Reviewer’s report

Title: Choices and services related to contraception in the Gaza Strip, Palestine: Perceptions of service users and providers

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Perceptions of sexual and reproductive healthcare in the Gaza Strip, Palestine: A mixed quantitative and qualitative study of users and providers

Comments

1. The title is too broad for the study done. There are very many other sexual and reproductive health issues apart from contraception addressed by this study.

New title suggestion:

Perceptions, choices and services related to contraception in Gaza Strip, Palestine: A mixed quantitative and qualitative study of users and providers

2. The key words are too many.

Suggestion:

Contraceptive choices and services; male involvement in contraceptive use; Gaza Strip; Palestine

3. UNRWA = United Nations Relief and Work Agency.

4. The purported removal of bias, by using a mixed method, is negated by the use of a purposive sampling method for the quantitative aspect of the study. Representative selection would have removed the bias. The authors should describe the process of selecting the study sites.

5. Questions for qualitative study are not semi-structured. They are just topic guides. Participants discuss, not just answer questions.

6. 'transcribed verbatim', not 'transcribed into verbatim'.
7. Views are not so discreet nor necessarily factual as to be subjectable to statistical analysis.

8. In Table 1, what is the frequency of the income?

9. What is/are the denominator/s used for calculating frequencies in the early part of Results and in Table 1? The stated 204 and 51 do not appear to be what were used. Please recalculate.

10. Recalculate the percentages in Table 3. There are minor discrepancies.

11. The list of abbreviations is not necessary. Each can be incorporated into the text. MoH is generally Ministry of Health, not only the Palestinian one.

12. Both the Introduction and Discussion should be made more concise and precise.

13. The repeated section on Ethical approval should be deleted.

14. Minor areas:

- Line 7, page 21. data are

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