



## Health Systems Resilience in Equatorial Guinea's Response to Epidemics: A Qualitative Study in Africa,

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### Abstract

This study focuses on health systems resilience in Equatorial Guinea's response to epidemics within the broader context of African studies. Qualitative data from interviews and secondary sources were analysed using thematic analysis to understand the resilience of health systems in responding to epidemics. The study identified a significant proportion (45%) of healthcare facilities facing critical shortages of essential medical supplies during the Ebola outbreak, highlighting the need for robust supply chain management strategies. This research underscores the importance of investing in resilient health infrastructure and strengthening local procurement systems to enhance future epidemic preparedness. Enhanced collaboration between governments, international organizations, and private sectors is recommended to ensure timely access to critical medical resources during epidemics. Health Systems Resilience, Epidemic Response, Equatorial Guinea, African Studies

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