

Socio-cultural Aspects and Healthcare in Pando Tribe of Madhya Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The Pando tribe is principally found in Sarguja district and is socially and economically backward. The demographic parameters have shown a poor state of health of the population. This paper describes findings of an in-depth investigation on socio-cultural characteristics and health seeking behavior of the Pando tribe. Socio-cultural parameters, not conducive to the health have been pointed out. The paper emphasizes improving MCH and family planning acceptability in the tribe and to take suitable measures in light of their socio-cultural practices to improve infant mortality level and other health indices.