

Promoting Universal Health Coverage through Community Participation

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Introduction	Methodology	Results
To promote a coherent and comprehensive plan towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC), community participation is imperative, more so in developing countries like those in sub-Saharan Africa. It is crucial for the government and stakeholders to understand the role communities play in the race to UHC and the best ways to properly utilize them	The study sought to review the role communities in sub-Saharan Africa play in the progress towards UHC. A systematic literature search in PubMed, PubMed Central, and the Web of Science for English-language peer-reviewed articles related to UHC and community participation and engagements was done. A simple search strategy was used, following the PRISMA guidelines	Studies reveal several examples of the successes of community participation in promoting health and healthcare delivery. Community participation improves the availability of human resources for health, resource mobilisation and enhances accountability. Similarly, constructive participation leads to improved access for marginalised and vulnerable populations, bridging the healthcare service provider and client gap for a more person-centred approach to healthcare

Conclusions

Constructive community participation is crucial for the realisation of UHC. It is imperative for the government and stakeholders to harness the critical role of communities in promoting UHC through proven strategies