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We, the authors, are pleased to resubmit the manuscript above after a thorough revision of it according to the comments received on 23rd November 2012 from the second round of peer review. Issues the reviewers raised were addressed as follows:

From the peer review reports received, two reviewers, Sorina Grisaru-Granovsky and Sohinee S Bhattacharya did not suggest any further revisions. However, another reviewer, Utku Dogan, suggested that occupation should be removed from the multivariate analysis for reasons to do with significance. In revising the manuscript, we indeed removed the variable from the multivariate analysis as the reviewer proposed and results changed negligibly. This is the only amendment proposed thus made to the manuscript and we are happy to resubmit a revised version of the manuscript for your consideration.

We believe our work contributes significantly to the efforts towards enhancing maternal, newborn and child health services in Tanzania. We sincerely thank the reviewers for all the suggestions proposed to improve the manuscript. We also convey our special appreciations to you, the editor, for excellently coordinating the peer review processes up to this point.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

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For the authors