Reviewer's report

Title: Exploring the gap between hand washing knowledge and practices in Bangladesh: a cross-sectional comparative study

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Major Compulsory Revisions

It remains unclear to me exactly what the nature of the intervention was. I understand (from the modified text) that a village WASH committee was established which then held meetings with various groups of village members, giving them health education messages. However, the paper would be more useful to others if there was greater detail about the content of the health messages delivered, to whom, how often, and over what length of time, as otherwise it is difficult to determine the cost-effectiveness and scalability of the intervention by those interested in achieving similar health promotional changes.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

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