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Socio-structural Determinants and Health Seeking Behaviour of the Mankirdia Tribe of Odisha: An Ethnographic Study (SDHSBMT0)

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ABSTRACT The paper attempts to study the role of the Mankirdia tribe's socio-structural determinants and its influence on their health-seeking behaviour. The extensive ethnographic method has been used to collect relevant and in-depth information from the study community. The paper conclusively finds that social structures have impacted the health-seeking behaviour of the community at large. It also finds the inter-connection among the larger structural elements of the tribal society, such as socio-political, and economic structures with health-seeking behaviour and the disease burden of the Mankirdia. It has suggested stringent policy measures for qualitatively improving the health status of Mankirdia tribe, and also existing social determinants or structural aspects needs to be strengthened. In addition, traditional healthcare practices need to be reinforced, especially an indigenous healer's knowledge with existing biomedical health services.