

P 36. EVALUATION OF THE KANGAROO MOTHER CARE (KMC) STUDY TOUR FOR INDONESIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO SOUTH AFRICA

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Background: During the Best Practice workshop in Bangkok (2007) the Indonesian team planned to implement KMC in three teaching hospitals.

With support from the United States Aid for International Development, the Ministry of Health conducted a study tour to South Africa for 14 health professionals. Two non-medical background translators were provided for the English comprehension.

Aims: To evaluate both content (KMC components: skin-to-skin contact, nutrition and social support, infrastructure, implementation and socialization of KMC, most useful and relevant topics) and process (learning methods, support and barrier of learning) of the KMC study tour.

Materials and methods: A self-administered post study tour questionnaire by participants.

Results: On the range of score from 0 to 10, the participants indicated that regarding KMC component the average score on theories were between 8,4 to 9,0, while on the practices between 8,6 to 8,9. In addition, the participants provided an average score 9,0 on appropriateness of learning method. Three topics considered most useful were identified. They marked 8,6 in terms of ratio between theory and practical session.

Conclusions: The participants had both experience and skills to implement KMC in their own place. It was suggested that the translator should also be familiar with medical terms.

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