

**DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PREGNANT WOMEN
CHRONIC ENERGY LACK (KEK) AND HUSBAND SUPPORT IN THE
SURAKARTA AREA**

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ABSTRACT

Background : World Health Organization (WHO) Maternal mortality in developing countries is closely related to chronic energy deficiency. In Indonesia, pregnant women with CED of all ages are 17.3%, while in Surakarta City the highest is Sangkrah Health Center and Pajang Health Center. The cause of CED pregnant women is caused by several factors, one of which is the husband's support. Husband's support in the behavior of utilizing nutrition services is also very important because the husband is the closest person and a motivator. **Objective:** To find out the description of the characteristics of pregnant women with Chronic Energy Deficiency (KEK) and husband's support in the Surakarta region. **Research Methods:** This research is included in the quantitative descriptive research by taking samples using total sampling with a total sample of 53 respondents, in data collection using checklist sheets and questionnaires as a measuring tool. **Results:** The results of this study show that the majority of pregnant women with CED are of early adulthood, high school education, work as housewives, low income, and husband support in the supportive category (98.1%). **Conclusion:** Husband support for KEK pregnant women in the Surakarta area is in the supportive category, the majority of KEK pregnant women are supported by their husbands for regular check-ups.

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