

TIMELY INITIATION OF POSTPARTUM CONTRACEPTIVE UTILIZATION AND ASSOCIATED FACTORS AMONG WOMEN OF CHILD BEARING AGE IN ARORESSA DISTRICT, SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA

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# ABSTRACT

**Background**: Globally, more than 90 percent of women during the first year of postpartum period want to either delay or avoid future pregnancies. Although studies related with utilization of modern contraceptive methods have been conducted in Ethiopia, less attention has been given on time of initiating modern contraceptive utilization after delivery. Therefore, this study tried to fill the gap by considering factor that was not addressed by previous studies like women's participation on forum of the pregnant mothers with other factors associated with timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization in the study area.

**Objective**: - To assess the magnitude and associated factors of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization among women of child bearing age in Aroressa district, Southern Ethiopia, 2017

**Method**: - The study was conducted in Aroressa district from March 15 to April 15, 2017. A community based cross-sectional study design with interviewer administered structured questionnaires were used. Multistage sampling technique was employed involving a total of 695 women of child bearing age who delivered a child in the past 12 months prior to the study period. Data were cleaned, coded and entered into Epi data version 3.1, then exported to statistical package for social science version 20 for analysis. Descriptive statistics, Bivariate and Multivariate logistic regression analysis was done. P-value <0.05 was used to consider significant variables.

**Result:** The magnitude of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization was found to be 31.7% [95% CI (28, 36)]. Antenatal care [AOR=1.94, 95% CI (1.23, 3.01)], postnatal care [AOR=1.90, 95%CI (1.23, 2.94)], participation on forum of the pregnant mothers [AOR=1.63, 95% CI (1.09, 2.41)] and resumption of menses after delivery [AOR=2.6, 95% CI (1.47, 3.81)] were predictors positively associated with timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization.

**Conclusion**: The magnitude of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization was low. Strengthening integration of family planning information with antenatal and postnatal care follow up and giving attention on forum of the pregnant mothers is recommended.

Key words: - Timely initiation, postpartum contraceptives, Aroressa district

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# **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

ANC	Antenatal Care
AOR	Adjusted Odds Ratio
CI	Confidence Interval
COR	Crude Odds Ratio
EDHS	Ethiopia Demographic Health Survey
EFMOH	Ethiopia Federal Minister of Health
EMDHS	Ethiopia Mini Demographic Health Survey
FP	Family Planning
IRB	Institutional Review Board
JU	Jimma University
MNH	Maternal and New born Health
NGOs	Non Governmental Organizations
OR	Odds Ratio
PI	Principal Investigator
PNC	Postnatal Care
PPFP	Postpartum Family Planning
SD	Standard Deviation
SPSS	Statistical package for social science
WHO	World Health Organization

# **CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Background**

World Health Organization (WHO) defined timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization as use of modern contraceptive methods before or at sixth weeks after delivery (1).

Globally, Family Planning (FP) is recognized as a key life-saving intervention for mothers and their children. Postpartum family planning (PPFP) has an important role to play in strategies to support longer birth intervals or reduce unintended pregnancy and its consequences (1).

Family Planning can avert more than 30% of maternal deaths and 10% of child mortality if couples space their pregnancies more than 2 years apart. If all couples waited 24 months to conceive again, under-five mortality would decrease by 13%. If couples waited 36 months, the decrease would be 25% (2).

A recent 10-year study of maternal mortality in 46 countries found that the risk of maternal death increases as the number of children per woman rises to four or more. The study also found that maternal deaths declined by 7–35% as the number of children per woman fell. For women who are not using any modern contraceptive method, pregnancy can occur within 45 days of giving birth. (3).

Unintended pregnancies particularly among women in developing countries and poor individuals are linked to elevated maternal morbidity and mortality. In the world 213 million pregnancies occurred in 2012, 40% of them were unintended in which 50% ended up with abortion, 38% with unplanned birth. These all easily preventable complications that resulted in high number of maternal and neonatal deaths were occurred due to lack of using postpartum contraceptives on time (4). In Ethiopia a national survey in 2013 stated that the prevalence of unintended pregnancy was 24%, while in Southern Ethiopia it was found to be about 43%(5). According to report of the Ethiopian Demographic and Health Survey 2011, 9% and 16% of births were not wanted and mistimed respectively (6).

# **1.2 Statement of the Problem**

The first year after a woman has given birth is crucial for use of modern contraceptives on right time to prevent unwanted pregnancy. Many women, however, do not realize that they are at a risk for pregnancy during this period. Therefore, this can result to unintended pregnancies and unwanted childbearing (7).

Globally, more than 90 percent of women during the first year of postpartum period want to either delay or avoid future pregnancies. However, in most cases, sexual activity in the postpartum is resumed before the first menstruation following delivery without the use of any contraceptive method (3).

About 80 million unintended pregnancies worldwide are accounted for low utilization of contraceptives during the postpartum period. In addition, 30% of all births in sub-Saharan Africa are due to low utilization of family planning (FP) services (7).

The high rate of unintended pregnancy become a big problem especially in sub-Sahara Africa where approximately half of all pregnancies were reported to have come soon or was unwanted. These could have been prevented with increased access to effective utilization of modern postpartum contraceptive methods. An increase in contraceptive use during the postpartum period substantially reduces the rates of maternal and infant mortality (8).

Study has shown that short birth intervals are closely associated with poor maternal and child health. Children born too close to a previous birth, especially if the interval between the births is less than two years, are at increased risk of morbidity and mortality and this therefore can be prevented through using modern contraceptive methods on right time after delivery (9).

An important factor should be addressed in recommendations related to the timing of counseling for postpartum contraception is considering the resumption of ovulation following birth. On the most of women the average time to first postpartum ovulation is 45 days and can occur as early as 25 days following delivery. Additionally, approximately two-thirds of women ovulate prior to their first postpartum menstruation making menstruation a poor indicator for timing the initiation of postpartum contraception (10).

About 225 million women in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) who do not want to become pregnant and desire to extend next pregnancy for at least two years are not using postpartum contraception on recommended time. It is estimated that 30 million unplanned births and 40 million abortions, half of them illegal and unsafe, occurred annually as a result of not using modern contraceptive methods on timely manner (11).

Analysis of DHS data regarding contraceptive usage during the extended post-partum period from developing countries showed that about 91% of the respondents wished to delay their next pregnancy by at least a year, however, 70% of them were not using a modern contraceptive method (10).

An analysis of data from Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) of 17 developing countries also found that the risk of maternal as well as the newborn and infant death would be decreased with increasing birth interval lengths up to 36 months through using modern contraceptive methods after delivery on timely manner. It also found that an average of 25% of couples in Sub-Saharan Africa who wanted to space or limit their children were not using any form of modern contraceptive method on recommended time after delivery (12).

In sub-Saharan Africa, the proportion of postpartum women who are exposed to the risk of pregnancy by having sex while using no postpartum contraceptive method within 2 years after childbirth is nearly one third (7). Most postpartum women expressed a desire to prevent pregnancy during first two years after delivery but had not obtained contraceptive protection on recommended time (3).

According to EMDHS2014 the great majority of women (82 percent) who gave birth in the preceding five years did not receive a postnatal checkup at all. This shows that the most of women were not utilizing modern contraceptive after giving birth as a result of missing opportunities for early utilization of postnatal care (13).

In Ethiopia, approximately 80% of postpartum women return to sexual activity during the first- to six-month period after giving birth, and menses returns for 20% during this same period (7).

According to 2011 Ethiopian Demographic and Health Survey (EDHS) analysis, it was found that nearly 29% of most current pregnancies were reported as either mistimed or unwanted that would be easily prevented if the women were using modern contraceptive methods on timely manner after delivery (14).

A report from Ethiopian Mini Demographic Health Survey of 2014 also indicated that while awareness of contraceptive methods was high, the most proportion of women was not using a modern method of contraception after delivery. In Ethiopia exclusive breast feeding was about 52%. Therefore, the use of lactational amenorrhea cannot be effectively and reliably used as a method of contraception. By considering this Ethiopia Federal Minister of Health (EFMOH) decided that postpartum contraceptive utilization should be started before or on sixth weeks after delivery by integrating it with child immunization program to reduce mistimed pregnancy and its consequences (14).

Study showed that in Ethiopia about 83.1% of the women wanted to extend their next pregnancy for at least two years; however, they didn't get family planning service on early time after giving birth (15).

Although there is a continuous need of the researches for new information, there was no study previously done in the study area. In addition studies previously done in other areas have focused on general use of postpartum contraceptive methods and a less attention has been given to a time of initiating modern contraceptive methods after delivery. Therefore, this study tried to fill the gap through addressing some factors that was not considered by previous studies like women's participation on forum of the pregnant mothers that can play a role for improvement of postpartum contraceptive utilization on timely manner in the study area.

# **1.3 Significance of the Study**

Late initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization after giving birth can leads to complications related to unplanned or unwanted pregnancy with short inter-pregnancy interval. Therefore, the findings of this study will help the local authority in developing policies which can improve delivery of maternal health services at community level. Particularly it can give a clue for policy makers to strength and encourage utilization of postpartum contraceptive methods on timely manner.

