

Snakebite Incidents, Response, & Antivenom Supply (Uganda)

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PURPOSE OF OUR RESEARCH

Snakebite is a significant, but long-neglected problem that affects the lives of more than half a million people annually. In Uganda, specifically, no data is available on the burden of snakebite. As part of its Snakebite Project, Health Action International (HAI) is developing an evidence base on snakebite in Kenya, Uganda and Zambia. This research is the first of its kind in Uganda, serving to improve the situation for neglected snakebite victims. The results will enable national and regional policy-makers, including the Ugandan Ministry of Health, to develop and implement strong policies and programmes that improve snakebite reporting, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Initial research in Uganda was conducted in health facilities and communities and included a health facility questionnaire to healthcare workers (144 facilities), an adaptation of the HAI-World Health Organisation methodology, Measuring Medicine Prices, Availability, Affordability and Price Components, conducted at 118 facilities, and community interviews (37) and focus group discussions (4) spread throughout Uganda.

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