Title: The improvement of community awareness regarding infectious diseases (Model: Kingdom of Bahrain)

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Abstract

The level of awareness in the healthcare sector was a main challenge facing the quality and infection control departments all over the sector to analyze and treat the reasons behind the variation but the public awareness was one of the top listed challenges which rarely meeting the expectations and compliance rates. For example, the low level of public awareness of the general public and travelers was behind the Ebola outbreak in the affected countries (1).

The current pandemic of Corona Virus (Covid 19) has many positive impacts on the human being, affecting on both psychological and educational levels. However, the awareness of the general public and their concern towards the educational activities related to this pandemic positively supported all healthcare workers and all the related departments, especially in regards to:

- Infection control precautions followed by the public focusing on the appropriate hand hygiene and maintaining social distancing in public places.
- The awareness regarding the importance of the isolation procedures in healthcare and public facilities.
- The National efforts in supporting the healthcare sector to overcome the challenges during the outbreak through authorizing a healthcare task force team to set the main guidelines of prevention and treatment of this outbreak. However, the financial support given to the healthcare sector is a great support to overcome the pandemic along with the support to the other sectors affected financially to overcome the emotional and psychological effect of this pandemic.

The government of the kingdom of Bahrain structured a well-designed comprehensive program to overcome this pandemic by involving all sectors to share the responsibility of implementing the program and reach this milestone of the public awareness.

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Biography

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