

BICO CONDUCTS MDA FEEDBACK MEETINGS

Blantyre Institute for Community Ophthalmology conducted the MDA feedback meetings in three districts; Nsanje, Zomba and Dowa. The meetings were organized with the purpose of getting the feedback on how the trachoma MDA campaigns were done in the districts, but also to appreciate the challenges that the community health workers faced during the campaigns.



HSAs present at the meeting: Dowa

1. PRESENTATIONS

The HSAs were given an opportunity to report all the successes, challenges but also their experiences on trachoma MDA program. It was observed that in all the three districts, there were common strengths and challenges that affected the performances of the of health facilities. Some of these issues were; geographical issue to reach out to some places and time flame which was given for the campaign. These challenges were therefore put into discussion, and finally shared how they managed to overcome the challenges they faced in their facilities.



HAS presenting his data

In the report the district health representative also indicated the percentages of how the health centers performed during the MDA campaign period.



LESSON LEARNT/ IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING

From the common challenges which were discussed during the meetings, there were many lessons that were learnt by the HSAs, the District Health representatives as well as the BICO team. Some

of the lessons learnt in the meeting were; giving enough training to the volunteers for accuracy and good timing; reasonable spacing between registration period and the actual program.

CONCLUSION.

The meeting was very fruitful. All the members participated and shared their experiences. Challenges were discussed and came up with solutions to the problems faced. A vision 2020 goals states “everyone has the right to sight”, trachoma MDA program helped in preventing blindness and BICO is one of the NGOs helping the government through the Ministry of Health in achieving this goal.

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