

Fertility and Mortality Among Mirdhas: A Tribal Community of Orissa

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ABSTRACT In the present investigation an attempt has been made to study the fertility and mortality behavior among Mirdha tribal women of Sambalpur district, Orissa. Necessary information on different bio-events were collected only from 184 ever married Mirdha women. The reproductive performances of Mirdha women shows average live birth 3.14 per mothers with low foetal loss. Women over 45 years show 4.56 live birth on an average. The average surviving children per women is found to be 2.70. Infant death is seen to be 7.79 percent and that of total pre-reproductive mortality is 14.19 percent. Women of 35-39 years age-group show highest (4.15%) frequency of pre-reproductive mortality. Birth and death rates are calculated to be 976 and 142, respectively. The rate of infant death is highest, 116 per one thousand live births and that of total per-reproductive mortality is 142. The mean age of different bio-events of Mirdha women show a moderate variation in reproductive performance.