BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE ON TRAINING DECISION MAKERS AND TECHNICIANS ON THE ELABORATION OF RAPID-HTA: TOOL AGAINST JUDICIALIZATION OF HEALTH

Experiência Brasileira no Treinamento de Gestores e Técnicos na Elaboração de Mini-ATS: Ferramenta Contra a Judicialização em Saúde

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The training courses for elaborating rapid-HTA were an initiative of General Coordination of Health Technology Assessment of the Department of Science and Technology (DECIT) of the Ministry of Health of Brazil, from demands of technical areas of the Ministry, and State and County Secretariats of Health.

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In 2008, DECIT had promoted seven training courses for elaborating rapid-HTA, two in Brasilia/DF, and one in Joao Pessoa/PB, Belem/PA, Rio de Janeiro/RJ, Belo Horizonte and Sao Paulo.

Altogether, 104 people participated of the courses, including pharmacists, physicians, nurses, lawyers, between others, according to the Figure 1. The class “Others” include professionals like: librarians, physical therapists, dentists, etc. The participants were representatives of the technical areas of the Ministry of Health, State and County Secretariats of Health, universities, hospitals and health-insurance plans. At the end of the courses, an evaluation questionnaire was applied. 73% of the participants answered the questionnaire, and between them 96% considered the training course excellent or good in criteria about content relevance, themes presentation, educational material quality and proposed debates.

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Nowadays, as challenge we have the weak HTA institutionalization in government structures, which lead to an absence of guarantee of continuity in rapid-HTA elaboration, even though the courses have been requested by decision makers.

Figure 1. Distribution of professionals