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ABSTRACT

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EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR GIVING VITAMIN A CAPSULES TO TODDLERS AGED 6-59 MONTHS AS AN EFFORT TO ACCELERATE STUNTING REDUCTION (Qualitative Study in the Working Area of Cisayong Health Center in 2022)

Lack of vitamin A in children can increase the risk of children susceptible to infectious diseases. Vitamin A deficiency can result in the bone matrix by osteoblasts being produced decreased so that the remodeling process is inhibited and bone formation is disrupted then resulting in stunted growth and stunting events. The management program of giving vitamin A capsules to toddlers is held as a specific nutritional intervention to overcome the problem of stunting. One of the targets of giving vitamin A capsules is intended for toddlers aged 6-59 months. This study aims to determine the evaluation of the implementation of the management of vitamin A capsules for toddlers aged 6-59 months as an effort to accelerate stunting reduction in the Cisayong Health Center Working Area in terms of input, process and output elements. This research design is qualitative, using in-depth interview, observation and documentation methods. The informants in this study were selected using purposive sampling techniques totaling 15 people and consisting of main informants and triangulation informants. The results of the study are known that based on the input, process and output elements of the implementation of the vitamin A capsule management program in the Cisayong Health Center Working Area has been running well because the achievement of the annual distribution of vitamin A capsules meets the target, but there are still two villages that have not reached the annual achievement target in 2022. Cisayong Health Center can find alternatives to overcome the problem of the number of nutrition officers who are not proportional to the number of existing posyandu so that this problem does not occur in the following years and the implementation of monitoring can be carried out optimally.

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