

Study on Vaccine Hesitancy

Objective: To contribute towards the understanding of the community mindset and narrow in on the reasons for vaccine hesitancy in the villages of Sohryngkham and Laitsohpiah.

With the pandemic in recession and the call for willing citizens to be vaccinated against the covid-19 virus, reports suggested that a percentage of the people were hesitant to get themselves vaccinated. This resulted in multiple efforts from the Government to engage all stake holders for the spreading of awareness and reliable information regarding the virus and the vaccine. It is with this context that the extension service of the College had engaged in a research survey to arrive at a logical understanding as to the reason why a large number of people were yet to be vaccinated and to understand the reason why people were hesitant to get the vaccine.

The survey focussed on the villages of Sohryngkham and Laitsohpiah and found that misinformation and phobia played a key part in their hesitancy. Out of the 1380 respondents in Sohryngkham, only 152 people were vaccinated. The findings of the survey were submitted with the intention of aiding the Government's efforts in this regard. Student volunteers also assisted in this survey as project assistants.