

## Perception of the maguindanaon muslim mothers on immunization

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**P**erception of the Maguindanaon Muslim Mothers on Immunization. This study was aimed to determine the perception of the Maguindanaon Muslim mothers on immunization in Dalengaoen, Pikit, North Cotabato, Philippines. Specifically, it tried to enumerate the benefits and risks of immunization as perceived by the mothers and describe the beliefs and practices of the mothers towards immunization. Descriptive design specifically survey type was utilized. Convenience non-random sampling technique was used to identify the 100 respondents. The research instrument used was a self-constructed questionnaire that was subjected for validity and reliability test. Overall data were analyzed using the descriptive statistics (percentage, frequency counts, and mean). Findings show that majority of the mothers are 31–40 years old, married, with 3–5 children, have no education at all, and unemployed. Results further reveal that 54% of them reported that their children have not received any vaccines at all. Those who were rejecting them gave reasons such as vaccines are not safe; vaccines are like poison; and vaccines are unnecessary. The respondents agreed that they were not knowledgeable about immunization. And most of them were not aware of the contraindications and side effects of vaccines. In conclusion, the respondents believe that vaccines bring ill effects to their children. And their perception to immunization is being influenced by culture and religion, socio-economic status, and educational attainment. It is recommended that extensive health education programs should be provided to increase their awareness on immunization.

### Biography

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