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## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OF WOMEN IN A RURAL HEALTH CENTRE IN THE CONGO

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**ABSTRACT ;** Introduction: Gender inequalities remain a cause of great concern in Congo. The impact on maternal health, particularly in rural areas, reflects this. Objectives: Describe the epidemiological profile of reproductive health-related diseases in women in a rural health center in Congo. Patients and methods: Descriptive cross-sectional study from January to September 2019 at the Centre de santé de Bétou, in Likouala, Congo. Women aged 13 to 45 years received for a reproductive health problem were included. Data were collected from the registers and processed using MS Excel®. Results: A total of 2127 women were included. Of these, 1063 came at least to the first prenatal consultation (49.7%), 994 (44.19%) for a birth and 70 for gender-based violence. Pregnancies were pathological in 15.46% of cases (n=329). Sexually transmitted infections were found in 11.8% (n=251) of pregnant women. HIV test coverage was 4.6% (n=98). The caesarean section rate was 11.06%. Maternal and neonatal deaths represented 696/100,000 and 22.3/1000 live, births respectively. Rape constituted 41.4% of cases of gender-based violence (n=29). Conclusion: This work shows high morbidity and mortality among pregnant women in Bétou, low coverage of HIV testing and a high rate of rape. The availability of qualified human and material resources is a challenge



**Biography** brings 20 years of experience to the Fraser Valley. After starting his private practice in 2001 in San Diego, CA ("MaxWell Chiropractic & Healing"), Dr. Kaiden spent the next 15 years faithfully serving San Diegans with extraordinary chiropractic care. In 2016, He was then recruited to serve at Apple Computers Asia Pacific HQ in Singapore, assuming the role as lead chiropractor and exclusively treating Apple staff onsite at their brand new multidisciplinary Apple Wellness Center. Now a BC resident, Dr. Kaiden is bringing MaxWell Chiropractic & Healing – and the same sought after passion and expertise – to the Fraser Valley. Dr. Kaiden's other passions include yoga, meditation, sports and music.

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