Reviewer's report

Title: Woman-centred research on access to safe abortion services in Bihar and Jharkhand, India: Implications for behavioural change communication interventions

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I have no major compulsory revisions for this manuscript.

There are two minor essential revisions:

1 - 5th paragraph of Background section: please provide actual words for MBBS acronym

2 - 3rd paragraph of Methods section - enrollment spelled incorrectly

Discretionary Revisions:

Perhaps data on this was not collected, but it would be helpful to know how many providers for safe abortions are available in public clinics and hospitals in the regions surveyed.

Also, one additional point of contact for women in the regions would be where they take their children for vaccinations, etc. or if vaccinations are provided in community-based clinics, this may be a time when information on family planning and abortions could be provided.

Lastly - I find the % of women who go to the market in Bihar shockingly low. Excuse my ignorance, but do the males in the households go to the markets? or how do the families supplement foods grown at home?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests