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| Content | <p>Background: Due to the low awareness regarding Primary Health Care (PHC) in many villages in Gezira state, the primary health care department at the University of Gezira sends more than 20 groups with 15 medical students each per year to more than 20 villages in Gezira state. The goal is to increase awareness about primary health care among the community members. The goal of this research was to study the efficacy of this program on students and communities. Another goal was to increase and improve the quality of this rural program with student feedback and to identify the difficulties the students are facing in the field. Methods: A cross-sectional study with a random sample of 60 medical students from the University of Gezira completed an online questionnaire, that elicited their responses and their feedback about the primary health care rural program. The data was analyzed using SPSS. Results: the PHC department had a major role in increasing participant communication skills and teamwork skills. 45% of the participants were stimulated by the PHC department to volunteer, 80% of participants were faced with faulty knowledge in the community, 63.3% of the participants had poor knowledge about research. Conclusion: This study concludes that the PHC department has the main role in improving the community knowledge about PHC, the PHC department through indirect effect stimulates medical students to volunteer, the PHC department should focus on the medical students by increasing their knowledge about research to improve the efficacy of PHC to the community.</p> |