

ABSTRACT

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Stunting is a chronic nutritional problem that remains a public health concern, particulary among toddlers. One of the key factors in stunting prevention is maternal nutrition knowledge, as mothers play a primary role in childcare and in meeting children's nutritional needs. This study aimed to analyze the levels of nutrition knowledge regarding stunting prevention among mothers of toddlers age 0-59 months in The Rampal Celaket Public Health Center Area Malang City. This study employed a descriptive correlational design with a *cross-sectional* approach. The study population consisted of all mothers of toddlers aged 0-59 months, with a total sample of 88 respondents selected using *purposive sampling*. Data were collected through interviews using an open-ende questionnaire measuring 6 levels of knowledge : Know, Understand, Application, analysis, Synthesis, and Evaluation. Data were analyzed descriptively. The result showed that mother's knowledge levels varied across each level and were influenced by maternal characteristic sucj as age, educational level, and experience in obtaining nutrition-related information. This study concludes that mother's nutrition knowledge regarding stunting prevention still needs to be improved, particulary at the Application to Evaluation Levels. Therefore, continuous and targeted nutrition counseling, guidance, assistance, and nutrition education from health proffesionals are required.

Keywords : Stunting, Nutritional Knowledge, Mothers of Toddlers, Stunting Prevention.