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Myanmar aims to achieve Universal Health Coverage in 2030 where Ethnic Health Organizations (EHOs) play an essential role in providing equitable primary healthcare services in the underserved conflict-affected ethnic areas. As a community-based strategy, EHOs from Village Tract Health Committees (VTHCs) at EHO clinic level to support in emergency patient referral mechanism. Thus, this study was done to explore how this referral mechanism is implementing in conflict-affected the ethnic area in south-east Myanmar and what should be done for better implementation. Methods: A cross-sectional qualitative study was conducted in 2019 in Kayin State, Myanmar. It included 18 qualitative interviews with VTHC members and management/supervisor level staff from EHOs. Semi-structured interview guides were used, interviewers were well-trained, interviews were recorded and content analysis was done. Results: In emergency obstetric referral, VTHCs involve various steps like arrangement of transportation and emergency referral expenses, accompanying patients to clinics or hospitals, and helping as patient attendants, etc. However, it is found out that some VTHCs are not familiar with available referral funds at EHO clinic, different referral policies by different projects, and preparation of the financial document to claim expenses. Also, adequate emergency referral fund is not easily available at some EHO clinics. Conclusion: VTHCs play important role in referral mechanisms, but, for better implementation through community empowerment, emergency referral fund should be easily accessible at EHO clinic level, VTHC financial policy should be modified to be feasible for VTHCs to follow and comprehensive training on the modified policy should be provided to VHTCs.