



ADEQUACY AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL DRUGS AMONG RESIDENTS IN BARANGAY BUNDUCAN NASUGBU, BATANGAS

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ABSTRACT

Access to essential medicines was a vital component of effective healthcare delivery and community well-being. This study examined the adequacy and distribution of medical drugs in Barangay Buddacan, Masbate, focusing on the availability, accessibility, and challenges experienced by residents.

The research aimed to assess whether current drug supply systems meet the healthcare needs of the community and to identify factors affecting equitable distribution. Using a descriptive research design, data were gathered from selected residents and healthcare workers through surveys and interviews. The study evaluated respondents' profiles, their perceptions regarding the adequacy of medical drug supply, and the challenges encountered in accessing medicines. It also explored possible strategies to improve distribution and accessibility within the barangay.

Findings of the study indicated that while basic medicines were occasionally available, shortages, limited supply, and accessibility issues remain significant concerns, particularly among vulnerable groups such as children, elderly individuals, and low-income families.

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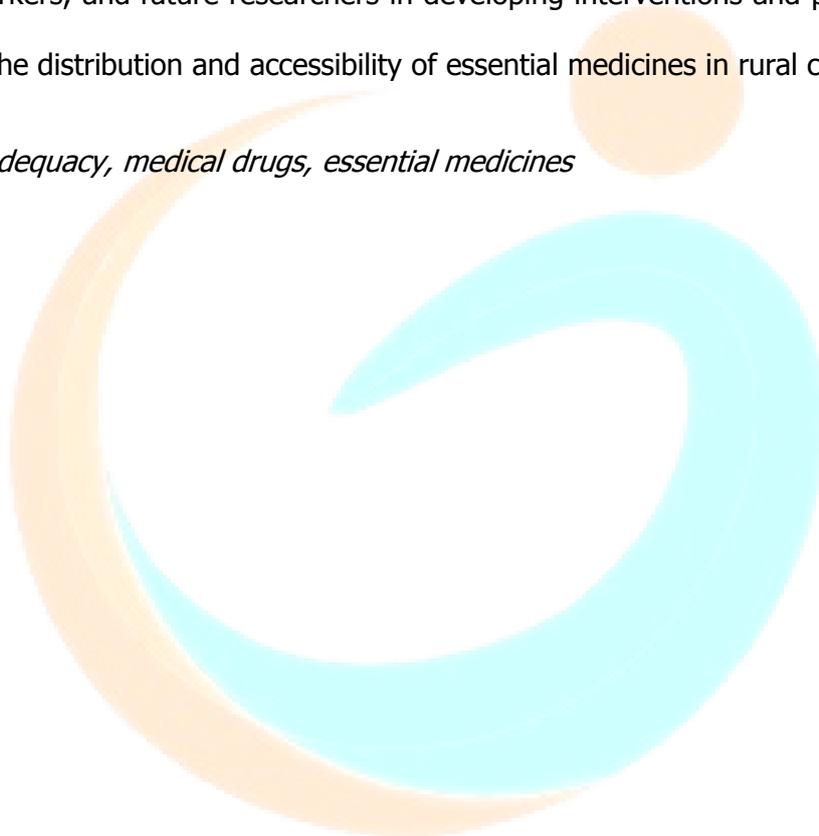
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The study highlighted the importance of strengthening coordination among local government units, healthcare providers, and national health programs to improve drug supply management.

The results of this research might serve as a reference for local policymakers, healthcare workers, and future researchers in developing interventions and programs aimed at improving the distribution and accessibility of essential medicines in rural communities.

Keywords: *adequacy, medical drugs, essential medicines*



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