It also helps police makers to plan for relevant interventions on identified factors affecting proper utilization of the postpartum modern contraceptive methods and to create awareness among communities in the study area on benefits of its utilization on recommended time.

It also gives inputs for different Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) interested to work on maternal and child health programs in the area.

Moreover, the finding of this study will serve as a source of information for researchers who are interested to conduct further studies in the area.

# **CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW**

# 2.1 Theoretical Overview of Postpartum Family Planning

The benefits of family planning have become increasingly recognized worldwide, including improved health, economic, and social outcomes for women and families, as well as public health, economic, and environmental benefits at the population-level. The provision of quality family planning services in the postpartum period contributes significantly to reducing maternal and child mortality and morbidity (16).

The timely initiation of contraception postpartum is an important consideration for breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding women. During the postpartum period, effective contraception can prevent unintended pregnancy and ensure adequate birth spacing and short interpregnancy intervals have been linked to increased risk of preterm birth, low birth weight, small for gestational age and increases in maternal morbidity and mortality. There are a number of safe and effective contraceptive methods that women can begin at various points after delivery, including immediately postpartum (17)

# 2.2 Magnitude of Postpartum Contraceptive Utilization on Recommended Time

Study in Nigeria showed that the magnitude of contraceptive utilization before sixth weeks of delivery was 3.2% (18). Study done in Mumbai, India also showed the prevalence of initiating postpartum contraceptive utilization before six weeks of postpartum was found to be 62% (19). Another study in Malawi also revealed that the prevalence of postpartum contraceptive utilization on sixth weeks after giving birth was found to be 35% (20).

Study conducted in Northern Ethiopia revealed that nearly half (48.4%) of the women were using one form of contraceptives and about 20.6% started it from sixth weeks-three months after giving birth and remaining 20.7%, 25.7% and 33% started it at 4-6 months, 7-9 months and 10-12 months respectively (15). Another cross-sectional study in Ethiopia also revealed that the magnitude timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization was 37% (21). Study in Ethiopia also showed that only 2.4% of women used family planning in the first 42 days after delivery (22).

# **2.3 Factors Associated With Timely Initiation of Postpartum Contraceptive Utilization**

#### 2.3.1 Socio-Demographic and Economic Factors.

Cross-sectional study done in Kenya revealed that among mothers who gave birth within the past twelve months prior to study, the proportion of women started using a modern family planning method on or before six weeks after delivery were 35.6%. This study revealed that the age of the women (>30) was significantly associated with it (23).

Study in Ghana revealed that there was significant association between occupational status of the women and contraceptive utilization where women with formal employment were three times more likely to using postpartum contraceptives on time than (24). As compared to women with no education, women with a secondary level schooling were three times more likely to have postpartum family planning utilization for limiting when compared with (25).

Similarly, Studies conducted in different Africa countries showed that timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization was significantly higher in women with at least a secondary education (26). Another study conducted in Kenya showed that women with secondary level of education and above were more likely to use a modern family planning method on or before six weeks after postpartum compared to these with primary level of education and below (27).

Cross-sectional study done in Ethiopia also revealed that secondary and above level of the husband's education was found associated with postpartum contraceptive use (28).

#### 2.3.2 Knowledge and attitude on benefits of using modern contraceptives

Although information is presented for all women, the focus should be given for postpartum period to inform women about the importance of utilizing modern contraceptive methods on recommended time after delivery. Knowledge and attitude of family planning is a prerequisite to obtaining access to and using a suitable contraceptive method in a timely and effective manner (6). Study in Ethiopia revealed that women who had knowledge about FP methods

were found to be more likely to start postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who do not have knowledge (22).

#### 2.3.3 Socio-Cultural Factors

Study conducted in Ghana revealed that spousal communication on contraceptive utilization was found to be associated with timely utilization of postpartum contraceptives where higher odds of women who communicated with their spouses were using it (24).

Cross-sectional study done in Democratic Republic of Congo indicated that 37% of postpartum women did not initiate using modern contraceptive methods at early time after they gave birth due to lack of knowledge (29). Study done in Mumbai, India showed that women who have discussed use of postpartum family planning with their husbands were more likely to use postpartum contraception on time than their counter parts (19). Another cross-sectional study also revealed that women who communicated with their husband about contraceptives were 1.79 times more likely to uptake family planning services on timely manner after delivery (30).

Cross-sectional study conducted in Ethiopia showed that spousal communication on decision about contraceptive utilization was found as an important factor for contraceptive utilization and those couples communicate on it and made decision together found to use contraceptives 2 times more likely than those who did not (15). Another cross-sectional study conducted in Ethiopia also revealed that lack of knowledge, husband's disapproval, and lack of spousal discussion on reproductive issues were main reasons for not using postpartum contraceptives methods on timely manner (31).

#### 2.2.4 Use of maternal health Services

Study in South East Asia showed that there was a significant relationship between women who received antenatal contraceptive counseling and those who were using postpartum contraception on early time (26). A cross-sectional study done in Uganda showed that use of family planning services prior to last pregnancy was also significantly associated with early uptake of postpartum contraceptives (30). Study done in Nigeria also revealed that those women who had antenatal and postnatal counseling on postpartum contraceptive utilization were found more likely to start modern postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than their counter parts (18).

Study conducted in Nepal showed that women who received antenatal care were more likely to initiate using contraceptives on time (32). Another cross-sectional study found that women who received more information on postpartum contraception either during the antenatal or immediate postpartum period were more likely to report an intention to use contraception in the postpartum period immediately after delivery or sixth weeks postpartum (33).

The quality of timely utilization of postpartum contraceptive methods can be influenced by health service utilization during pregnancy. Study conducted in northern Ethiopia revealed that delivery at health institution and PNC follow up were the factors significantly associated with postpartum contraceptive utilization on time (34).

Cross-sectional study in Ethiopia showed that women who had ANC follow up were 4 times more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive methods on time than their counterparts. It also revealed that women who had postnatal care were three times more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who haven't attended (22).

Another study conducted in Southern Ethiopia revealed that women who attended ANC were more likely to initiate postpartum family planning on time than those who didn't, which indicates that women are particularly receptive to information about contraception and birth spacing during pregnancy (35).

## 2.3.5 Obstetric Factors

Community based cross-sectional study done in Rwanda showed that number of living children was directly associated with postpartum contraceptives utilization (36).

Cross-sectional study conducted in southern Ethiopia showed that women who returned to see menses after birth and wanted to space two and more years were more likely to use modern contraceptive after delivery (21). Study in Ethiopia also showed that women whose menses was returned after delivery were found to be more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time (22). Since last few years Ethiopian Federal Minister of Health (EFMOH) formulated the strategy of Health Development Army at community level that has components like pregnant mothers' days (forum) that mainly focused on maternal and child health through encouraging the women to discuss about reproductive issues and maternal health service utilization to each other as well as with health professionals (37). Although different studies related with use of postpartum contraceptive methods have been conducted in Ethiopia, no study considered women's participation on these activities mentioned above.

# 2.3 Conceptual framework of the study

The conceptual framework used for this study was adapted from different related literatures and contains independent variables that were classified in to socio-demographic and economic factors, socio-cultural factors, behavioral factors (use of maternal health services) and obstetric factors as well as knowledge and attitudes towards benefits of using modern contraceptive methods. The dependent variable was timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization (initiating postpartum contraceptive utilization before or at sixth weeks after delivery).

Diagrammatically it is shown below (figure 1):

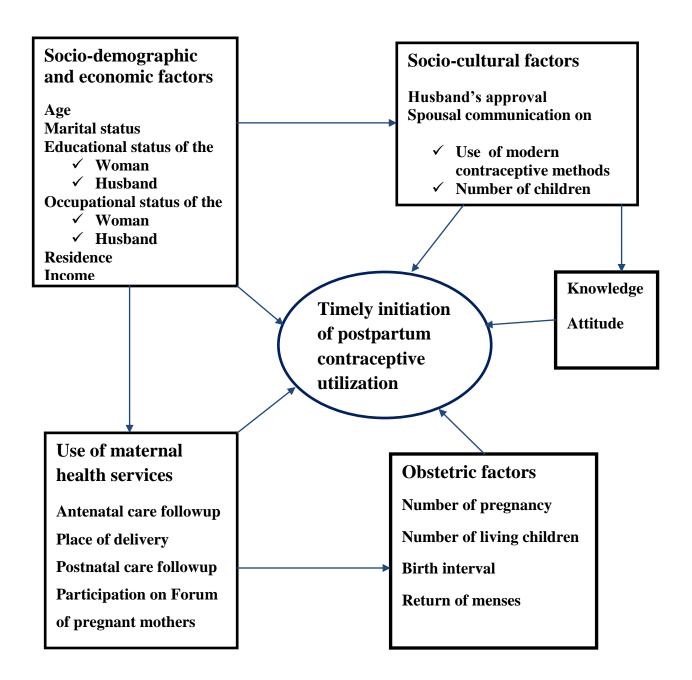


Figure1:- Conceptual Frame Work of the study, Adapted From Related Literatures.

