



# Innovative Networks in Zimbabwean Urban Slums: Scale-Up Analysis in Healthcare Provision

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## Abstract

In Zimbabwean urban slums, innovative healthcare provider networks are emerging to address the critical gap in access to quality medical care. An ethnographic study employing participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and document review among healthcare providers and community members in selected slums. Networks operate with an average of 75% success rate in delivering essential services to underserved populations, demonstrating a significant improvement over existing public health systems. The study reveals that these networks are effective due to their tailored service delivery models and community engagement strategies. Policy recommendations include fostering collaboration between government entities and non-profit organizations to support network expansion and sustainability.

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