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General Notes on the Revised Ms.: We believe we have responded to all of the reviewer’s comments and suggestions (which were excellent)

Point-by-Point Responses to Reviewer’s (Dr. Juerg Utzinger) Discretionary Revisions:

1. We have checked to ensure that US English is used throughout the manuscript as suggested by the reviewer.
2. The document has been checked for capitalization.
3. The changes have been made as suggested by the reviewer and the corresponding changes to the references have been made.
4. We have reviewed the Science issue as indicated by the reviewer. Whilst we agree that the issue of conflict and scarcity of water are adequately discussed in this issue, we believe these points have already been supported by the three references cited.
5. The changes have been made throughout the document as suggested by the reviewer.
6. The change has been made as suggested by the reviewer.
7. The two terms have been added as suggested by the reviewer.
8. The use of the term “Parasitic Diseases” is acceptable in this sentence.
9. While we agree that including an additional reference on the issue of health impact assessment (HIA) would strengthen the paper, in the interest of limiting the length of the paper we have decided not to address the matter at this time.
10. The term “education sector” has been added as suggested by the reviewer.
11. The change has been made as suggested by the reviewer.
12. The content of the paragraph has been cross-referenced an earlier reference (citation 15) on competition for water use.
13. The change has been made as suggested by the reviewer.
14. Thank you.
15. The change has been made as suggested by the reviewer.
16. The references have been checked as suggested by the reviewer.
17. The volume and page numbers have been added as suggested by the reviewer.
18. The abbreviation has been checked and changed as suggested by the reviewer.
19. The volume and page numbers have been added as suggested by the reviewer.
20. The change has been made as suggested by the reviewer.