# **CHAPTER THREE: OBJECTIVE**

# **3.1 General Objective**

To assess the magnitude of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization and associated factors among women of child bearing age in Aroressa district, Southern Ethiopia, 2017

# **3.2 Specific Objectives**

- To assess the magnitude of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization among women of child bearing age in Aroressa district, Southern Ethiopia, 2017
- To identify factors associated with timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization among women of child bearing age in Aroressa district, Southern Ethiopia, 2017

# **CHAPTER FOUR: METHODS AND MATERIALS**

# 4.1 Study Area and Period

Aroressa district is one of 23 districts in Sidama zone, Southern nation, nationalities and peoples region of Ethiopia which found at 181 km and 454 km apart from Hawassa and Addis Ababa respectively. It has 30 rural and 3 urban Kebeles with total population of 215,399 and from this 49.8% were females. The women of reproductive age group account 50, 188(23.3%) of the total population. According to district health office report the total number of estimated delivery in 2016/17 was 7453 and the utilization of first ANC, institutional delivery, PNC services and contraceptive prevalence was 75%, 27%, 67% and 48.4% respectively. The district is bounded with Bensa district at north, Chire district at East, Oromia region at West and South. The district has 8 health centers, 33 health posts, 3 primary private clinics and 4 private drug stores (38).

The study was conducted from March 15-April 15, 2017.

# 4.2 Study Design

A community based cross-sectional study design was used.

# **4.3 Populations**

**4.3.1 Source Population:** - All women of child bearing age who gave birth in the last twelve months prior to the study period in the Aroressa district, Southern Ethiopia.

**4.3.2 Study Population:** - Randomly selected women of child bearing age who gave birth in the last twelve months prior to the study period and fulfilled inclusion criteria.

**4.3.3 Inclusion Criteria:** - women of child bearing age who gave birth in the last twelve months prior to the study period, were above 42 days of postpartum and lived at least for six months in the selected Kebeles.

4.3.4 Exclusion Criteria: - Those women who were sick and unable to respond.

# **4.4 Sample Size Determination**

The sample size for the first objective was determined by using single population proportion formula with consideration of the following parameters:-

The proportion of women who initiated postpartum contraceptive utilization on time = 0.37 (21), the level of confidence 95%, ( $Z\alpha/2=1.96$ ), the margin of error assumed to be 5%, design effect of 2 and estimated non-response rate of 10%. Accordingly, the sample size calculated as follows:

$$n = \frac{\left(Z_{\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}\right)^2 P(1-P)}{d^2} \times \text{design effect}$$

 $\frac{(1.96)^2 0.37 (1-0.37)}{(0.5)^2} = 358$ , since source population was less than 10,000, the correction

formula was applied

$$n_f = \frac{ni}{1 + (\frac{ni}{N})}$$
 =316. After multiplying it by design effect of 2 and adding 10% non-response

rate, the total sample size was 695.

# For the second objective: -

By using Epi info7 software and taking assumptions of 95% CI, 80% power, Ratio of 1:1 and considering significant variables from the previous (22), the total sample size for the each factor was calculated as shown below.

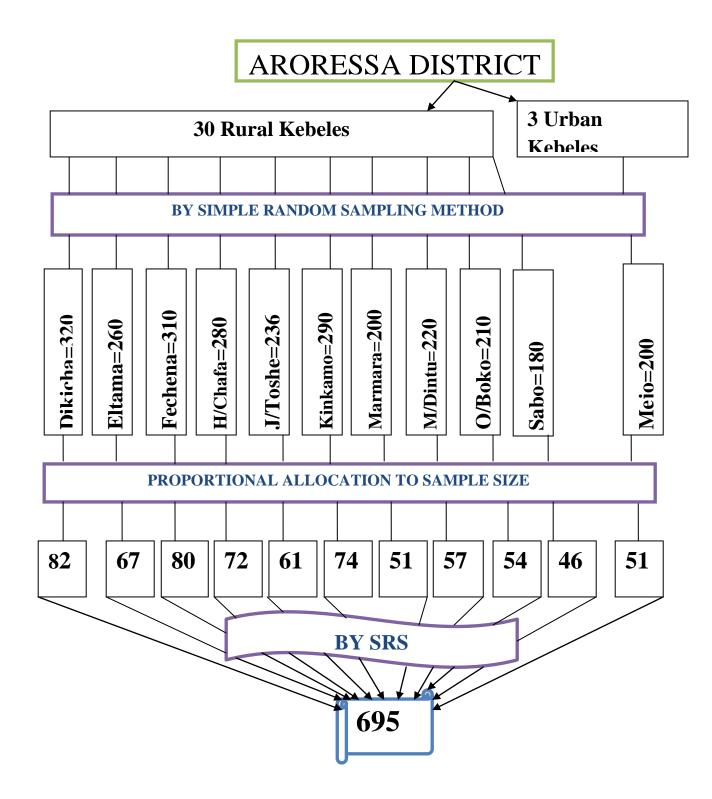
Table 1: sample size calculation for the factors associated with timely initiation ofpostpartum contraceptive utilization.

Factors	Р	AOR	Sample size (N <sub>i</sub> )	Multiplying by design effect of 2	10% non response rate	Final sample size $(n_f)$
ANC use	80.9%	3.56	238	476	48	524
PNC use	77.8%	2.84	272	544	54	598

All sample sizes calculated for the second objective were below that of the first objective. Therefore, the largest sample size [sample size of the first objective (n=695)] was taken.

# 4.5 Sampling Technique

A multistage sampling technique was used to identify study subjects. First Kebeles (smallest administrative units of Ethiopia) were stratified into urban and rural Kebeles. Then ten rural and one urban Kebeles were randomly selected from total Kebeles in the district. Rapid censes was done to get all lists of the women of child bearing age who gave birth in the last twelve months prior to the study period. Then identification number was given for each household with eligible women. Sampling frame was developed for each selected kebele separately based on the results of censes. Then calculated sample size was proportionally allocated to each selected Kebele based on its total number of eligible women and finally study subjects were selected by using simple random sampling technique. Incase when there were two or more eligible women in the same household lottery method was applied to select one of them.



**Figure 2:- Schematic Presentation of Sampling Procedure** 

# 4.6 Study Variables

# **Dependent variable**

> Timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization (Yes, No)

# **Independent variables**

- Socio-demographic and economic factors
  - ✓ Age, marital status, educational and occupational status of the women and the husband, residence and income of the household
- Socio-cultural factors
  - Spousal communication on modern contraceptive methods and number of the children they desired to have and husband's approval
- > Knowledge and attitude on benefits of using modern contraceptive methods
- Use of maternal health service
  - ✓ Antenatal care follow up, place of delivery, postnatal care and participation on forum of the pregnant mothers
- Obstetric factors
  - ✓ Number of pregnancy, number of living children, birth interval, history of abortion and resumption of menses after delivery

# 4.7 Data Collection Tools and Procedures

Structured questionnaires adapted from related literatures were used after some modification to make it consistent with the objective of the study and conceptual frame work. Data were collected by using interviewer administered structured questionnaires that contain sociodemographic and economic factors, socio-cultural factors, items related to knowledge and attitudes on benefits of using modern contraceptive methods as well as maternal health services utilization characteristics of the study subjects. Questionnaires that prepared in English were translated to local language (Sidamic language) by language experts. Data were collected by ten data collectors who have completed grade ten and some of them had previous experience of data collection. Two health professionals (BSc) were recruited as supervisors with the responsibility to lead the whole situation of data collection process.

# **4.8 Operational Definitions**

**Postpartum contraceptive utilization:** - Is use of modern contraceptive methods after giving birth.

**Timely initiated postpartum contraceptive utilization:** - If a woman initiated modern contraceptive utilization before or on sixth weeks after delivery.

**Not initiated postpartum contraceptive utilization on time:** - If a woman initiated modern contraceptive utilization after sixth weeks of delivery or a woman who was above six weeks of postpartum, but not initiated modern contraceptive utilization during data collection period.

**Forum of pregnant mothers:** - Is a day of pregnant mothers held every month at each kebele among mothers and health professionals to discuss on issues of the maternal health including health service utilization.

**Knowledgeable:** - If the respondent answered more than or equal to the mean score of total knowledge related questions on benefits of modern contraceptive methods.

**Not Knowledgeable:** - If the respondent answered below the mean score of total knowledge related questions on benefits of modern contraceptive methods.

**Spousal communication:** - Is discussion between spouses about modern contraceptive utilization and the number of the children they desire to have in the future.

Have positive attitude: - Those who scored mean and above for attitude related items.

Have negative attitude: - those who scored below mean score for attitude related items.

