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Abstract:

This study determined the dengue prevention practices among residents in selected barangays of the City of San Fernando City, La Union namely Catbangan, Sevilla and Tanqui for the year 2011.

Scientifically approved dengue prevention practices along self protection, environmental manipulation and early measures to prevent progression of dengue fever are rarely done while activities along mosquito control are never done by the household respondents, hence, increasing their risk of acquiring dengue fever. Meanwhile, non-scientifically approved dengue prevention practices along self protection, environmental manipulation, mosquito control and early measures to prevent progression of dengue fever are rarely done by the household respondents. This reveals that the respondents are performing dengue prevention practices not related and relevant to the disease prevention.

Based from these findings identified, an information-education-communication material is proposed to address problems encountered. Based from the findings and conclusions of this study, it is recommended that dengue prevention practices be strengthened and intensified especially scientifically approved dengue prevention practices along self protection, environmental manipulation, mosquito control and measures to prevent progression of signs and symptoms. For dengue prevention and control to be effective, invoking community participation, conducting advocacy meetings, defining community actions, developing an intensive dengue prevention campaign and health education to the community not limited to hospital and health care facilities, both public and private sectors.