



Health Equity Initiatives and Community Health Workers in Rural North Nigeria: A Comparative Study on Maternal Mortality Reduction,

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Abstract

Rural North Nigeria has seen significant health disparities, particularly in maternal mortality rates. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including quantitative data analysis from official statistics and qualitative interviews with CHWs and community members. Community health workers reported a reduction of 25% in maternal deaths when compared to pre-initiative levels, though this varied by region. The study highlights the crucial role of CHWs in improving maternal health outcomes but suggests regional variations that require tailored interventions. Enhanced training and support for CHWs are recommended alongside targeted initiatives based on specific community needs. Health Equity, Community Health Workers, Maternal Mortality, Rural Nigeria

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