# **4.9 Data Analysis Procedures**

After completing data collection, the data were cleaned, coded and enter into Epi data version 3.1. Then exported to statistical package for social science (SPSS) version 20 and checked for missing values before analysis. Descriptive analysis was done for each predictor variables. Cross tabulation was also performed to see the distribution of different variables in relation to outcome variable. Principal component analysis was done for the items used to measure attitudes of the respondents and all the assumptions of Principal component analysis were checked to conduct data reduction. Multi-collinearity among the independent variables was checked. The goodness-of-fit of the model was also checked by Hosmer-Lemshow goodness of model fit. Bivariate analysis was done for each independent variable with outcome variable to see the independent effect. Variables that were associated with outcome variable at p-value 0.25 or below were considered as candidates for multivariate logistic regression and finally entered into multivariate logistic regression model for controlling possible confounders to get final model. Backward stepwise logistic regression was used to identify variables which had the largest contribution to the model. Adjusted odds ratio (AOR) with 95% confidence interval (CI) was calculated to determine the presence and strength of association among predictors and outcome variables. P-value < 0.05 was used to consider significant variables. Results were described by texts, tables and figures.

# **4.10 Data Quality Assurance**

To assure the quality the data, properly designed data collection tool was developed in English after revising related literatures and it was contextualized to the study objective and local situations. The English versions of the questionnaires were translated in to local language (Sidamic Language) and back to English by language experts to check consistency. Ten data collectors and two supervisors who can read and speak Sidamic language fluently were trained for two days by principal investigator before starting actual data collection. Training was given on general objective of the study, contents of the tool, how to approach study participants, collect information from them and keep their confidentiality. Before starting actual data collection, the questionnaires were pre-tested on 5% (**35 women**) of the sample in Kechawo kebele which was out of the selected Kebeles for the study and necessary

modification was made specifically on understandability of some items. Collected data were checked for completeness and consistency by supervisors and principal investigator at the end of each day. Discussion was made with data collectors and supervisors in each day before and after collecting data and corrective actions was taken timely to minimize errors. To reduce non-response rate appropriate time was adjusted for repeated visits when respondents were unavailable. Collected data were edited and cleaned on daily basis. Double data entry was applied to minimize data entry error.

# **4.11 Ethical Consideration**

Ethical clearance was obtained from Jimma University (JU), Institute of Health, and Institutional Review Board (IRB). Official letter was written from Woreda Health Office to individual Kebele administration to enhance cooperation. Verbal consent was taken from each selected participant to confirm their willingness and those who were not willing to participate in the study was given the rights to do so. To ensure confidentiality interview was held on a private basis and ensured throughout the process.

# **4.12 Dissemination Plan**

Results of this study will be disseminated to Jimma University, Institute of Health, department of Population and Family Heath.

It will also be disseminated to Sidama Zone Health Department, Aroressa District health office and local NGOs working on study area.

The finding of this study will be presented to different workshops, seminars and further efforts will be made to publish on national or international peer reviewed journals.

# **CHAPTER FIVE: RESULTS**

## 5.1 Socio-demographic and economic factors

From six hundred ninety five study participants planned for interview, about 684 respondents were interviewed making a response rate of 98.4%. The mean age of the respondents was 25.4 (SD  $\pm$ 5.1) with the minimum and the maximum age of 17 and 41 years respectively. Majorities (89.5%) of the respondents were married and about 78.9% were followers of protestant followed by orthodox (9.4%). Regarding educational status of the respondents, 48.4% had no formal education and only 15.1% have attended secondary and above. Concerning occupational status of the respondents 36.4% were housewives followed by merchants (22.8%). Majority (92.3%) of the respondents were from Sidama ethnicity group (Table2).

Variables and categories	Frequency	Percent
$\frac{(n=684)}{(n=684)}$		(%)
Age of the respondents		
15-19	76	11.1
20-24	264	38.6
25-29	187	27.3
>=30	157	23.0
Marital status of the respondents		
Single	22	3.2
Married	612	89.5
Widowed	24	3.5
Separated	26	3.8
<b>Religion of the respondents</b>		
Protestant	540	78.9
Orthodox	64	9.4
Muslim	45	6.6
Catholic	35	5.1
Educational status of the respondents		
No formal education	331	48.4
Primary	250	36.5
Secondary and above	103	15.1
Occupational status of the respondents		
Housewife	249	36.4
Merchant	156	22.8
Student	103	15.0
Farmer	101	14.8
Government employee	75	11.0
<b>Residence of the respondents</b>		
Rural	508	74.3
Urban	176	25.7
Ethnicity of the respondents		
Sidama	631	92.3
Amhara	30	4.4
Others**	23	3.3

 Table 2: Socio-demographic and economic characteristics of the respondents in

 Aroressa District, Southern Ethiopia, 2017

Table 3:- Continued...

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No formal education	346	56.5
Primary	139	22.7
Secondary and above	127	20.8
Occupational status of the husband (n=612)		
Farmer	361	58.9
Merchant	134	21.8
Government employee	82	13.9
Others*	35	5.4
Monthly income of the household		
<500 Birr	345	50.4
>=500Birr	339	49.6
Have Exposure to the Media		
No	320	46.8
Yes	364	53.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Others\*\*= Oromo, Wolaita, Gurage Other\*= Student, daily laborer

# **5.2.** Socio-cultural characteristics of the respondents

Regarding Socio-cultural characteristics of the respondents three hundred ten (45.3%) of them have discussed with their husband on number of the children they desired to have and more than half (54.7%) have never discussed with their husband. From those who have discussed with their husband, majority (70.1%) of them decided together on number of the children they desired to have in the future.

Concerning spousal communication on utilization of the modern contraceptive methods, about three hundred ninety six (58%) of the respondents have discussed with their husband on modern contraceptive utilization and from these two hundred twenty three (56.3%) have decided together on utilization of these services.

In terms of husband's approval on modern contraceptive utilization, four hundred fifty six (66.7%) of the respondents reported that their husbands support them to utilize modern contraceptive methods (Table3).

Variables and categories	Frequency	Percent (%)
Discuss with husband on number of children (n=684)		
No	374	54.7
Yes	310	45.3
Give decision on number of children (n=310)		
Myself	42	13.5
Husband	51	16.5
Together	217	70.0
Discuss with husband on utilization of modern contraceptives (n=684)		
No	288	42.1
Yes	396	57.9
Give decision on utilization of modern contraceptives (n=396)		
Myself	123	31.1
Husband	50	12.6
Together	223	56.3
Husband's approval (n=684)		
No	228	33.3
Yes	456	66.7

Table 4: socio-cultural characteristics of the respondents in Aroressa District, SouthernEthiopia, 2017

Regarding to information on modern contraceptive methods, almost all (99.7%) of the respondents heard about modern contraceptives methods and the main sources of information were health institutions (69.2%), followed by mass media (14.7%) and school (9.2%). Majority (63.3%) of the respondents reported that they know at least two types of modern contraceptive methods.

Concerning general knowledge of the respondents on benefits of modern contraceptive utilization, about three hundred eighty two (56.1%) were knowledgeable (Table4).

Variables and categories		Frequency	Percent
Heard about modern contrac	eptives (n=684)		
No	-	2	0.3
Yes		682	99.7
Source of information about r	nodern contraceptives (n=682)		
Health institution		472	69.2
Mass media		100	14.7
School		63	9.2
Spouse		47	6.9
Know that woman can use mo immediately after delivery	odern contraceptives		
No		460	67.4
Yes		222	32.6
Know that woman can be pre-	gnant while breast feeding		
No		259	38
Yes		423	62
Know that contraceptives pre	vent unwanted pregnancy		
No		39	5.7
Yes		643	94.3
Know that woman can use mo Return of menses	odern contraceptives before		
No		306	44.7
Yes		376	55.3
Know that woman can be pre- after delivery	gnant before return of menses		
No		544	79.6
Yes		138	20.4
Know that modern contracep	tives can prevent disease		
No		420	61.5
Yes		262	38.5
Knowledge on benefits of	Knowledgeable	382	56.1
contraceptive utilization	Not knowledgeable	300	43.9

Table5: knowledge of the respondents on benefits of modern contraceptives in Aroressa District, Southern Ethiopia, 2017

In relation to the attitudes of the respondents towards the benefits of modern contraceptive utilization more than half (52.6%) of them had negative attitudes and remaining 47.4% had positive attitudes (Table5).

# Table6: Attitudes of the respondents towards the benefits of using modern contraceptives in Aroressa District, Southern Ethiopia, 2017

Variable	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
Contraceptive utilization is beneficial for your health	161(23.5)	182(26.6)	149(22)	167(24.3)	25(3.6)
Contraceptive utilization can make you strong during pregnancy	196(28.7)	161(23.5)	155(23)	153(22.4)	19(2.4)
Contraceptive utilization can help you during time of delivery	173(25.3)	168(24.6)	271(40)	61(8.9)	11(1.2)
Use of modern contraceptives can help you to live a good life	92(13.5)	99(14.5)	465(68)	16(2.2)	12(1.8)
Use of modern contraceptives can improve the health of your child	54(7.9)	192(28)	84(12.2)	329(48.2)	25(3.7)
Use of modern contraceptives is good for growth of your baby	411(60.1)	155(22.7)	105(15.3)	11(1.6)	2(0.3)
Attitude of the respondents	Negative at Positive at			360 324	52.6% 47.4%

# **5.3** Characteristics of the respondents related to maternal health service utilization

Regarding to the characteristics of the respondents related to maternal health service utilization about four hundred nineteen (61.3%) of them had previous history of using modern contraceptive methods before last pregnancy. Nearly half (47.5%) of the respondents have attended antenatal care (ANC) during their last pregnancy. From those who had antenatal care follow up, about 31.2% had four and more visits. Majority (65.7%) got advice and counseling on postnatal care utilization from health professionals during ANC visit. Four hundred seventy (68.7%) gave their last birth at home. Concerning postnatal care service utilization only 66.2% of the respondents attended postnatal clinic after their last delivery. About 71.8% of the respondents have participated on forum of the pregnant mothers during their last pregnancy (Table6).

