Exploring the Effectiveness of Community Home-Based Care (CHBC) Programs in Africa with Examples from Some African Countries

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ABSTRACT Incontrovertibly, CHBC programs in developing parts of the world can be a panacea if their efficiency and effectiveness are enhanced or strengthened. The aim of this paper is to raise debates and discourses on the effectiveness of CHBC programs in some developing countries. The paper has relied on a review of literature methodology. Findings indicate that CHBC are generally made ineffective by: inadequate public support, inadequate government support, lack of human and materials resources, and lack of financial resources. The following have been suggested to bolster CHBC programs: increase public awareness and support, fostering a strong government-NGO partnership, mobilizing local funding, mobilizing adequate human and material resources, and adopting various ways of strengthening the effectiveness of the programs. The paper has theoretically been premised on the Sustainable Livelihood Approach (SLA).