



Community Health Workers in Zimbabwe: Enhancing Maternal and Birth Outcomes Through Effective Programme Implementation

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Abstract

Community health workers (CHWs) play a critical role in maternal and newborn care in Zimbabwe, contributing to reduced mortality rates. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including qualitative interviews with CHWs and quantitative data analysis from community health records. CHWs reported an average of 80% increased attendance at prenatal check-ups compared to baseline levels, significantly reducing maternal mortality rates by 25%. The programme's success highlights the importance of continuous training and resource support for CHW initiatives in improving maternal health outcomes. Enhance CHW capacity through ongoing education and integration with existing healthcare infrastructure.

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