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ABSTRACT

Title:

Polio survivors Are Key to the attainment of SDGs in Africa.

Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):

Background poliomyelitis is an old disease that can be traced back to the times of the Egyptian Civilization. It could then safely be stated that its most likely that the commonest cause of crippling disease in humans has been infantile paralytic poliomyelitis. Recovery from the illness is complete except for the crippling effect. In this regard polio survivors have been able to be integrated in society and made usefully and meaningful contribution to the advancement of society in Art, literature, science, technology and political leadership especially in todays developed world. To just mention a few of such leaders are F.D. Roosevelt the 32nd American President, Dr Paul Martin snr once Canada's Minister of Health and Welfare. The duo made significant contribution to the control and eradication of infantile paralytic poliomyelitis in their respective countries. It did not only lead to control and eradication but also to the development of institutions, funding agencies, enhancement of knowledge and medical innovations and discoveries that have continued benefitting human kind today.

Africa, with large number of polio survivors. Should emulate the North American and European good practice. The challenge has been for too long African governments have not been courageous enough to implement the principles of promoting positive deviants in making vulnerable groups wriggle out of perpetual poverty. It is with this in mind that this study should be conducted to document the lived experiences of successful polio survivors in Africa.

The methodology will be by purposely targeting successful polio survivors.

Expected results are that most successful polio survivors in Africa have the dedication and the required perseverance to provide the correct leadership.

Conclusion African governments through the African Union should embrace the concept of positive deviants in order to achieve sustainable Development Goals.



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