

Assessment of Working and Health Conditions of Workers in Government Chemical Laboratories in Metro Manila (Phase II)

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Abstract

The survey was conducted to determine the level of awareness on voluntary blood donation among National Capital Region residents and workers; to determine the perception of the quality of current information campaign on voluntary blood donation; and to provide inputs on possible strategies for blood donation promotion for use in future information campaigns. This was done in cooperation with the Quezon City Science Council in collaboration with the Voluntary Blood Donation Program. The goal is to ensure that workers and their families in the locality could avail of safe blood when needed. In the light of high prevalence of injuries in several work sectors, this survey is considered highly relevant for the protection of workers and their families.

A cross sectional, descriptive survey, the study interviewed over 300 respondents Comparing the working population from the student population, 83% of the former group showed more awareness of the program than the latter (69.6%). Nearly half of the respondents who were aware of the Voluntary Blood Donation Program have learned this from radio and TV. Eighteen percent had donated blood before. The majority of the respondents perceived that the quality of current information on voluntary blood donation was not adequate and sufficient, and that the respondents were found to be highly concerned with and receptive to voluntary blood donation information campaign. That the respondents had several misconceptions regarding the process of blood donation shows the need for a continuing effort and sustaining information

dissemination on voluntary blood donation in order to protect Filipino workers and their families who may need safe blood in future.