ABSTRACT

This study aims to identify the acceptance of Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program for disabled people (DP) among households living in the commune also to identify the general characteristics of the respondents.

A cross-sectional study was conducted between 5th and 25th February 2002, in Dinh Thuy commune of Mo Cay district, Ben Tre province, Vietnam. The research instrument used for data collection was a structured questionnaire.

The study results revealed that the majority (73.5%) of respondents had high acceptance of CBR program for DP. There were 75.5% of respondents who had a good knowledge on CBR program, and 52.0% of those who had a positive attitude toward the CBR program, and 58.5% of those who had a positive attitude toward DP. There were 63.0% male respondents, 89.0% farmers and gardeners. The educational status showed 74.0% of respondents had finished primary school. The relationship with respondents revealed 42.5% of DP were children, 33.0% of DP were spouse and others 24.5%. A majority (69.0%) of the respondents had received information about the CBR program, in which 47.5% came from health personnel and 61.0% from the media, this includes 49.0% from television, and 47.0% from radio.

This study concludes that there is a relationship between the acceptance of the CBR program of the respondents and received information from health personnel and the media (TV and radio).