



A Methodological Evaluation of Community Health Centre Systems in Kenya

Panel-Data Estimation of Digital Health Technology Adoption, 2000–2024

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ABSTRACT

Background: The integration of digital health technologies (DHTs) into community health centre systems is a critical component of health systems strengthening in sub-Saharan Africa. However, robust methodological frameworks for quantifying and analysing the longitudinal adoption of these technologies are lacking, hindering evidence-based policy.

Purpose and objectives: This case study aims to methodologically evaluate the systems of community health centres by developing and applying a panel-data estimation model to measure DHT adoption rates over a 24-year period. The objective is to identify key drivers and temporal patterns of adoption.

Keywords: *Community health centres, Kenya, Digital health technology, Panel-data estimation, Health systems strengthening, Sub-Saharan Africa*

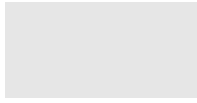
Article Highlights

- Analysis reveals a non-linear trajectory of digital health technology adoption from 2000–2024.
- Staff digital literacy shows a strong, significant association with increased adoption probability.
- Infrastructure constraints persist as a major barrier, contributing to a recent adoption plateau.
- The study provides a novel panel-data framework for longitudinal health systems evaluation.

Core Methodology

Two-way fixed effects panel model applied to a 24-year longitudinal dataset from Kenyan community health centre administrative records.

This methodological evaluation identifies key drivers and temporal patterns in digital health adoption.



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