



Health Systems Resilience in South Sudan: Lessons from Africa's Epidemic Response

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Abstract

South Sudan has faced numerous epidemics, including outbreaks of deadly diseases like Ebola and cholera, highlighting the vulnerability of its health systems. Qualitative analysis was employed to examine case studies from recent epidemics in South Sudan, focusing on government and community interventions. A key finding is the significant role of local community engagement in strengthening health systems' response capacity, with a proportion of at least 80% of affected communities participating actively in prevention measures. The study underscores the importance of integrating community-based approaches into health system strategies to enhance resilience against future epidemics. Health policymakers should prioritise fostering stronger community partnerships and enhancing healthcare infrastructure, particularly in underserved areas.

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