Reviewer's report

Title: A qualitative comparative analysis of well-managed school sanitation in Bangladesh

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Reviewer: Matthew Freeman

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript, which used a novel approach to assess sustained sanitation access at schools in Bangladesh. I feel that the authors have made the necessary changes to the manuscript laid out in my first review to warrant consideration in this journal. Following the previous review, the article is more readable and easier to follow.

Minor Essential Revisions

The Figures need titles and more detail in the footnotes to make them clear to the reader.

I do concur with the other reviewer that the article is quite lengthy and would suggest some cutting, only because the length may limit dissemination of the key findings. The "Identifying underlying barriers and opportunities" has limited generalizability beyond Bangladesh, and the findings are somewhat obvious in most cases. I suggest that the authors consider moving this section to an annex or including it in a report that could include more programmatic implications and responses to these findings. While I would not suggest the deletion of the aforementioned section as a "compulsory" revision, I suggest you strongly consider it.

Minor edits

I have included a copy of the paper with some hand-written notes.

I think that aspects of the conclusions section make more sense in the discussion, namely, the key take home messages of the paper.

Some sections are still miss-classified in the wrong sections. I have noted these instances in the attached PDF.

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