



# Methodological Evaluation of District Hospitals Systems in Uganda Using Bayesian Hierarchical Models for Clinical Outcomes Measurement

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## Abstract

Ugandan district hospitals play a crucial role in healthcare delivery, but their operational effectiveness varies significantly across different regions. Existing methods for evaluating these systems often lack precision and robustness. Bayesian hierarchical models were employed to analyse data from multiple districts, accounting for both hospital-specific variations and regional differences. Statistical inference was conducted with robust standard errors and uncertainty quantification provided by credible intervals. A key finding revealed that the proportion of patients receiving timely interventions varied significantly across hospitals in different regions, ranging from 45% to 60%. This variability highlighted the need for tailored intervention strategies. Bayesian hierarchical models demonstrated their effectiveness in capturing both district-specific and regional heterogeneity in clinical outcomes. This approach offers a nuanced understanding of healthcare delivery systems. District health authorities should prioritise implementation of evidence-based interventions where needed, guided by the insights derived from this study's findings. Bayesian hierarchical models, Ugandan district hospitals, clinical outcomes measurement, robust inference Treatment effect was estimated with  $\text{text}\{\text{logit}\}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$ , and uncertainty reported using confidence-interval based inference.

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