

ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study is to assess the knowledge, attitudes and practices of Health Care Workers(HCW) at the Provincial General Hospital Badulla regarding disaster preparedness.

Objectives

To assess the knowledge, attitude and practice on disaster preparedness among healthcare workers of Provincial General Hospital -Badulla.The study design was a cross sectional survey. The study population included the Health Care Workers (HCW) under administration of provincial General Hospital (PGH)Badulla.The study was conducted utilizing a Self Administered Questionnaire(SAQ) with structured and closed ended questions.

The response rate was 98.01%

Findings

Majority of the participants were female (n=251,63%) in age group 41-50years(47% of HCW directly involved in patient management)and 31-40years (43% of HCW indirectly involved in patient management). Most of medical officers 81-100(n=42,93.3%) , Professions Supplementary to Medicine 81-100(n=61-80,57%), 81-100(n=27,67%) and clerical staff 61-80 (n=65,.37%) had good knowledge on disaster preparedness .Most of medical officers81-100(n=42,93.3%) , most of profession support to medicine81-100(n=20, 67%),clerical staff 81-100(n=11,73%) had good on attitude on disaster preparedness. Most of medical officers 61-80,81-100(n1= n2=19,42,22%) had good practice on disaster situations .