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**Abstract:** Background: with regard to limitation of resources in contrast to health needs, the usage of prioritization has been inevitable in health system. Needs assessment process and health system definition effects the policy making process. Determination of health needs and planning for them, have great role on rural community health promotion. This study was conducted to describe health needs in primary health care system of East Azerbaijan.

**Method:** in any health house (HH), village health needs were obtained by community participation in 2010. The first priority of each village was collected with a statistic form. The data was entered to Excel software and were analyzed. The most common health needs of villages and also health programs were described.

**Results:** ten top priorities of rural population were unhealthy collection of solid wastes (15.75%), unhealthy disposal of water waste (11.3%), increased prevalence of hypertension (HTN, 10.7%), family planning services (10.5%), unsafe drinking water (10.2%), unhealthy collection of domestic animal feces (8.9%), increased prevalence of diabetes mellitus type 2 (DMII, 2.9%), unhealthy toilets (2.6%), pregnancy care (2.3%) and high frequency of mental disorders (1.8%) respectively. 47.7% of priorities were related to environmental factors, 16.2% to non-communicable diseases, 14.8% to population and family health services and 6.2% to communicable diseases.

**Conclusion:** needs assessment in bottom-up approach help health professionals and district managers to define appropriate resources and interventions that addresses the needs of service delivery points. For optimizing outcomes of health needs assessment in health promotion, planning for continuous monitoring of improvement projects is necessary.

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