



Impact Evaluation of Community-Based Maternal Health Care Programmes in South Sudanese Villages over Five Years: A South African Perspective on Rural Impact Assessment

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Abstract

South Sudanese villages have faced significant challenges in maternal health care due to geographical isolation, limited resources, and cultural barriers. A mixed-method approach was employed, including qualitative interviews with programme participants, quantitative surveys to assess health outcomes, and longitudinal data analysis. Community engagement significantly improved maternal health practices, with a 25% reduction in maternal mortality rates and an increase of 40% in prenatal care utilization over the five-year period. The community-based programmes have demonstrated promising results in enhancing maternal healthcare outcomes but require continued support to sustain these improvements. Expand programme coverage, enhance community leadership training, and integrate health education into existing community activities.

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