



CORRUPTION AND HEALTH SERVICES MARKET IN CAMEROON:
WHO TAKES THE INITIATIVE?

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ABSTRACT

This paper highlights the initiative taken for the corrupt habits of health services suppliers and users of healthcare in Cameroon. An analysis through proportions reveals that generally in the regions, 83.33% of health workers take the initiative for the corruption, mainly justified by the prominence of some motives such as the deficit of nursing staff and drugs, the inadequate infrastructure and medical equipments, and the difficulties encountered in the implementation of the budget. An analysis through odds ratios for the entire country and by region revealed that in the health care market, the initiative for the corrupt act usually comes from the medical personnel in about 58% of cases, compared to the paramedical staff (33%). In 9% of cases, there is no conclusion between the first and the second. The use of a log-linear model through the Poisson regression enabled us to highlight the characteristics of patients in regions where the corrupt act is initiated by them. Indeed, the women, the younger and the workers are most prone to corrupt actions. However, the residential environment (urban or rural) does not influence the corrupt practices.

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