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Diarrheal disease is one of the leading causes for death among children under 5 years old. Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) have contributed to a substantial reduction in death among infants due to diarrhea. The levels and the factors affecting the usage of ORS had been unknown in Balikpapan Selatan, Indonesia.

A cross-sectional study was to determine the usage of ORS in the treatment of diarrhea among children under 5 years old and its associated factors mothers attending health clinics and study become important consideration for health workers in developing program to increase mothers awareness practice diarrhea treatment. The study was conducted at health clinics in Balikpapan Selatan Indonesia. Stratified random sampling was employed to select the respondents among the mothers attending health clinics. The data were collected from 1st May 2012 to 1st August 2012 (3 months). All respondents were interviewed face-to-face using pre-tested questionnaire. The questionnaire consisted of demographic information, knowledge about diarrhea, belief, perception, health service factors, and costs factors. As for analysis of data, chi-square test and logistic regression analysis in SPSS 22.0 were used, whereas the level of significance for all statistics was set at p<0.05.

The response rate for this study was 90%. Significant associations had been discovered between usage of ORS and age of children (P=0.002), birth order (P<0.001), current marital status (P=0.026), highest education level (P=0.013), occupation (P=0.001), knowledge on diarrhea (P=0.008), belief among mothers (P<0.001), perception of mothers (P<0.001), as well as health service factors (P<0.001). The logistic regression analysis revealed that the factors associated with usage of ORS were age of mothers (Adj, OR=4.657; 95% CI: 1.42, 15.26); marital status (Adj, OR=16.55; 95%CI:4.21, 65.06); level of education (Adj, OR=3.017; 95%CI: 1.26, 9.18); occupation (Adj, OR=3.399; 95%CI: 1.26, 9.18); howledge on diarrhea among mothers (Adj, OR=3.23; 95%CI: 1.3.56, 81.45); belief among mothers (Adj, OR=16.00 %CI: 5.27, 48.63); as well as perception of mothers (Adj, OR=19.12%; 95%CI: 2.67, 136.83).

In conclusion, factors related to mothers, such as age, marital status, level of education, occupation, knowledge, belief, perception, and health service factors, as well as sources and modes of obtaining ORS had been found the usage of ORS solution among children under 5 years old suffering from diarrhea in Balikpapan Selatan Indonesia.

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LIST OF ABBREVIAIONS

- adj. OR Adjusted Odds Ratio
- BHS Basic Health Research
- CDD Control of Diarrheal Disease
- CHERG Child Health Epidemiology Reference Group
- CI Confidence Interval
- DGAP Diarrhea Global Action Plan
- EDHS Eritrea Demographic and Health Survey
- ICC Intra-class Correlation Coefficient
- IDHS Indonesia Demographic and health Survey
- IDR Indonesian Rupiah Rate
- IMR Infant Mortality Rate
- IVAS International Vaccine Access Centre
- MCH Maternal and Child Health
- MDG Millennium Development Goal
- NFHS National Family Health Survey
- ORS **Oral Rehydration Salts**
- ORT Oral Rehydration Therapy
- SPSS Statistical Package for Social Scientists
- UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund
- WHO World Health Organization

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction to the chapter

This chapter presents the research background for the study that had been carried out, including the problem statement, the research questions, the research objectives, and finally, the research hypotheses.

1.2 Background

Mach *et al.* (2009) and Walker *et al.* (2012) stated that diarrhea is a disease characterized by having watery stool more than thrice a day with liquid feces consistency sign. The most important indicator of diarrhea in children is the consistency of stools. Passing more than thrice with well-formed stool is not considered as diarrhea, as well as babies fed only with breast milk, who often pass loose stools (World Health Organization (WHO), 2005).

Diarrhea occurs due to gastrointestinal infections caused by parasitic organisms, viruses, and bacteria. These are normally caused by poor personal hygiene, such as person to person or drinking water, or contaminated food (Asif *et al.*, 2013).