Variables and categories	Frequency	Percent
Used modern contraceptives before last pregnancy (n=684)		
No	265	38.7
Yes	419	61.3
Attended antenatal clinic during last pregnancy (n=684)		
No	325	47.5
Yes	359	52.5
Number of antenatal care visit during last pregnancy (n=359)		
1	141	39.3
2-3	106	29.5
>=4	112	31.2
Got advice from health professionals about postnatal		
care during ANC follow up (n=359)		
No	123	34.3
Yes	236	65.7
place of delivery (n=684)		
Home	470	68.7
Health institution	214	31.3
Have visited health facility after delivery for		
postnatal care (n=684)		
No	231	33.8
Yes	453	66.2
Know forum of the pregnant mothers (n=684)		
No	330	48.2
Yes	354	51.8
Participated on forum of the pregnant mothers (n=354)		
No	100	28.2
Yes	254	71.8

 Table7: Characteristics of the respondents related to maternal health service utilization

 in Aroressa District, Southern Ethiopia, 2017

# 5.4 Reproductive characteristics of the respondents

About 41.7% of the respondents had history of two to three pregnancies followed by four and above (29.8). In terms of the interval between previous and recent delivery, from those who had experience of two and above pregnancies, about 51.6% delivered their last child within two to three years after previous birth.

Nearly half (48.7%) of the respondents had two to three living children. Majority (71.4%) of the respondents have seen menses after their last delivery (Table7).

Variables and categories	Frequency	Percent
Number pregnancy (n=684)		
1	195	28.5
2-3	285	41.7
>=4	204	29.8
Interval between previous and recent birth (n=489)		
<24months	47	9.6
24-36months	252	51.6
>36months	190	38.8
Number of a live children (n=684)		
1	203	29.7
2-3	333	48.7
>=4	148	21.6
Postpartum period		
<3 months	97	14.2%
3-6 months	175	25.6%
>6 months	412	60.2%
last pregnancy was planned (n=684)		
No	184	26.9
Yes	500	73.1
Seen menses after last delivery (n=684)		
No	195	28.6
Yes	488	71.4
Time of seeing menses after delivery (n=488)		
<1months	16	3.2
1-3months	172	35.3
>3months	300	61.5
Have had sexual intercourse after last delivery (n=684)	500	01.5
No	387	56.6
Yes	297	43.4
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Table8: Reproductive characteristics of the respondents in Aroressa District, SouthernEthiopia, 2017

## 5.5 Magnitude of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization

Regarding characteristics of the respondents related to timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization, about two hundred seventeen (31.7%) of the total study participants have initiated postpartum contraceptive utilization on recommended time

In relation to the choice of contraceptive methods, majority of the contraceptive users were using Injectables (40.7%) followed by Implants (22.3%) (Figure 3).

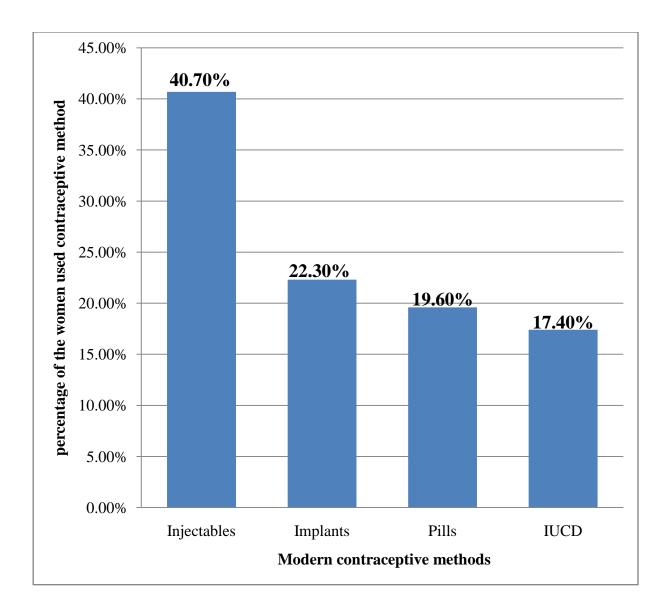
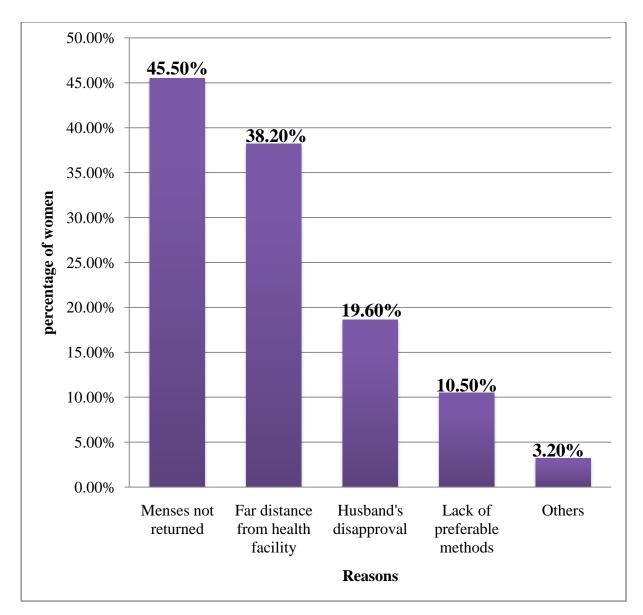


Figure 3: prevalence of modern contraceptive methods used by respondents in Aroressa District, Southern Ethiopia, 2017





**Others** = religious forbidden, fear of side  $effect^2$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Percentages can't be added in to hundred because of multiple responses for options.

# **5.6** Factors associated with timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization

In bivariate analysis educational status of the mother, residence, discussion with husband on number of children, discussion with husband on contraceptive methods, attitude towards contraceptive methods, knowledge on benefits of modern contraceptives, antenatal care follow up, place of delivery, postnatal care, participation on forum of the pregnant mothers and resumption of menses were associated with timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization (Table8).

In multivariate logistic regression analysis antenatal care follow up, postnatal care, participation on forum of the pregnant mothers and resumption of menses were predictors of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization (Table8).

Concerning previous utilization of maternal health services, women who have attended antenatal care during their last pregnancy were 1.94 times [AOR = 1.94, 95% CI: (1.21, 3.03)] more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who have never attended antenatal care follow up during their last pregnancy.

Women who have attended postnatal care after their last delivery were 1.91 times [AOR = 1.91, 95% CI: (1.23, 2.94) more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who have never attended postnatal care after their last delivery.

Women who have participated on forum of the pregnant mothers during their last pregnancy were 1.63 times [AOR = 1.63, 95% CI: (1.09, 2.41)] more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who have never participated during their last pregnancy.

In relation to reproductive characteristics of the respondents women whose menses was returned after last delivery were 2.6 times [AOR = 2.6, 95% CI: (1.47, 3.81)] more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who haven't seen menses after their last delivery.

Variables and categories	Initiated p contracept utilization		COR (95%CI)	AOR (95% CI)
	Yes	No		
Educational status of the mo	other			
No formal education	121	212	1	
Primary	82	167	0.9(0.7, 1.4)	1.2(0.8, 1.8)
Secondary and above	14	88	0.28(0.15, 0.51)*	0.6(0.29, 1.27)
Residence of the mother				
Rural	173	334	1	
Urban	44	133	0.68(0.45,0.7)*	1.2(0.72, 1.98)
Discuss with husband on number of children				
No	144	230	1	
Yes	73	237	0.54(0.37,0.77)*	0.8(0.31, 2.04)
Discuss with husband on				
<b>contraceptive methods</b> No	65	223	1	
Yes	152	244	1.98(1.4, 2.9)*	0.8(0.45, 1.45)
Knowledge on benefits of contraceptive utilization				
Poor knowledge	119	183	1	
Good knowledge	98	284	0.53(0.38, 0.73)*	0.8(0.6, 1.3)
Attitudes towards contraceptive utilization				
Negative	112	248	1	
Positive	105	219	0.31(0.13, 0.51)*	0.9(0.55, 1.41)

Table9: Crude and adjusted odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence interval (CI) of factors associated with timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization in Aroressa district, Southern Ethiopia, 2017

Had ANC during last				
<b>pregnancy</b> No	40	188	1	
Yes	177	279	2.8(1.87, 4.29)*	1.94(1.2, 3.0)**
Place of delivery				
Home	165	305	1	
Health institution	52	162	0.7(0.45, 0.99)*	1.2(0.8, 1.91)
Attended postnatal care				
No	42	142	1	
Yes	175	325	1.97(1.3, 2.97)*	1.9(1.23, 2.9)*
Participated on forum of the pregnant mothers				
No	72	258	1	
Yes	145	209	2.4(1.7, 3.5)*	1.63(1.09, 2.4)*
Menses returned after last delivery				
No	31	169	1	
Yes	186	298	3.4(2.2, 5.2)**	2.6(1.47, 3.8)**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> \*= Statistically significant at P<0.05, \*\*= statistically significant at P<0.001, AOR = Adjusted Odds Ratio, COR = Crude Odds Ratio, CI=Confidence Interval, ANC=Antenatal care

#### **CHAPTER SIX: DISCUSSION**

Postpartum family planning (PPFP) has an important role to play in strategies to support longer birth intervals or reduce unintended pregnancy and its consequences. It can avert more than 30% of maternal deaths and 10% of child mortality if women started utilization of it as early as possible after delivery (1).

