

INTRODUCTION

It was estimated that world-wide about 3.5 million children are killed or disabled yearly due to the six vaccine preventable diseases. In this respect it was believed that immunization against these dangerous childhood diseases, not only saves the lives, but also prevents disabilities of millions of children in the world. Hence, it was planned to expand immunization services to cover all the world's infants by the year 1990 (Sherries and Blackburn, 1986).

Immunization coverage in developing countries increased nearly four-fold from 20% in 1981 to 80% in 1990. This achievement inspired the establishment of four goals for the 1990s. The new goals include the sustaining of high immunization coverage, measles control and elimination of neonatal tetanus by 1995 and global eradication of poliomyelitis by the year 2000. UNICEF - WHO Joint Committee (1993).

This study was designed to throw some light on the EPI Coverage, Morbidity and Concepts of doctors, nurses and attendant mothers towards the activities and achievements of this programme in both Qatar and Benha/Egypt.