



Adoption Rates and Health Benefits Among Somali Refugees in Kenya under Universal Health Coverage Programmes

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Abstract

Somali refugees in Kenya face significant health challenges due to limited access to healthcare services. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including surveys and interviews to gather data from 300 Somali refugee households. Quantitative analysis utilised logistic regression models to assess the impact of UHC programmes on healthcare utilization. Among surveyed households, 65% reported increased uptake of preventive care services post-UHC implementation, with a statistically significant increase in vaccination coverage for children under five (OR = 1.42, CI: 1.08-1.87). The findings suggest that UHC programmes have positively influenced health behaviors and outcomes among Somali refugees in Kenya. Expand the reach of UHC initiatives to ensure comprehensive coverage for all refugee populations and further integrate preventive care into routine healthcare services.

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