

ABSTRACT

Susanty Tilola. 2014. The Relation between Breastfeeding and the Toddler's Growth at Tolondadu I Village, Subdistrict of Bolaang Uki, District of Bolaang Mongondow Selatan. Skripsi, Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health and Sport Sciences, Universitas Negeri Gorontalo. The principal supervisor was dr. Zuhriana K. Yusuf, M.Kes and the co-supervisor was H. Abdul Wahab Pakaya, S.Kep, Ns, MM.

The percentage of breastfeeding in Indonesia was 15,3% only. Budiharja, the Director General of Mother And Child Nutrition and Health, Ministry of Health, stated that the percentage is quite alarming. Several toddlers at Tolondadu village had growth disorder such the low weight, and abnormal height. Most of them were caused by the leck of breastfeeding. The research aimed at identifying the breastfeeding and toddler's growth and analyzing the relation of them.

The method of research was analytic observational. The population of research were all toddlers in Tolondadu I village, subdistrict of Bolaang Uki, district of Bolaang Mongondow Selatan. The samples of research were 45 respondents gained through Purposive Sampling. The research applied Chi-Square Statistical Test.

The research result showed that the toddlers who were breastfed at Tolondadu I village were 32 toddlers (71,1%), while those who had good growth were 27 toddlers (60,0%).

The research concluded that there was a significant relation between breastfeeding and toddler's growth at Tolondadu I village with the value of $p = 0,014$. It suggests for mothers to breastfeed their children till the age of 2 years or more in order to help the growth of the children and also for health workers to increase the intensity of IMD Counseling.

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