

Media Awareness About Family Violence During The COVID-19 Pandemic in Saudi Arabia

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ABSTRACT

Background: To explore media awareness efforts regarding family violence during the COVID-19 pandemic in Saudi Arabia and compare them to global standards.

Methods: This scoping review included media awareness efforts: interviews, lectures, workshops, and forums. Moreover, all efforts must be regarding positive parenting, family well-being, care of the elderly, domestic violence, child abuse, and neglect during the first nine months of the COVID-19 pandemic (April-December 2020).

Results: Seven organizations in Saudi Arabia initiated 32 awareness programs; the National Family Safety Program implemented 17(53%) of awareness efforts, followed by the Family Affairs Council 6(19%). The qualitative analysis of the awareness transcripts utilized three main themes: promoting family well-being, supporting the victims, and preventing family violence.

Conclusion: Considering global efforts in Australia, Greenland, France, Spain, and Italy. Like other countries, Saudi Arabia could use more advanced measures to prevent and respond appropriately to family violence during pandemic-like situations.

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