

**KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE AND PRACTICES AFFECTING THE SPREAD OF
HIV/AIDS AMONG WOMEN OF CHILD BEARING AGE BETWEEN 15 -~~4~~9 YEARS
ATTENDING MCH/FP AT HABASWEIN DISTRICT HOSPITAL.**

A CASE STUDY OF HABASWEIN DISTRICT HOSPITAL

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ABSTRACT

This was a descriptive cross-sectional study carried out between March to May 2013 focusing on the knowledge, attitude and practices of women of child bearing age attending MCH/FP clinic at Habaswein District Hospital.

- Sample size was 73: the person rate was 100% as all were interviewed. The only instrument used for data collection was a questionnaire whereby responses were filled in correctly.
- Major findings of the study were:-
 - ❖ The age bracket 15-24 formed the majority 55% who were sexually active and susceptible to the infection.
 - ❖ 79.4% never went to school, which explains the fact that the people have a nomadic background.
 - ❖ 100% awareness but low levels of knowledge as 79.5% do not know the causes of HIV/AIDs and 4.2% condom use. This was attributed to the faith of majority of them, Islam which discourages condom use.
 - ❖ The attitudes of the respondents were found to be positive AIDs a patient as 73% said they will stay with their husbands even if they tested HIV positive.
 - ❖ Poor practice among the respondents as 41% said they will leave alone any AIDs patient.
- The study concluded the following:
 - Most of the respondents, 55% were sexually active hence vulnerable to the infection as they belonged in 15-24 age bracket.