

ABSTRACT

Over the years, the emphasis on health education for the betterment of health status of the country has gathered momentum to meet new challenges requiring health educational inputs. Hence, for health education to be a success, initiative of the health worker is a pre-requisite.

It has been the practice to advise the production of low-cost visual aids at local level which will address very specific health problems. Considering the portability, easy reviewing, ability to control picture detail and non-involvement of hardware in using, graphic media have been accepted as suitable for field settings. Mass produced visual aids are more appropriate for use in dealing with general issues.

Production techniques and presentation methods are part of the curricula in basic courses and many continuing education programmes. Attempts in follow-up and evaluation of post-training status of production and utilization of visual aids by health workers are rarely undertaken.

Present study discloses that attention to pretesting and reviewing has been poor. Supervising officers can be of help to overcome any weaknesses detected and encourage teamwork to share health workers' talents.

There is no difference in production and utilization of visual aids between the officers of the training area and

non-training area selected for the study. The inadequacy of both production and utilization of visual aids was reflective in the findings.