

Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics and obstetric history of the study women in relation to their general awareness of folic acid

Variable	All women		Heard about folic acid	
	No.	%	No.	%
Total	660	100.0	412	62.4
Age group (years)				
18–24	209	31.7	111	53.1
25–29	359	54.4	238	66.3
30–34	74	11.2	51	68.9
35–45	18	2.7	12	66.7
Education				
Illiterate	116	17.6	29	25.0
Primary school	45	6.8	16	35.6
Preparatory school	106	16.1	56	52.8
Secondary school	299	45.3	228	76.3
University	94	14.2	83	88.3
Job				
Not working	600	90.9	360	60.0
Skilled work	27	4.1	22	81.5
Professional	33	5.0	30	90.9
Gravidity (no.)				
≤ 2	432	65.5	266	61.6
3–5	196	29.7	119	60.7
≥ 6	32	4.8	27	84.4
ANC visits in current pregnancy				
Insufficient	99	15.0	43	43.4
Sufficient	561	85.0	369	65.8

n/a = not applicable; ANC = antenatal care.