

Maternal mortality in the Solomon Islands – Is it time for a post-development lens?



(UNICEF, 2005)

SIGNIFICANCE

Global efforts to reduce maternal mortality:

- Privilege supply-side over demand-side
- Are grounded in the bio-medical model
- Assume universal ideals



RESEARCH CONTEXT

- Maternal mortality
- Biomedical model of childbirth
- Post-development

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. How is childbirth in the Solomon Islands being medicalised in best practice models exported through development?
2. How are Solomon Island women positioned and referred to within these models?
3. What are the effects these development approaches are having on Solomon Island women and their childbirth experience?
4. What child-birthing approaches and assets do women from the Solomon Islands possess?

METHODS

- Literature-based methods; discourse and content analysis
- Semi-structured interviews
- Observations
- Introductory group meetings
- Women-held diary concept
- Focus groups
- Diary interviews

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