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Village Birth Attendant or DAI

Dai's work and practices

- Dai helps families during childbirth. She is trained by PHC and ANM to observe Six cleans.
- A clean place to conduct delivery
- Clean hands with water and soap before delivery.
- A clean perineum to avoid infection of mother and baby.
- Clean thread to tie the umbilical cord and
- A clean new blade to cut the cord and keep the end clean.
- A clean cloth to wrap the baby

With this she can ensure the health of the newborn baby and mother. She can save babies with proper baby care. She is also expected to send mothers with difficulties to health centers in time.

Limitations of a Dai

Dais have limited understanding of a difficult birth and risks. Often they refer a mother too late. They need good training and help to understand impending dangers and refer-escort in good time. Some village dais act as a cord cutter

In this lesson we will learn about

The Dai and her work

The six clean practices in childbirth

Limitations of Dai

How we can help and learn from her