

HEALTH EDUCATION: INTESTINAL PARASITOSIS IN HUMANS AND ANIMALS

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Abstract

Intestinal parasites represent a public health problem, especially in regions with poor basic sanitation, affecting humans and animals, and compromising the quality of life of communities. In this context, the sub-project "Health Education: Intestinal Parasitosis in Humans and Animals" was developed within the Extension Program "Health and Well-Being: UENP in the Community", which aims to tackle this problem through educational strategies and preventive actions in schools, promoting awareness of the risks, prevention and control of parasitosis. The aim was to raise awareness among the school community about the prevention and control of intestinal parasites, emphasizing the importance of personal hygiene, proper handling of pets and the implementation of basic sanitation. The subproject's actions were carried out in a municipal early childhood education school in the municipality of Bandeirantes-PR, involving the school community, 75 schoolchildren aged between three and four, eight teachers and four cooks. Workshops and interactive theater presentations were held, covering topics such as: modes of transmission, clinical signs and preventive measures related to intestinal parasitosis, correct hand washing, safe food preparation, and care in handling domestic animals. In addition to the school, the sub-project was presented at an event such as the "UENP in the Community Meeting", held in the Bandeirantes-PR sports hall, where more than a thousand visitors from schools in the region and the local community were able to gain an understanding of parasite prevention. Educational materials were handed out to the parents and/or guardians of the schoolchildren, teachers, cooks and the community attending the event in the sports hall. It can therefore be concluded that the sub-project helped to increase knowledge about parasites and raise awareness of ways of preventing them by developing health education on intestinal parasites in the participating community.

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