Reviewer's report

Title: Early impact of an integrated maternal, newborn, and child health program, Northern Nigeria, 2009 to 2011

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Author should clearly mention about the research gap, why this intervention was conducted. Research question is not defined in the introduction part. The title should be revised as this is not an impact study. This is an intervention.

Methods: Methods are not clear, correct and consistent with the title. Author should revise this. There is a big data set which can be of good worth. Author did not mention about the interventions in detail, there is nothing mentioned about the theory used in this intervention. As the author mentioned that he intends to assess the knowledge behavior attitude towards existing health services but there is nothing mentioned about this in the paper that how the behavior was assessed?

No inclusion and exclusion criteria were mentioned and how the sample was collected. There is nothing about reliability and validity of the tool and nothing about the intervention measurements.

Discussion and conclusion should be revised. Conclusion part is very broadly written. Please be specific.

Abstract: Should be revised in result section, there is nothing mentioned about the significance of this study.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

NA