



Decision space of primary healthcare level governing structures in mobilizing resources for preventing Cholera epidemic: A case of Korogwe Town Council, Tanzania

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Background: Resources for health services provision are crucial. There is limited understanding about the decision space of the primary health level governing structures (PHLGSs) in mobilizing the resource particularly for preventing the diseases outbreaks including cholera.

Objective: To explore how PHLGSs practice decision space in mobilizing resources for prevention of Cholera epidemic in Korogwe Town Council (KTC), Tanzania.

Methods: We used a case study design employing qualitative approach in data collection process. We interviewed 32 purposively selected participants from PHLGSs in KTC based on their roles and richness of the information in the study topic. The study used interview guides to conduct in-depth interviews and focus group discussions. Data were analysed using thematic approach and results presented in forms of themes and subthemes.

Results: The study generated one major theme namely PHLGSs decision space in mobilizing resources for prevention of cholera epidemic, with two sub-themes namely identification of the local and external sources of resources, and mobilize resources. Example was contacting the local people who are living in urban areas. Challenge reported to face PHLGSs in mobilizing resources for preventing the epidemic include having the same few stakeholders who can support health initiatives in the area.

Conclusion: The study highlighted that PHLGSs do use their decision space to mobilize their own resources for prevention of cholera epidemic in the setting. The encountered challenge was having few stakeholders who can support health initiatives. The government and other stakeholders should start encouraging local communities in providing resources to cater for health services.

