Midwifery and Gender Based Violence During Pregnancy in Jamaica

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OBJECTIVE

Identify risk factors for gender-based violence in pregnancy and assess how midwives can support screening and intervention.

METHODS

The study combined surveys of 552 pregnant women with interviews and focus groups involving 16 midwives at two Kingston maternity hospitals.

RESULTS

The study reported 36% prevalence across its phases. Findings identified gaps in midwives' preparation for screening and informed a pilot protocol and training.

CONCLUSION

The authors supported integrating screening into antenatal care and strengthening midwifery training.