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ABSTRACT

Result Based Management (RBM) is recognized as a comprehensive process to adapt for project or programme management globally in foreign funded projects. It focuses on the outputs, outcomes, impact and the need for sustainable benefits to the beneficiaries as well as the society. Sustainability of the programme is determined by measuring the levels of anticipated outcomes reached to the beneficiaries. In light of this finding of gaps between the outputs and outcomes shows levels of sustainability of the programme.

Purpose of this research was to find the programme results such as outputs, outcomes and gaps between outputs and outcomes which use the National Anti-Leprosy Programme (NALCP) Sri Lanka as the case. This has conducted NALCP covering all districts in Sri Lanka. Four districts were selected for the study, includes Colombo, Gampaha, Kaluthara, and Polonnaruwa by taking in to the account of the presence of highest newly found leprosy patients among other districts.

Methodology of this study used formal survey methods and interviewed key informants, including officials of NALC and staff of the skin clinics in four districts. Formal survey was carried out which included likert scale based analysis for both relevant health staff and the leprosy patients. The Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) computer package was used for the data analysis. Cronbach values and Principle Component Analysis were established for the each output (OP) and outcome (OC); t test was carried out to evaluate the differences between outputs and outcomes. Ways and means discussed to reduce gaps between OPs and OCs.

There were five outputs determined such as: (OP1) Conducted Knowledge Improving Programmes for Leprosy; (OP2) Leprosy diagnosing skills improved; (OP3) Contact tracing programmes conducted; (OP4) Improved filling of Individual Patient Form (IPF), and (OP5) MDT drugs have received at the satisfactory level for the skin clinics. Anticipated outcomes against the output were found as: (OC1) Patients' awareness on leprosy improved; (OC2) Leprosy Patients' diagnosed Gaps reduced; (OC3) Contact tracing done passively by the patients; (OC4) Patients registration improved, and (OC5) MDT drugs received on time.

Statistical t test were used to analyze the gaps between outputs and outcomes. Output (OP1) Vs Outcome (OC1) t calculated value 0.009 < 2.306 table value, Output (OP2) Vs Outcome (OC2) t calculated value 0.0175 < 2.306 table value, Output (OP4) Vs Outcome (OC3) 0.0175 < 2.306 table value, Output (OP4) Vs Outcome (OC4) t calculated value 0.041 < 2.365 table value, Output (OP5) Vs Outcome (OC5) t calculated value 0.188 < 2.776 table value. Outputs and anticipated outcomes are not significantly difference and study results shows immediate effects (outcomes) respective outputs to the beneficiaries are above satisfactory levels. Patients' socio economic back grounds were examined and majority of them getting monthly income above Rs.10,000.00 and most of them are in better economic status. It shows satisfactory levels of outcomes.

Based on the findings of the study it is possible to recommend that need monitoring plan to measure programme outputs and intended outcomes. Reducing gaps between outputs and outcomes of the leprosy control programme are very essential when considering some factors like MDT drug distribution and availability of sufficient quantities among skin clinics and receiving of drugs at the time of clinic visit. Recommended to get sufficient MDT from the Medical Stores and to be launched proper awareness campaign the island wide for preventing and controlling Leprosy and disability for different socio economic levels of the Sri Lankan society.

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