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Title	**The Role of Medical Students in raising Health Education and Promotion among Families and community in Al-Debaga area at Wad Medani,Sudan 2017-2019**
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Content	Background: Al-Debaga is located at Wad-Medani (Gezira state capital) with population of 4600.Its composed of about 120 family and they all have problems such as lack of health awareness, increased incidence of infectious diseases. Objectives: - Assess the role of medical students in decreasing the morbidity and mortality rates in the community at Al-Debaga area Methodology: Longitudinal descriptive study has been done in a period of two years to assess role of medical students in raising Health Education. Complete 2 years reports have been analyzed describing the students visits and work in public health education and promotion to families in more than 120 house, interviews observation and direct questioning have been done. Outcomes: Results showed that we succeed in rising the health education and promotion in the community regarding many diseases e.g. cardiovascular diseases, Obesity, Flies transmitted diseases, infectious diseases, Typhoid and crisis. Also we suggested solutions to nutrition problems in the society and the family especially most vulnerable to nutrition problems. We identified infectious and endemic diseases in society, work to control, and prevent them. Conclusion and recommendations: In a period of 2 years we successfully raised the community awareness and education in health issues and provide them with the needed information to fight diseases, we encouraged community participation and teamwork to implement primary health care. More community outreached must be delivered and the stakeholders should support such areas, Awareness should be raised on the general attitudes, which should be adopted to contribute in improving their skills.