



# Maternal Insurance and Neonatal Mortality Rates in Rwandan Villages, 2006 Context

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## Abstract

Maternal health insurance programmes have been introduced in various parts of Africa to reduce maternal mortality rates and improve neonatal outcomes. A mixed-methods approach was employed involving both quantitative data analysis from surveys and qualitative interviews to gather insights into the implementation of maternal health insurance schemes and their effects on neonatal mortality rates in Rwandan villages. The findings suggest a reduction in neonatal mortality rates by approximately 20% among children born to women who were insured through community-based programmes, highlighting the potential benefits of such interventions. Community-based maternal health insurance programmes can play a significant role in reducing neonatal mortality rates in Rwandan villages. Further research is recommended to explore long-term impacts and scalability. Policy makers should consider expanding access to community-based maternal health insurance schemes as part of broader efforts to improve maternal and child health outcomes. Maternal Insurance, Neonatal Mortality Rates, Rwanda Villages, Community-Based Programmes

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