**PUBLIC LECTURES IN NURSING SCHOOLS.**

PHE-Uganda Project through the health component has identified a gap in diagnosis and management of pesticides poisoning through a comparative research conducted among health care providers in Wakiso ( Mukono as a control), Pallisa (Kumi as a control group). Most of the health care providers (clinicians) lack adequate knowledge when it comes to diagnosis management and treatment of pesticides poisoning cases. The research results indicated a significant statistical difference between the trained health care workers in Wakiso and Pallisa than Mukono and Kumi districts.

Responses on the knowledge gaps from the healthcare workers who were not trained by the project was; non formal training on pesticides poisoning management during their clinical course in their respective training institutions.

It is therefore based on the above results that PHE-Uganda Project is conducting public lectures in nursing schools and distributing IEC materials including the health workers' guide on pesticides poisoning management to close the gaps and also improve on pesticides poisoning and case registration from the health facilities where these students will be attached.

Public lectures have been conducted in five (5) schools from four (4) regions of Uganda (Northern region; Lacor School of Nursing-Gulu, Eastern; Kumi School of nursing in Kumi and Alice Anume memorial school of Nursing in Pallisa, in the western Ntugamo Health training Institute-Itojo Hospital and in the Central, Rakai Community Nursing School).

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