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Abstract Details

Title:

The Role of Community Participation in The Implementation of Community-Based Health Planning and Services in Ghana: Case Study of Hohoe Municipality

Category:

Scaling access, delivery and integration of health services and goods (including traditional medicine)

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Objectives:

Ghana's CHPS initiative relies on community participation through Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) and Community Health Management Committees (CHMCs) to enhance access to and utilization of health services. This study assessed the role of community participation in the implementation of the CHPS initiative in Hohoe Municipality, focusing on how CHVs and CHMCs influence health outcomes.

Method:

The study employed a qualitative case study design. Data were collected through in-depth interviews and focus group discussions with community health officers (n=4), CHVs (n=15), and CHMC members (n=11) from four CHPS zones. Ethical approval ID was UHAS-REC A.3 [2] 23-24. Thematic analysis of the data was conducted using Atlas.ti 7.5.7.

Results:

The study findings reveal that CHMCs are pivotal in ensuring patient satisfaction, maintaining cleanliness, supporting home visits, and acting as the community's voice in healthcare matters. The study found that effective collaboration with CHVs and community leaders, particularly during vaccination campaigns and information dissemination through town criers, chiefs, and elders brings about a positive health outcome service. However, significant barriers to participation were identified, including financial constraints, health literacy issues, misconceptions about healthcare, and the unavailability of medications.

Conclusion:

Active community participation enhances CHPS outcomes, but challenges such as financial limitations, misconceptions, and medication shortages hinder full engagement. Addressing these barriers through financial support, health literacy improvement, and enhanced community collaboration is essential for the CHPS program's success

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