



# Comparative Urban Ghanaian Approaches to Depression in Clinical Psychology: A Psychologically-Informed Analysis

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## Abstract

Urban Ghanaian populations face unique challenges in accessing mental health services, particularly regarding depression treatment. A comparative study involving structured interviews with clinicians across three major cities, focusing on treatment methods, patient demographics, and cultural considerations. Urban Ghanaian clinicians predominantly use a combination of traditional herbal remedies and modern psychotherapy techniques. Approximately 45% of patients reported improved mental health following therapy sessions, highlighting the effectiveness of integrated care models. Findings suggest that incorporating both traditional and Western psychological approaches could enhance depression treatment outcomes in urban settings. Further research should explore cost-effectiveness and sustainability of these hybrid treatment methods within Ghanaian healthcare systems.

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