This study has attempted to identify the magnitude of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization and associated factors among women of child bearing age in Aroressa district, Southern Ethiopia. Accordingly the magnitude of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization was found to be 31.7% [95% CI (28, 36)]. This finding is consistent with similar studies done in Kenya and Malawi (23, 20). However, this finding was higher than the findings of similar studies previously done in Ethiopia (15, 22). It was also higher than study done in Nigeria (18). This difference might be due to improvement in health service delivery, difference in study period as well as socio-economic status of the study participants. However, this finding was found to be lower when compared with study done in India and Northern Ethiopia (19, 21). The possible explanation for this variation might be difference in socio-economic and socio-cultural status as well as availability and accessibility of the health services.

The present study revealed that women who have attended antenatal care during their last pregnancy were 1.94 times [AOR = 1.94, 95% CI: (1.23, 3.01)] more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who have never attended antenatal care follow up during their last pregnancy. This finding is in line with other similar studies done in Nigeria, south East Asia, Nepal and Ethiopia (18, 26, 32, 34-35). The possible explanation might be women who attended antenatal care clinic during pregnancy may have more information on benefits of initiating postpartum contraceptive utilization on timely manner and this can increase their intention to use it on time after delivery.

Postpartum women who have attended postnatal care after their last delivery were 1.91 times [AOR = 1.91, 95% CI: (1.23, 2.94) more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who have never attended postnatal care after their last delivery. This

finding is consistent with other similar studies done in Nigeria and Ethiopia (18, 15, 31-32). This might be due to that postnatal care visit give the opportunity of getting more information and counseling from health professionals and can help postpartum women to use contraceptive methods on effective and timely manner.

Postpartum women who have participated on forum of the pregnant mothers during their last pregnancy were 1.63 times [AOR = 1.63, 95% CI: (1.09, 2.41)] more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who have never participated during their last pregnancy. The possible explanation for this might be that women can get more information about utilization of maternal health services through discussing with health professionals and other women on forum of pregnant mothers and this might increase their intention to use contraceptive methods in efficient and timely manner after delivery. This is also supported by reports of Ethiopian Federal Minister of Health (37).

Women whose menses was returned after last delivery were 2.6 times [AOR = 2.6, 95% CI: (1.47, 3.81)] more likely to initiate postpartum contraceptive utilization on time than those who haven't seen menses after their last delivery. This finding is also supported by other studies done in Ethiopia (21, 22, 31). This might be explained by the fact that postpartum women whose menses is returned after delivery may assume that they are at risk of getting pregnancy, so this can initiate them to start postpartum contraceptive utilization on timely manner.

# STRENGTH AND LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

# STRENGTH

- ➤ Use of a community based study design.
- It was the first study conducted in the study area that assessed the magnitude of initiating postpartum contraceptive utilization on timely manner and factors affecting it in the area.

## LIMITATIONS

- Since it was cross-sectional study design, can't draw causal relation between predictors and outcome variable.
- During interview there might be recall bias; however, it was minimized by training data collectors and supervisors before starting data collection.

# **CHAPTER SEVEN: CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

### 7.1 CONCLUSION

The magnitude of timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization was found to be low in the study area.

Having antenatal care, having postnatal care, participating on forum of the pregnant mothers during last pregnancy and resumption of menses after last delivery were factors positively associated with timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization.

#### 7.2 RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of this study the following recommendations are forwarded:

Federal Minster of Health and Regional Health bureau should continue the strengthening of integration of family planning information with antenatal and postnatal care services at all level.

Sidama Zone Health Department and Aroressa district Health Office should strength integration of family planning with other maternal health services at health centers and health posts and women's participation on forum of the pregnant mothers.

Health care providers should promote counseling on early initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization during antenatal and postnatal visit.

According to this study the prevalence of home delivery was found to be high in the study area. Therefore, Aroressa District Health office should give more attention on maternal health services distribution at community level to improve utilization of institutional delivery.

It is also recommended to the researchers to conduct further qualitative studies to explore factors related with cultural aspects like believes, values and perceptions and misconceptions of the communities towards modern contraceptive methods.

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### ANNEX

#### **ANNEXI: English version Questionnaire**

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I am working as a data collector for the study being conducted in this community by Aregahegn Dona who is studying for his Masters degree at Jimma University, Institute of Health, Department of Population and Family Health. He is conducting a study on **timely initiation of postpartum contraceptive utilization and associated factors among women of child bearing age in Aroressa district.** I am interviewing randomly selected mothers for this purpose and certain questions which are thought to be important will be asked and you are kindly requested to respond to these questions. I want to assure you that your answers will be strictly kept secret and your name or address will not be recorded. Participation in this study is voluntary and you have the right to refuse participation at any time or not to respond to questions that you are not willing to answer. However, your honest answers to these questions have a great role for success of this study and to improve contraceptive service utilization in the future. We would appreciate your help in responding to these questions.

Can I continue? 1. Yes 2. No

If no thanks and stop. If yes, continue

General information about date, study area and data collector

001. Questionnaire Number\_\_\_\_\_

002. Woreda\_\_\_\_\_, Kebele \_\_\_\_\_

003. House Code\_\_\_\_\_ Visit Number 1\_\_\_\_2 \_\_\_3 \_\_\_\_

Name of interviewer \_\_\_\_\_, signature\_\_\_\_\_,

Date of interview DD\_\_\_\_\_ MM\_\_\_\_ YY\_\_\_\_\_

I. Socio-D	emographic	and Economic	profile
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s. N <u>o</u>	Questions	Answers	Remark
100	What is your age?	in years	
101	What is age of your child?	in weeks or months	
102	What is your marital status?	<ol> <li>Single</li> <li>married</li> <li>Widowed</li> <li>Separated</li> </ol>	
103	What is your religion?	<ol> <li>Protestant</li> <li>Orthodox</li> <li>Muslim</li> <li>Catholic</li> <li>other</li> </ol>	
104	What is your educational status?		
105	What is your occupational status?	<ol> <li>House wife</li> <li>Government employee</li> <li>Merchant</li> <li>Student</li> <li>farmer</li> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ol>	
106	Where is your permanent residence?	0. Rural 1. Urban	
107	What is educational status of your husband?		
108	What is occupational status of your husband?	<ol> <li>Farmer</li> <li>Government employee</li> <li>Merchant</li> <li>Student</li> <li>Non-government employee</li> <li>Other (specify)</li> </ol>	
109	What is your monthly household income (in birr)?	( in birr)	
110	What is your ethnicity?	1. Sidama2. Oromo3. Amhara4. Other	

111	Do you have a television?	0. No	
		1. Yes	
112	Do you have a radio?	0. No	
		1. Yes	
II. so	ocio-cultural factors related question	15	
200	Do you discuss with your husband	0. No	▶ 202
	about reproductive issue including	1. Yes	
	the number of children you desire to have?		
201		1 10	
201	If yes for question 200, who decide on number of children?	1. myself 2. Husband	
	on number of children?	3. Together	
		J. Together	
202	Do you discuss with your husband	0. No	▶ 204
	about utilization of modern	1. Yes	
	contraceptive methods?		
203	If yes for question 202, who decide	1. myself	
	on utilization of contraceptive	2. House band	
	methods?	3. Together	
204	Does your house band approve	0. No	
	contraceptive utilization?	1. Yes	
III. (	 Questions related to Knowledge on b	enefits of contraceptive utili	zation
300	Have you ever heard about modern	0. No	
500	contraceptive methods?	0. No 1. Yes	
	contraceptive methods.	1. 105	
301	If Yes to Que. 300, what was the	1. Public health sector	Tick all
	source of information about	2. Private health sector	mentioned,
	modern contraceptive method?	3. Mass media	but don't
		4. School	read it.
		5. Spouse	
		6. other	

