



Evaluating a Performance-Based Financing Intervention for Traditional Birth Attendants on Obstetric Referral Rates in Brong-Ahafo, Ghana

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Abstract

This study addresses a current research gap in Medicine concerning Impact of a performance-based financing scheme for traditional birth attendants on referral rates for obstetric complications in the Brong-Ahafo Region of Ghana in Ghana. The objective is to clarify key debates, identify practical implications, and outline a focused agenda for scholarship and policy. A mixed-methods design was used, combining survey and interview data collected over the study period. The analysis indicates persistent structural constraints alongside emerging local innovations; however, evidence remains uneven across contexts and sectors. The paper argues for context-specific approaches and stronger empirical foundations in future research. Stakeholders should prioritise inclusive, locally grounded strategies and improve data transparency. Impact of a performance-based financing scheme for traditional birth attendants on referral rates for obstetric complications in the Brong-Ahafo Region of Ghana, Ghana, Africa, Medicine, intervention study This structured abstract provides a standardised summary to support rapid screening, indexing, and assessment of scholarly contribution.

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