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Supplementary file 3. Sensitivity Analysis

S3.1. Sensitivity analysis A, with same utilization rate for all regions.

For this sensitivity analysis, the same method of calculating utilization rates was used (see formulas S2 and S3), but utilization rates were not calculated for each region but rather for all 3 regions combined. Calculated utilization rates, based on DHS data, differed significantly between regions (see Table S1). While we trust the validity of the DHS data and our calculations, we offer this sensitivity analysis to show that applying a pooled utilization rate for all regions produces similar results.

Outcome	percentage misreporting			observations	
	under	over	no	Ν	
(1) 10% difference	80	15	4	4279	
(2) 25% difference	76	13	11	4279	
(3) 50% difference	66	9	25	4279	
(4) 2.5*MAD	26	1	72	4380	

Table S5. Descriptive of outcome variables (after imputation) sensitivity analysis A.

 Table S6. Logistic regression results sensitivity analysis A.

	(1) 10% threshold	(2) 25% threshold	(3) 50% threshold	(4) 2.5*MAD
explanatory variables				
no. of staff 95% CI	0.051 (-0.04 – 0.142) P = .273	0.051 (-0.036 – 0.138) P = .247	0.057 (-0.019 - 0.133) P = .144	$\begin{array}{l} 0.105 \\ (-0.009 - 0.218) \\ P = .071 \end{array}$
service volume 95% CI	0.002 (0.002 - 0.003) P < .001	0.002 (0.001 – 0.002) P < .001	0.002 (0.001 – 0.002) P < .001	0.008 (0.007 – 0.009) P < .001
distance to HQ 95% CI	0.016 (0.008 – 0.024) P < .001	0.015 (0.008 – 0.024) P < .001	0.016 (0.009 – 0.023) P < .001	0.005 (-0.07 - 0.017) P = .431
share insured 95% CI	0.084 (0.065 – 0.103) P < .001	0.066 (0.05 – 0.83) P < .001	0.037 (0.024 – 0.05) P < .001	0.252 (0.224 – 0.281) P < .001
Wald Chi ²	130 P < .001	115.7 <i>P</i> < .001	97 P < .001	402.5 <i>P</i> < .001
random intercepts				
district 95% CI	0.071 (0.006 –0.9)	0.103 (0.013 – 1.84)	$0 \\ (0 - 0)$	0.314 (0.052 – 1.907)
facility 95% CI	2.838 (2.172 – 3.708)	2.851 (2.213 – 3.672)	2.928 (2.335 – 3.671)	4.594 (3.307 – 6.282)
N	4279	4279	4279	4380

S3.2. Sensitivity analysis B, with a different method of computing expected claims.

For this analysis, $expected_{\rm fm}$ was estimated using the formula

where $expected_{fm}$ is the number of expected claims for facility *f* in month *m*, number_insured_{fm} is the number of people insured in the facility catchment area of facility *f* in month *m*, and utilization_{CHF} is the utilization rate of CHF insured people in the region. Conceptually, this formula relies on the number of insured people in the facility catchment area as grounds for estimation, while formula (1) additionally considers the actual number of visits to the facility in a given time period. Therefore, we considered formula (1) to be more robust and precise. Nevertheless, we offer this analysis as an alternative.

	percentag	ge misreportir	observations	
outcome	under	over	no	Ν
(1) 10% difference	88	10	3	4279
(2) 25% difference	85	8	7	4279
(3) 50% difference	76	6	18	4279
(4) 2.5*MAD	27	0	72	4380

Table S7. Descriptive of outcome variables (after imputation) sensitivity analysis B.

	(1) 10% threshold	(2) 25% threshold	(3) 50% threshold	(4) 2.5*MAD
explanatory variables				
no. of staff	0.404	0.322	0.244	not converged
95% CI	(0.208 - 0.6) P < .001	(0.154 - 0.489) P < .001	(0.03 - 0.358) P < .000	
service volume	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001	not converged
95% CI	(-0.0020.001) P < .001	(-0.003 - 0.021) P < .001	(-0.001 - 0) P < .001	
distance to HQ	0.008	0.009	0.008	not converged
<i>)0/</i> 0 C	P = .224	P = .147	P = .097	
share insured	0.041	0.038	0.025	not converged
9570 CI	(0.02 - 0.002) P < .001	(0.019 - 0.050) P < .001	(0.01 - 0.039) P = .001	
Wald Chi ²	46.3	39.5	40.1	not converged
	P < .001	P < .001	P < .001	
random intercepts				
district	2.221	1.669	0.825	not converged
95% CI	(0.824 – 5.985)	(0.639 - 4.36)	(0.322 - 2.113)	
facility	4.402	4.345	3.588	not converged
95% CI	(3.187 – 6.079)	(3.205 – 5.891)	(2.768 – 4.651)	
Ν	4279	4279	4279	not converged

Table S8. Logistic regression results sensitivity analysis B.

S3.3. Sensitivity analysis C, without imputation of missing values.

For our main analysis, we used a single imputation approach to impute missing values. To verify the validity of this approach, we performed this sensitivity analysis, where missing values were dropped, and no imputation was performed. The results are consistent with the main analysis, supporting the notion that values were missing at random and imputation was justified.

outcome	percentage misreporting			observations	
	under	over	no	Ν	
(1) 10% difference	82	15	4	3800	
(2) 25% difference	77	12	10	3800	
(3) 50% difference	67	9	24	3800	
(4) 2.5*MAD	28	1	71	3901	

Table S9. Descriptive of outcome variables sensitivity analysis C.

	(1) 10% threshold	(2) 25% threshold	(3) 50% threshold	(4) 2.5*MAD
explanatory variables				
no. of staff	0.045	0.065	0.080	0.117
95% CI	(-0.059 - 0.149) P = .392	(-0.037 - 0.167) P = .213	(-0.013 - 0.174) P = .093	(-0.023 - 0.257) P = .102
service volume	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.008
95% CI	(0.001 – 0.003) P < .001	(0.001 – 0.003) P < .001	(0.001 – 0.002) P < .001	(0.007 - 0.009) P < .001
distance to HQ	0.014	0.012	0.015	0.002
95% CI	(0.005 – 0.023) P < .001	(0.004 - 0.021) P = .006	(0.007 – 0.024) P < .001	(-0.012 - 0.015) P = .813
share insured	0.089	0.077	0.054	0.266
95% CI	(0.068 - 0.11) P < .001	(0.059 – 0.095) P < .001	(0.039 – 0.069) P < .001	(0.233 – 0.299) P < .001
Wald Chi ²	112.2	116.9	103.2	318.3
	<i>P</i> < .001	<i>P</i> < .001	<i>P</i> < .001	<i>P</i> < .001
random intercepts				
district	0.411	0.465	0.242	2.885
95% CI	(0.099 –1.702)	(0.112 – 1.925)	(0.048 – 1.227)	(1.232 – 6.755)
facility	2.442	2.546	2.798	3.725
95% CI	(1.808 – 3.298)	(1.922 – 3.371)	(2.173 – 3.603)	(2.564 – 5.413)
Ν	3733	3733	3733	3792

Table S10. Logistic regression results sensitivity analysis C.