302	What type of methods do you know?	<ol> <li>Pills</li> <li>IUDs</li> <li>Injectables</li> <li>Implants/Norplant</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>	(Tick all mentioned, Please don't read out the lists).
303	Do you know the benefits of using modern contraceptives?	0. No 1. Yes	
304	If Yes to Ques. 303, What is the benefit of using modern contraceptive methods?	<ol> <li>Birth spacing</li> <li>Limiting birth</li> <li>improve the health of the mother</li> <li>Prevent disease</li> <li>other, specify</li> </ol>	Tick all mentioned
305	Can a woman use postpartum contraceptives immediately after delivery?	0. No 1. Yes 2. Don't know	
306	Can you become pregnant while breast feeding?	0. No 1. Yes 2. Don't know	
307	Contraceptive utilization can prevent unwanted pregnancy.	0. No 1. Yes 2. Don't know	
308	Can you use modern contraceptives before menses returned after delivery?	0. No 1. Yes 2. Don't know	
309	Can you become pregnant before menses returned?	0. No 1. Yes 2. Don't know	
310	Contraceptive utilization can prevent a disease.	0. No 1. Yes 2. Don't know	
IV. I	tems related with attitudes of the wo	omen towards contraceptive utili	zation
400	Contraceptive utilization can improve living standard of the family.	<ol> <li>Strongly Disagree2. Disagree</li> <li>Neutral 4.Agree</li> <li>Strongly Agree</li> </ol>	
401	Contraceptive utilization beneficial for your health.	<ol> <li>Strongly Disagree 2.Disagree</li> <li>Neutral 4.Agree</li> <li>Strongly Agree</li> </ol>	

402	Contraceptive utilization can make	1. Strongly Disagree 2. Disagree
	you strong during pregnancy.	3. Neutral4.Agree
		5. Strongly Agree
403	03 Contraceptive utilization can help	1. Strongly Disagree 2. Disagree
	you during time of delivery.	3. Neutral 4.Agree
		5. Strongly Agree
404	Contraceptive utilization can	1. Strongly Disagree
	improve the health of the mother.	2. Disagree
		3. Neutral
		4.Agree
		5. Strongly Agree
405	Contraceptive utilization can help	1. Strongly Disagree
	you to improve yourself.	2. Disagree
		3. Neutral
		4.Agree
		5. Strongly Agree
406	Use of modern contraceptives	1. Strongly Disagree
	helps you to give birth according to	2. Disagree
	your plan.	3. Neutral
		4.Agree
		5. Strongly Agree
407	Use of modern contraceptives can	1. Strongly Disagree
	improve economic status of the	2. Disagree
	family.	3. Neutral
		4.Agree
		5. Strongly Agree

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your child.		
	4.Agree	
	5. Strongly Agree	
Use of modern contraceptives is	1. Strongly Disagree	
good for growth of your baby	2. Disagree	
	3. Neutral	
	4.Agree	
	5. Strongly Agree	
ternal health service utilization pro	file	1
Have you ever used modern contraceptive method before your last pregnancy?	0. No 1. Yes	
Did you attend antenatal clinic	0 No-	→ 505
during your last pregnancy?	1. Yes	505
If yes for question 501, how many times did you attend?	(put it in number)	
Did you get any advice from health professionals about postnatal care during ANC follow up?	0. No 1. Yes	
Where did you deliver your last	1.At home	
baby?	2.At health institution	
Have you visited health facility after delivery for postnatal care?	0. No 1. Yes	▶ 509
		544
Currently are you using any modern contraceptives after your last delivery?	0. No ———— 1. Yes	▶ 514
If yes for question 506, when did you start it after delivery?	in weeks or months	
	good for growth of your baby ternal health service utilization pro- Have you ever used modern contraceptive method before your last pregnancy? Did you attend antenatal clinic during your last pregnancy? If yes for question 501, how many times did you attend? Did you get any advice from health professionals about postnatal care during ANC follow up? Where did you deliver your last baby? Have you visited health facility after delivery for postnatal care? Currently are you using any modern contraceptives after your last delivery? If yes for question 506, when did	beneficial to improve the health of your child.  2. Disagree 3. Neutral 4. Agree 5. Strongly Agree Use of modern contraceptives is good for growth of your baby 2. Disagree 3. Neutral 4. Agree 5. Strongly Agree ternal health service utilization profile Have you ever used modern contraceptive method before your last pregnancy? Did you attend antenatal clinic during your last pregnancy? If yes for question 501, how many times did you attend? Did you get any advice from health professionals about postnatal care during ANC follow up? Where did you deliver your last baby? Currently are you using any modern contraceptives after your last delivery? If yes for question 506, when did

508	Which modern contraceptives are	1. Injectables 2. Pills
	you using now?	3. IUCD 4. implant
		5. Others
509	If no for question 506, what is the reason?	1. Menses is not returned2. Lack of preferable methods3. Husband's disapproval4. Far distance from healthfacility5. my husband is usingcondom/done vasectomy7. other
510	Do you know days or forum of the pregnant mothers?	0. No 1. Yes
511	If yes for question510, did you participate on forum of pregnant mothers during your last pregnancy?	0. No 1. Yes
VI. I	tems related with reproductive/obst	etric factors
600	How many pregnancies have you ever had, including abortion or still birth?	
601	How many live children do you have?	
602	What was the interval between your previous and recent birth? (only for Para >=2)	(in year)
603	Was your last pregnancy planned?	0. No 1. Yes
604	Have you seen your menses after last delivery?	0. No 609 1. Yes
605	If yes for question 604, what was the age of your child when you start menstruating?	( in month)
606	Have you had sexual intercourse	0. No

# THANK YOU!!

## ANNEXII: Sidamic Version Questionnaires Jimmu Universite, Fayyimmate Institute, Dagoomunna Maatete Fayyimma Rosu Kifile

Su'mi'ya \_\_\_\_\_\_ yaamamanno. Xa loosanni noommohu kalaa Areggahenyi Donihu, Jimmu Universite, Fayyimmate Institute, Dagoomunna Maatete Fayyimma Rosu Kifile layinki digire (Mastersete) rosaancho ikkinohu Aroreessu woradi giddo gumulshu xiinxallo loosanni noo daafira tenne xiinxallora ikkitanno hedo gamba assanni afameemmo. Xiinxallote birxichino; **Aroreessu woradi giddo amuwu ilihu gedensoonni ila gargadhinanni doogo rahotenni horoonsira hanafanna amadisiisantino mitiimmuwa** yitannote.

Anino amuwu mereerinni xa'mote kaayyora dooramino amuwa xa'manni noommo daafira atino tenne kaayyo beeqqaancho ikkoottahura hasiissanno dawaro qolattae gede shaqqillunni xa'mireemmohe. Ledeno kummi assate baxeemmori ati qolatta dawaro ikkinnina ate mayimma woyi su'makki horontanni diborreessinanni. Ati qolootta dawaro wolu ayino la'aranna maciishshara didandaanno. Tenne xiinxallorano beeqqaancho ikkattahu baxxe ikkinnina giwate qoossokki agarantinote. Ati kolatta dawaro tenne xiinxallo gumulo iillishate hattono woradinke giddo afamanno amuwinna qaaqquullinsa keeraanchimma woyyeessate lowo kaa'lo assitanno daafira beeqqaancho ikkittaro addinta tashshi yaannonke.

Hanafa dandeemmo?

- 1. Dee'ni \_\_\_\_\_ Galatte uurrisi.
- 2. Ee Hanafi

Qarqarunna hedo gamba assanno manchita xaphoomu xawishsha

001. Xa'mote kiiro	_	
002. Worada, ollaa		
003. Minu kiiro	towanyote kiiro 12	_3
Hedo gamba assitannohu/te su'ma	L	, malaate
Xa'minoonni barra		

# I. Ayimmanna EO La'anno Xa'muwa

A.K	Xa'mo	DawaroLac	0
100	Dirikki me"eho?	(dirunni xawisi)	
101	Qaaqqikki diri me''eho?	(aganunni/lamalate xawisi)	
102	Mine assirootta?	<ol> <li>Diassiroomma</li> <li>Assiroomma</li> <li>Assire tiroomma</li> <li>Gashshaanni reyino</li> </ol>	
103	Amma'nokki maati?	1. Protestaante2. Orthodokise3. Kaatoolike4. Islaama5. Wole	
104	Rosu deerrikki hiittooti?		
105	Loosikki maati?	1. Minaama2. Mangistete loosaancho3. Daddalaancho4. Baatto loosire galinoha5. Rosaancho6. Wole	
106	Teessokki mamaati?	0. Gaxare 1. Katama	
107	Gashshaannikkihu rosu deerri hiittooti?		
108	Gashshaannikki loosi maati?	1.Baatt loosire galinoha 2. Mangistete loosaancho 3. Daddalaancho 4. Rosaancho 5.Wole	
109	Aganunni afidhinanni eo mageeshshite?	(Birrunni)	
110	Qansichimmakki maati?	1. Sidaama2. Amaara3. Oromo4. Wole	
111	Mine televiyiine noo'ne?	0. Dino 1. Ee no	
112	Mine raadoone noo'ne?	0. Dino 1. Ee no	
	II. Dagoomanna bude la'anno xa'muwa	a	
200	Gashshaannikki ledo me''e ooso ila hasidhinanniro hasaabbinanni?	0.Dihasaambeemmo -> 202 1.Ee hasaambeemmo	2 sai

