Reviewer's report

Title: Polio Eradication Initiative in Africa: Influence on Other Infectious Disease Surveillance Development

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I had a chance to read the letter by Peter Nsubuga and reviewed the revised version of the manuscript and I agree with the changes. However, the conclusions of the paper remain limited due to a number of weaknesses in the methodology but this is acknowledged in the letter to be "intended to be a very simple survey"; a number of questions remain unanswered since "there were difficulties in getting back the questionnaires", We were not able to determine", or "we were only able to obtain".

The main improvement is the attachment of a sample of the questionnaire. Because of the importance of the question addressed (i.e. do vertical systems such as polio eradication contribute to strengthening or weakening national health system?)

I welcome its publication provided it is not presented as a "scientific" paper but rather as a contribution from the field. A such it is good food for thought and certainly of interest to most readers.

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None declared.