

HIV Positive: Perspectives On Counseling



Assessment of Knowledge About HIV/AIDS Among Public – A Rural Perspective of South India

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to assess knowledge, on HIV/AIDS among rural residents of south India where HIV/AIDS pandemic is high. A HIV-KQ-18 Questionnaire were distributed or directly interviewed to the population of rural people in the part of south India and the Respondents were asked to provide answers to a reliable and validated HIV-KQ 18 questionnaire, about knowledge and attitudes about HIV/AIDS. Study results indicated that the majority of people had a minimum level of HIV/AIDS knowledge, and acceptance, attitudes towards people with HIV and AIDS. Males had more acceptance and positive attitudes towards answering the questionnaire about AIDS than females overall, the knowledge about HIV/AIDS was uneven. A peer educational program to talk about self-esteem, healthy sexual attitudes, being human-accepting and loving should be developed in the near future. It is clear that learning for life is gaining momentum. However, it is important to acquire knowledge and educate the public about HIV/AIDS preferably in rural part of India to lead healthy and better quality of life.

INTRODUCTION

The Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/Acquired Immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) epidemic has devastated many individuals, families and communities.

AIDS continues to be a major global health priority. Although important progress has been achieved in preventing new HIV infections and in lowering the annual number of AIDS related deaths, the number of people living with HIV continues to increase. AIDS-related illnesses remain one of the leading causes of death globally and are projected to continue as a significant global cause of premature mortality in the coming decades [1]

The number of people living with HIV worldwide continued to grow in 2008, reaching an estimated 33.4 million (31.1 million–35.8 million). The total number of people living with the virus in 2008 was more than 20% higher than the number in 2000, and the prevalence was roughly threefold higher than in 1990. 2 Asia, home to 60% of the world's population, is second only to sub-Saharan Africa in terms of the number of people living with HIV. India accounts for roughly half of Asia's HIV prevalence. [2]

As the epidemic evolves further, rates will continue to rise in communities and nations where poverty, social inequalities, and weak health infrastructures facilitate spread of the virus. The estimate of 5.7 million HIV infected people in India, as compared with 5.5 million in South Africa, has captured wide attention. [3]

National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in 2005 declared six states (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, and TamilNadu) as high prevalence areas (defined by a rate of HIV positivity of more than one percent among women visiting pre-natal clinics and a rate of more than five percent among patients visiting clinics for STDs).

Andhra Pradesh is considered one of India's high prevalence HIV/AIDS states and has responded to the disease with a wide ranging programme consisting of information and education, targeted interventions, testing for HIV infection, treatment and many others. Out of 5.1 million estimated cases of HIV/AIDS in India about 10 percent are in Andhra Pradesh. [4]

Knowledge is a key component of HIV risk reduction programs, interventionists often use knowledge assessments to guide educational curriculum and to provide feedback to enhance risk awareness Individuals those are residing at rural part of India might be hit hard by the HIV pandemic due to lack of adequate information regarding HIV knowledge and behavior, this study deals with assessment of knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS in rural residents in part of south India.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sampling

Randomized sampling was carried out to select 259 rural

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