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201	200kki xa'mora dawarokki ee ikkituro,	0. Ane umo'yaati	
	kageeshshi ooso illo yee gumulo aannohu	1. Gashshaanna'yaati	
	ayeeti?	2. Mitteenni sumuu	
		yineeti	
202	Gashshaannikki ledo haaro yannata ila	0. Dee'ni	→204 sai
	gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira lainohunni	1. Ee	
	hasaawa assitinanni?		
203	202kki xa'mora dawarokki ee ikkituro, ila	0. Ane umo'yaati	
	gargadhinanni doogo horoonsiratta gede	1. Gashshaanna'yaati	
	gumulo aannohu ayeeti?	2. Mitteenni sumuu	
		yineeti	
204	Haaro yannata ila gargadhinanni doogo	0. Dee'ni	
	horoonsiratta gede gashshaannikki	1. Ee	
	jawaachishannohe?		
	muwunnita haaro ila gargadhinanni doogo horo	o aana noonsa egenno la'ann	0
xa'm	-	1	1
300	Haaro yannata ila gargadhinanni doogo	0. Dee'ni	
	macciishshite egennootta?	1. Ee	
301	300kki xa'mora dawarokki ee ikkituro,	0.Fayyimmate mininni	kultuha
501	mashalaqqe mamiichchinn afiritta?	1.Televiyiine/raadoone	calla
	masharaqqe mannenennin annua?	2.Rosu mininni	malaatisi
		3.Gashshaanni'yawiinn	IIIaiaatisi
		4.Wole	
302	Haaro yannata ila gargadhinanni doogo giddonni	0.Kiniine	kultuha
	hiikkuri afootta?	1.Otoottote worrannita	calla
		2.Marfetenni uyinayita	malaatisi
		3.Dasaho worrannita	
		4.Wole	
303	Haaro ila gargartanno doogga uyitanno horo	0. Diafoomma	
	afootta?	1. Ee afoomma	
304	303kki xa'mora dawarokki ee ikkituro, uyitanno	0.Fafise ilate	Kultinoha
	horo maati?	1.Ila uurrisate	calla
		2. fayyimma woyyeessate	malaatisi.
		3.Xibba gargarate	
		4.Wole	
305	Mitte ama iltanni heedhe haaro yannata ila	0. Didandiitanno	
	gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira dandiitanno?	1. Ee dandiitanno	
		2. Diafoomma	
306	Qaaqqo qansitanni noo amara godowu gatara	0. Dee'ni	
	dandaanno?	1. Ee	
307	Ama iltuhu gedensoonni xure la'ukkinni ila	0.Didandiitanno	
	gargartanno doogo horoonsira dandiitanno?	1.Dandiitanno	
		2.Diafoomma	
1			1

200	TT	0 Dee'n: 1 Ee
308	Haaro yannati ila gargadhinanni doogga	0. Dee'ni 1. Ee
<b>2</b> 00	hasi'noonnikki godowanni gatisanno?	2. Diafoomma
309	Ilittahu gedensoonni aganu mundee leeltukkinni	0.Dee'ni 1.Ee
	godowu gatara dandaanno?	2.Diafoomma
310	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira xibba	0. Dee'ni 1. Ee
	gargartara dandiitanno?	2.Diafoomma
IV. A	muwunnita ila gargadhinanni doogo aana noons	
400	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira maatete	1 .Addintanni sumuu
	heeshsho woyyeessitanno.	diyeemma
		2. Sumuu diyeemma
		3. Diafoomma
		4.sumuu yeemma
		5. Addinta sumuu
		yeemma
401	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira qaaqqu	1 .Addintanni sumuu
	ilamanni reyannoki gede assitanno.	diyeemma
		2. Sumuu diyeemma
		3. Diafoomma
		4.sumuu yeemma
		5. Addinta sumuu
		yeemma
402	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira gatino	1 .Addintanni sumuu
	godowi ba"annokki gede assitanno.	diyeemma
		2. Sumuu diyeemma
		3. Diafoomma
		4.sumuu yeemma
		5. Addinta sumuu
		yeemma
403	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira ilate yannara	1 .Addintanni sumuu
	garra dikalagganno.	diyeemma
		2. Sumuu diyeemma
		3. Diafoomma
		4.sumuu yeemma
		5. Addinta sumuu
		yeemma
404	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira amate	1 .Addintanni sumuu
	fayyimma woyyeessitanno.	diyeemma
		2. Sumuu diyeemma
		3. Diafoomma
		4.sumuu yeemma
		5. Addinta sumuu
		yeemma
405	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira	1 .Addintanni sumuu
100	hasi'noonnikki godowanni gargartanno	diyeemma
	hust nooninkki godowanni gargaranno	2. Sumuu diyeemma
		2. Sumuu uryeemma

		2 D' (	
		3. Diafoomma	
		4.sumuu yeemma	
		5. Addinta sumuu	
		yeemma	
406	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira ilaweelo	1 .Addintanni sumuu	
	diassitanno.	diyeemma	
		2. Sumuu diyeemma	
		3. Diafoomma	
		4.sumuu yeemma	
		5. Addinta sumuu	
		yeemma	
407	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira maatennita	1 .Addintanni sumuu	
	miinju eo woyyeessitanno.	diyeemma	
		2. Sumuu diyeemma	
		3. Diafoomma	
		4.sumuu yeemma	
		5. Addinta sumuu	
		yeemma	
408	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira qaaqqu	1 .Addintanni sumuu	
	fayyimma woyyeessitanno.	diyeemma	
		2. Sumuu diyeemma	
		3. Diafoomma	
		4.sumuu yeemma	
		5. Addinta sumuu	
		yeemma	
409	Ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira unuunu ado	1 .Addintanni sumuu	
	diajishshanno.	diyeemma	
		2. Sumuu diyeemma	
		3. Diafoomma	
		4.sumuu yeemma	
		5. Addinta sumuu	
		yeemma	
V.A	muwu fayyimma owaante horoonsira la'anno xa	'muwa	
500	Xaa qaaqqo godowakkira albaanni haaro yannata	0. Dee'ni	
	ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsidhe	1. Ee	
	egennootta?		
501	Konne qaaqqo godobbe heedhe ilate albiidi	0. Dee'ni	→ 504
	qorqorsha assirootta?	1. Ee	
502	501kki xa'mora dawarokki ee ikkituro, me"e	(kiirotenni	
	higge assirootta?	xawisi)	
503	Qorqorsha assiritta yannara fayyimmate ogeeyye	0. Dee'ni	
	ledo illihu gedonoonni fayyimmate owaante	1. Ee	
	afira hasiissannota hasaawootta?		
504	Xaa qaaqqo hiikko ilootta?	0.Mine	

		1.Fayyimmat uurrinshara	
505	Ilate gedensiidi qorqorshira fayyimmate minira	0. Dee'ni—	→ 508
	harootta?	1. Ee	
506	Konne qaaqqo ilitta kawa haaro yannata ila	0. Dee'ni	→ 513 sai
	gargadhinanni doogo horoonsira hanafootta?	1. Ee	
507	510kki xa'mora dawarokki ee ikkituro,	(lamalate/aga	
	ilittahunni meekki barra hanafitta?	nunni xawisi?	
508	Horoonsira hanafoottaha ikkiro hiittenne haaro	0. Kiniine	
	yannata ila gargadhinanni doogo horoonsidhanni	1. Marfetenni uyinannita	
	nootta?	2. Otoottote worrannita	
		3. Dasaho worrannita	
		4. Wole	
509	506kki xa'mora dawarokki dee'ni ikkituro,	0. Ilummahu kawa aganu	
	horoonsira hoogakkira korkaatu maati?	mundee dila"oomma	
		1.qaaqqo qansanni	
		noomma	
		2. gashshaanni'ya	
		difajjannoe	
		3. fayyimmate mini	
		noohu fafowaati	
		3. gashshaanni'ya	
		kondome horoonsiranno	
		4. wole	
510	Godowinni noo amuwi gambooshshe (fooreme)	0. Dee'ni	
	afootta?	1. Ee	
511	519kki xa'mora dawarokki ee ikkituro, konne	0. Dee'ni	
	qaaqqo godobbe heedhe godowinni noo amuwi	1. Ee	
	gambooshshe (fooreme) hadhe egennootta?		
<b>VI.</b> \$	Sirote (godowanna ila) la'anno xa'muwa		
600	Xaphoomunni me"e higge godowootta (umo	(kiirotenni)	
	ka"oottahanna ilamanni reyinoha mitteenni)?		
601	Lubbotenni noori me"e ooso noohe?	(kiirotenni)	
602	Albiidi qaaqqo ilittahunni meekki aganiraati	(aganunni	
	(diriraati) konne qaaqqo iloottahu?	woyi dirunni xawisi).	
603	Konne qaaqqo godowoottahu godowate	0. Dee'ni	
	hasidheeti?	1. Ee	
604	Konne qaaqqo ilitta kawa xure la"ootta?	0.Dila"oomma	<b>→</b> 609 sai
		1. Ee la"oomma	
605	604kki xa'mora dawarokki ee ikkituro,		
	ilittahunni meekki barraati la"a hanafoottahu?		
606	Konne qaaqqo ilittahu kawa siimu xaado assite	0. Diegennoomma	
	egennootta?	1. Ee egennoomma	

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