The World Health Organization (2013) has classified acute diarrheal episodes in children as mild, moderate, and severe diarrhea. Mild acute diarrhea is defined as having a few diarrhea stools in a day, whereas moderate acute diarrhea is defined as having more than a few but not more than 10 diarrhea stools in a day. Meanwhile, severe acute diarrhea is defined as having more than 10 times loose and watery stools in a single day (24 hours). Unfortunately, it had been estimated that more than 588 million moderate and severe episodes of diarrhea occurred among children in developing countries, resulting in some form of dehydration (Lamberti *et al.*, 2011).

Diarrhea is a common cause of death among children, accounting for 9 per cent of all deaths among children under age of 5 worldwide. In 2013, an estimate of 1,600 children died each day, or about 580,000 a year due to diarrhea. Most deaths from diarrhea occur among children less than 2 years of age living in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa (WHO & UNICEF, 2013). Despite this heavy toll, slow progress was made in preventing death due to diarrhea among children. From 2000 to 2013, the annual total number of deaths from diarrhea among children under 5 decreased from over 1.2 million to fewer than 0.6 million. This was because many children were saved through

appropriate and simple management of diarrhea in children with the use of oral rehydration salts (ORS) and zinc supplementation (UNICEF, 2012).

Furthermore, UNICEF and the WHO have recommended the treatment of diarrhea in children by replacing fluids through oral rehydration therapy. These interventions have been proven to be cost-effective, affordable, and relatively straightforward to be implemented (WHO & UNICEF, 2004). However, at worldwide, only 40 per cent of children under the age of 5 with diarrhea received oral rehydration therapy for treatment of diarrhea. Coverage of ORS usage was the lowest in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia Regions (36 per cent and 38 per cent, respectively), where most deaths from diarrhea occurred among children (UNICEF, 2014a).

Besides, diarrhea is an endemic in Indonesia and it is also a potential disease outbreak, often accompanied by death. Based on a report prepared by the Indonesian Ministry of Health pertaining to a survey carried out in 2007, diarrhea had been the number one cause of death among children under 5 years old (25.2%), and in year 2013, it cause 6.7% of death among children under 5 years old (Indonesian Ministry of Health, 2014). Although there was a decrease in the incidence of diarrhea, it had been discovered that the use ORS for treatment of diarrhea among children was low (33.3%) (Indonesian Ministry of Health, 2013).

In fact, many factors can be associated to the causes of diarrhea in Indonesia. Hardi (2012) found that diarrhea had been related to maternal knowledge, exclusive breastfeeding, and environment sanitation. Meanwhile, Adisasmito (2007) systematically reviewed the factors of diarrhea in infants, as well as children in Indonesia, and suggested that environmental factors, such as clean water and toilets, led to the incidence of diarrhea in children.

It is important to make provision against diarrhea by increasing knowledge and awareness among mothers about proper management and practice of children suffering from diarrhea. One of the methods is known as Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS), which has become the most commonly recommended treatment for dehydration caused by diarrhea. Moreover, many researchers have proven the effectiveness of ORS in dealing with diarrhea among children (Munos et al., 2010; Pham et al., 2013; Walker et al., 2013; Walker & Walker, 2014). In addition, numerous researches also have portrayed that one of the main causes of death among infants had been diarrhea, which was attributed to improper health management, either at home or in the health care (Das et al., 2014; Lanata et al., 2013). Diarrheal episodes in children under 5 years old, which are not treated appropriately, can lead to severe dehydration, as well as contribute to high morbidity and mortality rates. In Balikpapan Selatan, the children under 5 years old was 5/1,000 live births compared to the national average of 32/1,000 live births with diarrhea (Indonesian Ministry of Health, 2010a).

