



# Traditional Medicine in Moroccan Healthcare Systems: Policy Implications for Contemporary Africa

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## Abstract

Traditional medicine remains an integral part of healthcare systems in Morocco, reflecting broader trends across Sub-Saharan Africa where traditional practices are often intertwined with modern health services. A qualitative analysis was conducted on existing literature and interviews with healthcare practitioners to understand traditional medicine's place in Morocco's healthcare landscape. Traditional medical practices are practiced by approximately 70% of the population in rural areas and have a significant role in treating common ailments such as gastrointestinal issues and skin diseases. Integration of traditional medicine into formal healthcare systems can enhance accessibility, especially in underserved regions where Western medicine may be less effective or available. Policy recommendations include recognising the value of traditional practices through certification programmes for practitioners and integrating them into national health insurance schemes.

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