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Major Compulsory Revisions

- If the journal gives the option to use another article template, I'm not sure that the Methodology and Results sub-titles are so appropriate. Methodologies might be "Process" and Results might be "Conference Learning and Commitments." This applies to the abstract as well.
- References are needed throughout the Situation Analysis section. Much important information and many statistics are given, but without any citations as to their sources
- A thorough edit is needed for grammar and spelling. Some problems are probably only typing errors. I realize the journal does not have funds for this, but hopefully, the authors can find someone from an English department in a university or from WHO to help with this

Minor Essential Revisions

- At the first mention of the countdown conference, you should spell out the exact name of the conference. This is true for the London conference as well (under methodology/process).

Discretionary Revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.