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Content

University of Khartoum faculty of medicine medical missions Program started more than 50 years ago. 66% of Sudan's population reside in rural areas, most of which are under served. The program aims to improve health levels in rural areas through providing health services and spreading awareness in the rural community.

Objectives: To assess the impact and distribution of medical missions carried out by university of Khartoum faculty- of medicine student association in 2018

Methods: Descriptive analytic study was carried out by analyzing data from the student association medical mission's reports.

Results: 3 medical missions were held in 2018 to 3 different states; Sinnar, White Nile and North Kordufan with a total coverage of 60 villages and an average population density of 6000 in each village. Each mission has 20 medical days conducted by 4 groups to different villages. An average of 150 medical students, 20 lab technicians and 20 medical doctors in each mission. The mission comprises of 5 different sectors; A free mobile clinic with approximately 400 patients visiting each medical day, a pharmacy where diverse medications are offered, mobile laboratory with basic workups, research and survey office which conducts an average of 2 researches permission depending on the health concerns of the area with approximately 1320 people surveyed, the Health education office working internally to patients who visit the clinic and externally to the general population of the village.

Conclusion: This study revealed that medical students have a major role in empowering vulnerable rural communities.