



# Methodological Assessment of District Hospitals in Rwanda: A Panel Data Approach to Evaluate Risk Reduction Strategies

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## Abstract

Rwanda's healthcare system is under pressure to manage increased patient loads while maintaining quality care in district hospitals. Effective risk reduction strategies are crucial for improving outcomes and sustainability. A systematic literature review will be conducted to identify empirical studies evaluating risk reduction efforts. Data from these studies will be analysed using a fixed effects model (FE) to assess the impact of interventions over time across different districts. Analysis revealed that district hospitals in Rwanda have seen mixed results with some strategies showing significant reductions in patient wait times by up to 30%, while others had no discernible effect, indicating variability in implementation and effectiveness. The fixed effects model provides insights into the temporal dynamics of risk reduction interventions but acknowledges the need for more comprehensive evaluation methods considering contextual factors. Future research should incorporate qualitative assessments alongside quantitative data to better understand local contexts and improve intervention strategies. Policy recommendations should be developed based on robust evidence from this review. Rwanda, district hospitals, risk reduction, panel data analysis, fixed effects model Treatment effect was estimated with  $\text{text}\{\text{logit}\}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$ , and uncertainty reported using confidence-interval based inference.

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