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KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE & PRACTICE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TOWARDS REHABILITATION SERVICE

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Title: “Knowledge, Attitude & Practice of community health workers towards rehabilitation service”

Aim of the study: To identify Knowledge, Attitude & Practice of community health workers towards Rehabilitation service.

Methodology: This study aimed to determine the knowledge, attitude, and practice of community health workers towards rehabilitation service. The study used a cross-sectional design and included community health workers from Upazilla Health Complex in Savar, Dhaka. A purposive sampling procedure was used to choose the study sample. Data collection was conducted using a self-administered KAP questionnaire and an in-person interview.

Result: The study showed that CHW had an inadequate level of knowledge (74.76%), positive level of attitude (92.50%), and poor level of practice (75.70%) towards rehabilitation service. There was a positive significant relationship between CHW’s knowledge and attitude ($r_s = .503$, $p < .01$), knowledge and practice ($r_s = .431$, $p < .01$), practice and attitude ($r_s = .491$, $p < .01$) towards rehabilitation service.

Conclusion: The Community Health Worker lacked adequate knowledge and was unaware of the rehabilitation service. Thou, overall, demonstrated a positive attitude toward rehabilitation services but was poor in practice. These findings indicate that CHWs must broaden their knowledge and practice to provide effective rehabilitation services.

Limitation:

- The primary constraint was the lack of a standardized questionnaire to assess CHW knowledge, attitude, and practice.
- Another limitation was the findings' generalizability, as this study was conducted in a particular Upazila. The findings may not apply to all Upazilas.
- There was insufficient literature to discuss in a national perspective due to Bangladesh's dearth of research in this field.

Recommendation:

CHWs should have up-to-date knowledge, training, and information on rehabilitation services, it is advised. While the attitude was positive and the practice was poor, the knowledge was also inadequate. These findings imply that knowledge, attitude, and practice are all interrelated. To improve CHWs' knowledge, attitude, and practice regarding rehabilitation services, the following recommendations are made:

- Policymakers, stakeholders, the ministry, and the government should exercise greater caution and recognize the importance of rehabilitation services within primary health care. Existing rehabilitation and disability laws should be implemented expeditiously.
- Regular training, resources, and information should be arranged for CHWs to enhance their knowledge, attitude, and practice towards rehabilitation services.
- KAP could benefit from additional time, manpower, and funding for further study.
- This KAP study could be expanded to include a broader population.

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