

Strengthening Community-Based Disease Surveillance in West Africa

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Abstract

Community-based surveillance connects local observations with public health reporting systems. This sample publication proposes a framework for studying how community health workers recognise concerns, communicate reports and receive feedback from health authorities.

The proposed study would examine reporting pathways, training needs, communication tools and the practical constraints faced by local teams. Interviews and process mapping would be used to understand how information moves between communities and district services. The framework places particular emphasis on confidentiality, clarity of reporting responsibilities and respectful public communication. It is an illustrative research outline; it does not report an outbreak, establish surveillance performance or present verified epidemiological findings.

Research focus

What helps community health workers communicate concerns promptly? Where do reporting pathways become unclear, and how can feedback improve coordination?

Proposed approach

Map existing reporting workflows with local teams, conduct interviews and review training materials. Work with the relevant public health authority to define reporting responsibilities and protect personally identifiable information.