

SOCIOECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS AND MATERNAL SELF-DETERMINATION AS DETERMINANTS OF STUNTING CARE BEHAVIOR IN TODDLERS IN GOWA REGENCY

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BACKGROUND : Stunting remains a significant public health issue globally, particularly in developing countries like Indonesia. This study aims to analyze the influence of maternal socioeconomic characteristics and self-determination on the care behaviors of stunted toddlers in Manuju Health Center, Gowa Regency.

METHODE : The cross-sectional design approach was conducted in Gowa Regency in 2023. The sample size was determined as 102 people. Data were collected using a combination of interviews, observations, and questionnaires.

RESULT & DISCUSSION : The findings indicated that intrinsic motivation, extrinsic motivation, and amotivation significantly influenced care behaviors, while age, parity, economic status did not show significant influence.

CONCLUSION : This study suggests that interventions should focus on enhancing maternal motivation and knowledge to improve stunting care practices.

KEYWORD : Stunting, Socioeconomic Characteristics, Self-Determination, Care Behavior.