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OF FOOD HANDLERS AT RAMADHAN BAZAAR, PAKA,
DUNGUN.**

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ABSTRACT

Foodborne illness outbreaks keep on hitting the features in the nation, showing the disappointment of food handlers in providing safe food during food preparation. Thus, this study aimed to determine the level of knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) of food safety among the food handlers in Bazaar Ramadhan Dungun, Paka. There are always issues regarding the hygienic level among the food handlers that will usually lead to foodborne illness being spread to the consumers. Since there was also a case on food poisoning at the bazaar Ramadan in Paka, it had triggered the researchers to conduct this study. Descriptive analysis was conducted, and this study is a quantitative research. In this study it involved 104 food handlers in total. The food safety KAP among the food handlers were determined by using a questionnaire. The questionnaire consists of four categories which are; Part A: Demographic Profile, Part B: Knowledge of Food Handlers, Part C: Attitude of Food Handlers and Part D: Practices of Food Handlers. The data was analyzed by using SPSS to get the frequency and mean. Result shows was level of knowledge was at acceptable level which 74.13%, meanwhile, both attitudes and practices of food handler are in excellent level which is 94.23% and 75.60% respectively. Based on the results obtained, the level of these three aspects were determined. Despite of all the results obtained from the study, it is vital for all the food handlers to have the knowledge on food safety and are to apply it in their daily life especially when handling food so that they can prevent from any foodborne diseases to occur.

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