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Introduction: Gezira Medical Students Association(MedSIN-GMSA) is a local member organization in the IFMSA that represent university of Gezira Medical students. The Associations aim to capacitate Gezira students to become future health leaders. From the beginning of COVID-19 GMSA Started to equip their members with the knowledge needed about the disease so they can play their role in fighting it and spreading awareness. Objectives: 1- Describe activities done by GMSA Teams regarding tackling COVID-19. 2- Describe the importance of medical Students role in Response to COVID-19. Methodology: The work plan towards COVID-19 was targeting two categories: ►Medical field and students: Epidemiological perspective to COVID-19–current researches regarding COVID-19 -Domestic violence in pandemics–Pandemics and medical ethics. ►Community Targeting Activities: Participation in Local awareness campaigns in Wad Medani-Gezira State,SUDAN -Disease and preventive measures-COVID-19 Patients Stigma –COVID-19 Patients' Rights- Women's health and pregnancy during COVID-19 Pandemic. Results: Activities targeting Medical field members reached to 343 Participants from different topics and activities.GMSA encouraged Students to initiate their own local campaigns to help in tackling COVID-19. Activities targeting the community reached more than 5residential blocks,hospitals and public places and to more than 1800 persons. Conclusion: The role medical Students play in tackling COVID-19 Is just as important as the one played by Medical Personals in Hospitals. In this Pandemic awareness is the strongest weapon we have so our message is to encourage students to lead initiatives to raise awareness and tackle COVID-19.