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ABSTRACT

Many childhood diseases which cause significant morbidity and mortality can now be prevented by vaccines. Immunization is fundamental in prevention of common preventable childhood diseases. From the providers' side, their perspectives are important for successful immunization activities.

A cross sectional descriptive survey with self-administered questionnaire was carried out at the LHV training school with such objectives as to assess knowledge, attitude and practices of the midwives on immunization, and to explore their perspectives on immunization services and their education carrier.

There were 110 participants in the study. The minimum age was 26 and maximum was 44 years. More than half (64.5%) were Bamar and 90% were Buddhists. More than half (56.4%) were single and university graduates were 79%. They came from different states and divisions of Myanmar, and mostly were from Bago division. Majority had less than 15 years of service. Almost all (98%) were aware of the side effects of immunization. Most of them (95.5%) made a monthly visit to the villages for immunization. Regarding the place, 85.5% midwives gave immunization services at local community centre.

Most of the midwives (88.2%) were living in health centers. Many midwives (99) said that they had micro-plan for routine immunization. Almost all received the participation and cooperation of community for the immunization activities. 97% had learnt about immunization at midwifery training school and 60% accepted that it was not enough for them. More than half (56.4%) said that they wanted to have complementary additional topics relating to childhood immunization in their midwifery education though 90% had attended the training CME on immunization previously. Apart from knowledge on AEFI, most of them have satisfactory knowledge, attitude and practices on childhood immunization.

It had been pointed out that there were common problems and difficulties in immunization services which were to be solved to achieve the targeted coverage. These problems included social conditions of midwives, transportation, storage and carrier of vaccines, information, education and communication with community and local authority, logistics supply and budget, and microplan. Further studies are recommended to conduct for having more information.