



Early Childhood Developmental Screenings in Zanzibar Slums: An Ethnographic Study from Nigeria

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Abstract

Early childhood development (ECD) screenings are crucial for identifying developmental delays in children under five years old. In Nigeria, these screenings often occur in urban centers, but their implementation and effectiveness in slum areas have not been extensively studied. The research employed participant observation, semi-structured interviews with ECD professionals, and document analysis. Data were collected over a period of six months, focusing on the implementation of screening protocols in Zanzibar slums. Screening practices varied significantly between different organizations, often leading to inconsistencies in assessment outcomes. There was a notable lack of standardised training for ECD professionals, resulting in variable skill levels and reliability across assessments. The findings highlight the need for standardization and comprehensive training programmes for ECD professionals working in slum areas to ensure consistent and effective developmental screenings. Policy recommendations include developing culturally sensitive screening tools and implementing standardised training modules tailored to slum contexts. Additionally, ongoing support and resources should be provided to sustain these initiatives.

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