Reviewer's report

Title: Trends of Antenatal Care and Health Facility Delivery Attendance Following Community Mobilization and Health Facility Strengthening Interventions in Kitgum District, Northern Uganda

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It's an important study particularly for the developing world. The plans and its implementation were built on prior relevant experiences and are appropriate. The ethical issues were covered appropriately.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Abbreviations when used for the first time should be in the parenthesis with full meaning. It is generally followed except for VCT, PMTCT in the second paragraph of page 3.

2. Figure 1 needs revisiting

Discretionary Revisions

3. Involvement of male partners in ANC and delivery care is generally poor in Asia and Africa. There are many issues related to this deficit. Until it is made obligatory societally, it won’t be sustainable. Here, in this study it has been achieved. The ways and means should be clearly delineated for others to replicate.

4. Programme implementation costs and cost-benefits, if added, would enrich this publication and would help others in implementing elsewhere.

Overall, it is an important original work with major global significance and is acceptable for publication. I would suggest the researchers to assess the current status of those variables in Kitgum to see its sustainability after withdrawal of funds and additional efforts. This will help find the loopholes and the way forward to keep the sustainable positive impacts in practice.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

"I declare that I have no competing interests."