



PERCEPTIONS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR OF OUT-OF SCHOOL RURAL ADOLESCENT BOYS

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted to examine the reproductive health knowledge, attitude and practice of out of school rural students in Chittoor dist. of Andhra Pradesh, India. Data were collected using self-administered interview scheduled. The findings reveal that knowledge, attitude and behaviour of the adolescent out of school boys on reproductive health concerns significantly influences by their income level. There is significant (p . value, 9.69, sig at 0.000 level) difference in the mean of reproductive behaviour of the respondents with their level of income. Hence, there is an urgent need to improved access to family planning information and services and family life education programmes based on the needs and experience of these young people as a potential solution to alleviate their reproductive health problems.

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