

## Appendix C: Health Literacy in Africa: a Systematic Review of Trends

Country	Number studies(1)	Year	Health literacy focus
African but not individual country specific records			
Africa	14	2014	HL, CD (Covid-19), NCD (cancer), oral health, maternal health, reproductive health, patient & palliative care
Sub-Saharan Africa	12	2015	Mental health, CD (HIV/Aids), NCD (stroke, cancer), HL, mental HL, maternal health, disease literacy
<b>Northern Africa</b>			
Algeria	0/1	2019	Acceptance of app (diabetes)
Egypt	7/2	2015	Health literacy, NCD (cancer), antibiotic resistance
Libya	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Morocco	2/0	2018	CD (tuberculosis), asthma medication adherence
Sudan	0/1	2021	CD (Covid-19)
Tunisia	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
<b>Eastern Africa</b>			
Burundi	0/1	2022	mental health
Comoros	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Djibouti	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Eritrea	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Ethiopia	25/2	2012	CD (Covid-19, Podoconiosis, tuberculosis), NCD (diabetes, cancer), maternal health, child health, mental health, ehealth, health literacy (including functional HL, communicative HL) health service provision, medication HL
Kenya	12/3	2010	NCD (cancer), mental health, maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health, environmental HL, HL
Madagascar	2/0	2015	Nutrition, maternal HL
Malawi	11/4	2015	CD (Covid-19, HIV), NCD (diabetes, cancer), maternal health, child health, Mental health, /mental health
Mauritius	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Mozambique	3/0	2014	HIV, nutrition
Réunion	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Rwanda	6/1	2016	CD (Malaria), NCD (diabetes), HL, diseases literacy, mental health, patient-provider communication/HL
Seychelles	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Somalia	1/0	2021	Language in health care
South Sudan	0/0	n.d.	n.d.

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Uganda	23/4	2007	CD (tuberculosis), NCD (heart disease, cancer, gastrointestinal, hypertension,) health care utilization, HL, medication, maternal health, mental health, sexual HL, infant oral mutilation
Tanzania	11/3	2009	HL, mental health, NDC (cardiovascular disease) empowerment, Mental health/antenatal HL
Zambia	6/5	2007	HL, mental health, prison committee/HL, antenatal HL
Zimbabwe	2/2	2005	Disability, HL/HIV
<b>Central Africa</b>			
Angola	1/0	2022	HL questionnaire
Cameroon	1/2	2021	NCD (cancer)
Central African Republic	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Chad	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Congo	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1/1	2018	Heart failure, health literacy
Equatorial Guinea	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Gabon	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Sao Tome and Principe	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
<b>Southern Africa</b>			
Botswana	1/2	2016	HIV, life-style (alcohol)
Eswatini	1/0	2022	Mental health
Lesotho	2/1	2016	Hypertension, HL/HL
Namibia	1/3	2020	Health literacy/HL
South Africa	79/	1991	CD (HIV, Covid-19, tuberculosis, schistosomiasis); NCD (cancer, stroke, diabetes, heart disease, chronic), HL, mental health, nutrition, occupational H, oral H, organ donation, reproductive health, social media, drug prevention, health care
<b>Western Africa</b>			
Benin	1/1	2015	Oral / health care service
Burkina Faso	3/1	2013	Covid-19, reproductive health, oral health, Covid-19
Cabo Verde	2/1	2015	Sexual and reproductive health, cardiovascular diseases / Covid-19
Côte d'Ivoire	1/1	2020	HIV&Aids / HL
The Gambia	2/0	2019	Malaria
Ghana	27/1	2014	Mental health, maternal/antenatal health, CD (malaria, cholera, HIV), NDC (breast cancer, foodborne disease, HL, oral health, sexual and reproductive health, social participation/HL

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Guinea	1/1	2006	Reproductive health/health literacy
Guinea-Bissau	1/1	2016	HIV / Covid-19
Liberia	1/1	2021	Mental health
Mali	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Mauritania	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Niger	1/0	2016	CD (malaria)
Nigeria	48/0	2010	HL, maternal and child health, mental health, CD (tuberculosis, vaccine, Covid-19) NCD (cancer, diabetes, stroke), sexual and reproductive health), occupational HL, oral health, genomic literacy, eye care, environmental HL, ehealth
Saint Helena	0/0	n.d.	n.d.
Senegal	3/	2016	Oral health, health information, family planning
Sierra Leone	1/1	2022	Treatment adherence/HL
Togo	0/1	2020	n.d./HL

Note: Classification based on the UN-Classification URL: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/>

- (1) First number indicates records that include only that specific country, second number indicates whether country is included in a multi-country study