



Performance Measurement of Community Health Worker Programmes on Maternal Mortality Reduction in Rural Benin,

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Abstract

Rural communities in Benin have high maternal mortality rates despite efforts by Community Health Workers (CHWs). Understanding CHW programmes' impact on these rates is crucial for policy formulation. A mixed-method approach combining quantitative data analysis and qualitative interviews was employed to assess the impact of CHW interventions over a two-year period. CHWs reported a significant reduction (30%) in maternal mortality cases identified through routine health checks compared to baseline levels, highlighting their effectiveness in early detection and response. The findings support the continued investment in CHW programmes as an effective strategy for reducing maternal mortality rates in Benin's rural areas. Policy makers should allocate resources to enhance training and infrastructure for CHWs to ensure sustained programme success and further reduce maternal mortality.

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