



Crisis Management Strategies Among Traditional Healers in West African Ebola Epidemics: Community Engagement and Survival Rates

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Abstract

Traditional healers play a significant role in West African communities during health crises such as Ebola epidemics. A comparative study using qualitative research methods to gather data from interviews with traditional healers and community members in selected regions of Ethiopia and other West African countries. Traditional healers demonstrated effective strategies for community engagement, including the provision of spiritual support and education about Ebola prevention measures. Survival rates improved when these strategies were integrated into health response plans. Community-based approaches involving traditional healers can significantly enhance Ebola control efforts in West African settings. Health authorities should integrate traditional healing practices into comprehensive disease management strategies to improve community trust and support during outbreaks.

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