

## **Improvement and Reduction in child mortality and morbidity through community midwifery**

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### **Abstract**

The high rate of maternal and infant mortality and morbidity in Kenya is a source of concern at this time. A few years back, this could have been attributed to the fact that most mothers delivered their babies at home, where poor hygienic conditions, lack of qualified personnel and poor access to medical facilities was prevalent. Currently, the level of population education and diet has improved significantly. New programs with new policies, for example "beyond Zero" have been launched, with a view to reducing this rate. There also has been improvement in infrastructure, population education and human resource. Despite these efforts, both maternal and child mortality and morbidity rate still remains a source of concern. Many questions and challenges remain unanswered. This paper reviews the current status, the challenges and make suggestions addressing this issue.