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Understanding And Use of Social Security Programs- A Case Study of Elderly Population of Kolkata (India)

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Abstract

Demographic trends are increasing the elderly population, making social security payments essential. We wanted to address a gap in statistics on people's familiarity and uptake of them. This study aims to determine how well participants understand and use social security programs. This research tries to measure this practice's prevalence. In terms of components and procedures: A rural Kolkata secondary care hospital conducted a cross-sectional study. Each of 360 experiment participants was at least 60 years old. The chosen timeframe had been pretested and was unorganized. It was also written in their own tongue. Data analysis was done in SPSS 17.0. Chi-square analysis was used to evaluate if data categories were related. When the p-value was less than 0.05, our team deemed the results statistically significant. The bulk of respondents were Hindu {89.7%}, married {60%} and unemployed {82.8%}. There were 54.2% more women than men. The Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme {IGNOAPS} was used by more over half {112} of the 223 people whose income was below the federal poverty line. Annapurna was known by 53.6% of respondents. This exceeds the national average. The percentage of low-income who know IGNOAPS. Education, employment, religion, family, marriage, and caste did not predict self-awareness { $p > 0.05$ }. Neither did education, employment, or family status. The assessors concur that fraud and administrative difficulties are serious concerns. Administration should be simple, and information about the system and how to contact the required authorities for use are crucial to any social security plan or policy. To join the program, contact the relevant divisions using the information below. Nearly 90% of respondents knew about the pension system, and nearly half had joined.

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