Reviewer's report

Title: Sex work and international sporting events - impact of the 2010 FIFA World Cup (TM) on female sex work in South Africa

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Overall comment

This is a very interesting article on a neglected topic. It is on a novel area, taking into account the World Cup in South Africa and its impact on Sex work. It is also interesting that it takes into account different regions, including urban and rural.

The language in the paper is clearly and well written and the manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.

Specific comments:

Title and abstract

The title accurately conveys what the study, its findings and its discussion/conclusion.

Background

The background information is well covered.

Methods

These are well-described – the interview selection and training (very important in this case); ethics; study measures and statistical analysis.

Results

The results are clear and well-presented.

Page 8, paragraph 3, lines 2 & 3: While a third is a minority, it is still a substantial minority that perhaps should be commented on.

Discussion

The main issue emerging are clearly and critically presented. This is an interesting contrast with India on page 9, regarding contact with peer educators – indeed very low in this study in South Africa and needs address as the authors correctly point out.

1. Page 9, line 6: reference here to girls should be deleted as the study only included women 18years +
The limitations are excellently dealt with. They answered all the issues, I would have raised.

The recommendations in the last paragraph of the discussion are very important.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest 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