



Community Health Worker Programmes and Maternal Healthcare Acceptability in Ethiopian Districts: A Comparative Analysis

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Abstract

Community Health Worker (CHW) programmes have been implemented in various African countries to improve maternal healthcare outcomes. The study employed mixed-methods research including surveys, interviews, and qualitative assessments to gather data from multiple Ethiopian districts. Data were analysed using statistical software for quantitative analysis and thematic coding for qualitative insights. CHW programmes significantly increased maternal healthcare acceptability by 20% in the studied districts compared to control areas ($p < 0.05$). Themes identified included improved health education, local trust in CHWs, and reduced transportation barriers. The study found that tailored CHW training and community engagement strategies are key to enhancing maternal healthcare acceptability in Ethiopian contexts. Programmes should prioritise continuous professional development for CHWs and foster stronger community partnerships to sustain high levels of service acceptance and quality delivery.

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