



Community Health Worker Programmes in Cholera Management: An Effectiveness and Longevity Study in DRC 2012

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Abstract

Community health worker (CHW) programmes have been implemented in various settings to manage public health crises such as cholera outbreaks, but their effectiveness and longevity remain underexplored. A qualitative research design was employed, involving semi-structured interviews with community members, local health officials, and CHWs. Data analysis utilised thematic content analysis. CHW programmes were found to significantly enhance cholera management in DRC communities, particularly in areas with limited healthcare access. The study underscores the effectiveness of CHW programmes in managing public health crises but highlights the need for sustained support and capacity-building efforts. Long-term planning should include continuous training and resource allocation to ensure the sustainability of CHW programmes.

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