complication of delivery to mothers (81%) and to children (76%) were more likely to deliver at home. Distance to health facility (11%), unfriendly services offered by health staff (10%), influence from relatives (24%), and lack of services after official hours (27%), unavailability of delivery materials (15%), and experienced home delivery (27%) all this also have an influence on persistence of home delivery.

It can be concluded that the barriers to the use of professional obstetric care partly can be attributed to the health care system itself. It was recommended that CHMT should ensure there are enough delivery materials. Rehabilitation/ building of staff's houses in health centres and dispensaries. Health education in the community on the importance of home delivery. Refresher training to RCH staffs and regular meetings with TBAs to emphasize them in accompanying / escort pregnant mothers to the health facilities. Health Action Model was chosen to address the determinants and reduce the prevalence of home deliver.