



Primary Pediatric Training in Kosovo

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OBJECTIVE

Provide pediatric primary care for war-torn communities in Kosovo before and after the war in 1999.

Provide bedside clinical training for primary care physicians trained under "*parallel system*."

PROJECT SITES

Vushtrii Community Clinic
(February 1999 - March 2000)

Prizren Municipal Hospital
(November 1999 - September 2001)

SPONSOR

Kinderberg International

QUESTION

How to strengthen the capacity to provide primary care in war-torn communities?

KEY ISSUES

- How to motivate participants of the training?
- How to modify teaching methods and training style for different cultural settings?

EVALUATION

- Focus group interview

15 participants of the training program.

Asking how the training program can be improved.

A local project coordinator facilitated the discussion.

WHAT WE LEARNED?

- Contents of the training should meet the need of the community based on prevalence of the problems.

- Collegial discussions rather than didactics are accepted.

- Hands-on bedside instructions through "doing together" is important.

CONCLUSION

Primary care system is culturally constructed and socially unique to each society whether in peacetime or in conflict.