

Study of the pattern of utilization of preventive health care services provided by the Ministry of Health to the 0-2 year child in relation to Socio-economic status. MSc.(Community Medicine) - 1988

D 24

Objective of the study was to assess the immunisation status of 0-2 year child in terms of complete coverage and age appropriate immunisation. To assess the mother's knowledge about growth monitoring. To assess the mother's knowledge about breast feeding. To assess the mother's knowledge about the time of proper weaning. To assess the mother's awareness about rehydration salt in the management of diarrhoea. To find out the utilization of services in relation to clinic attendance. More time should be devoted by the MOH in monthly conferences to monitor activities of the field staff. Specially health education activities, and to develop their talents. MOH area is large and nuweildy. It should be organization in a way where the MOH can easily cope up with the population. PHM areas should be recognized according to the proposed PHC plan to bring down the population in a PHM area to manageable limits, specially in this area as difficult terrain is there and the created carders shold be filled. This needs more resources. Till favourable situation emerged, best approach will be to strengthen supervision. All PHMM should be furnished with quarters and living condition as at present there are PHMM who could not find accomodation within the area. Clinics should be in easily accessible places and infrastructure of the clinics should be improved. Health education activities by the field staff in the area should be strengthened. As no health eduction officers at present no effective health education programmes in the area. As far as voluntary organizations are concerned statisfactory number of organizations are available in the area like TRDB, sarvodaya, youth movement, but intersectoral and intrasectoral coordination is needed for best results. Community participation should be improved by motivating the community through health educaion programmes. Special projects must be launched to identify gaps in the health education activities.