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Problem faced by vaccinators of Karachi during polio campaign

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Introduction: Polio is one of the most crippling diseases and has been eradicated from most of the world. However, it is still an issue for countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan and is a global threat for polio free countries. Beside political will, Vaccinator role is very important in eradicating disease. This study was designed in order to find out the problems faced by vaccinator in executing polio campaign, which may play a key role in failure of campaign.

Material & Method: This cross sectional study was conducted in 18 towns of Karachi. We obtained list of vaccinators and then randomly selected 190 vaccinators by simple random sampling method using SPSS program. 179 of them gave consent for interview. The questions were based on expected problems faced by vaccinators and were coded for entry in SPSS program. Participants were asked for suggested solutions as well.

Result: There were 138 male (77.1%) and 41 female (22.9%) participated in the study. Almost all of the workers 177 (98.9%) were not satisfied with the security and the same number were not satisfied with their salary. 141 (78.8%) complained transportation problem and 100% of them demanded transport/conveyance allowance and lunch during the campaign. They also pointed out poor arrangement for storage of vaccine during transportation at the site of vaccine.

Conclusion: Vaccinators should be provided with full security for the effective execution of campaign. Their salaries should be increased and lunch should be provided to all of them during campaign as it is not possible for them to arrange it during campaign.

Biography

Siddiqui MM has graduated from Dow Medical College, Karachi in the year 2015 where he has been known as a socially active student owing to his contributions to Patient Welfare Association (a non-profit organization catering to the poor and helpless patients of civil hospital Karachi). He is also a member of Pakistan Islamic Medical Association and has been the organizer for two consecutive years at their biennial conventions. Currently, he is enrolled for post graduate studies at College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan.

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