1.3 **Problem Statement**

The Indonesia Demographic and Health Survey (IDHS, 2007), as well as the Basic Health Research (BHS, 2007) found that the prevalence of diarrhea that led to death for 0 - 11 month was 16.5%. Besides, the Indonesian Ministry of Health (2007) reported that 16.77% of under 5 years old died due to diarrhea. Even though reduction was observed in the incidence of diarrhea among children from 2007 to 2013, it was still a major cause of death among children under 5 years old, whereas the prevalence of diarrhea among 12 - 23 months old infants in rural Balikpapan Selatan, Indonesia was 5.7% (Indonesian Ministry of Health, 2013).

Other than that, it had been revealed that the ORS solution used in children under 5 years old with diarrhea in Balikpapan Selatan is low. Of the 14,127 children under 5 years of age who were reported to suffer from diarrhea, only 5792 (41%) received ORS solution compared to the national target of 80% (Indonesian Ministry of Health, 2013).

ORS had been widely known as the most efficient solution to combat diarrhea in children, especially in developing countries, where the health facilities are faced with many limitations. In Balikpapan, similar to other areas in Indonesia, the ORS is available for free to help decrease the number of diarrhea cases. Unfortunately, the use of ORS in Balikpapan is still very low, while the rate of incidence for diarrhea is still quite high. Therefore, this research looked into the factors related to the usage of ORS in Balikpapan.

1.4 Significance of study

Even though several influential factors associated to mothers concerning diarrhea management practices had been identified, none had referred to Balikpapan in Indonesia. Hence, it is very important to study this issue in Balikpapan due to the multiethnic society that represents the various cultures among them. This study also intended to understand the different factors that could possibly affect their practice in diarrhea management. The results obtained from this study would be useful for health workers in Balikpapan in developing a program to increase the awareness among mothers concerning practice in diarrhea management.

1.5 Research Questions

Several research questions developed in this study are listed in the following:

- i) What is the practice of mothers regarding ORS in the diarrhea management among children under 5 years old in Balikpapan?
- ii) What are the factors associated with ORS practices among

mothers in diarrhea management?

- iii) What are the relationships between ORS practices among mothers in diarrhea management of children and their sociodemographic, knowledge, belief, perception, as well as health service factors?
- iv) What are the common factors of ORS usage for management of diarrhea among children under 5 years old?

1.6 Research Objectives

The objectives of this study are organized in two parts, namely general objectives and specific objectives, as depicted in the following:

1.6.1 General Objective

To determine the usage of ORS in the treatment of diarrhea among children under 5 years old and its associated factors among mothers attending health clinics in Balikpapan Selatan.

1.6.2 Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the study are listed in the following:

- i) To determine the socio demographic, practices, knowledge, belief, perception, and health services factors concerning the usage of ORS in treatment of diarrhea among mothers.
- ii) To determine the usage of ORS among mothers for treatment of diarrhea in children under 5 years old.
- iii) To determine the associations between mothers practices in usage of ORS for treatment of diarrhea among children under 5 years old and:
 - age of children
 - sex of children
 - birth order of children
- iv) To determine the associations between mothers practices in usage of ORS for treatment of diarrhea among children under 5 years old and:
 - socio economic characteristic of mothers
 - socio demographic characteristic of children
 - knowledge of mothers regarding diarrhea
 - knowledge of mothers regarding ORS
 - belief of mothers on treatment of diarrhea
 - perception of mothers on ORS
 - health service factors
- v) To determine the predictors for the usage of ORS for management of diarrhea among children less than 5 years old.

1.7 Research Hypotheses

Based on the hypotheses, several hypotheses were developed in this study. The hypotheses are depicted in the following:

- H1: There is a significant association between children sociodemographic factors with mothers' practices using ORS.
- H2: There is a significant association between mothers and sociodemographic factors with mothers' practices using ORS.
- H3: There is a significant association between knowledge on diarrhea and mothers' practices using ORS.
- H4: There is a significant association between mothers knowledge on ORS and mothers' practices using ORS.
- H5: There is a significant association between mothers belief on treatment of diarrhea and mothers' practices using ORS.
- H6: There is a significant association between perceptions and mothers' practices using ORS.
- H7: There is a significant association between health services factors and mothers' practices using ORS.

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