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### Pattern of reproductive and child health of the urban poor: A case study of Patna M.C. Area

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**Abstract :** *Women have been created as child bearers and the creation of mankind thus lies in their hands. This makes the health status of women in general and their reproductive health in particular a vital issue for any society and nation. The status of reproductive and maternal health has the capacity to influence child health which encompasses various aspects of the overall well-being of the infants and children. Quite obviously the poor are the worst sufferers in*

*this regard. Amid these circumstances the present study attempts to examine the overall status of reproductive and child health of the urban poor living in the Patna M.C. Area. The study has been carried out specifically in the three wards; i.e. wards 15 and 23 of New Capital and ward 41 of Bankipur circle of PMC Area. The findings reveal that the overall status of the reproductive and child health of the urban poor in the study area is far from being satisfactory and the reasons for this are mainly the prevailing ignorance, unawareness, poverty and social backwardness among the population under review.*

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