Reviewer's report

Title: Feasibility of introducing compulsory community health fund: Views from the community in Lindi region of Tanzania

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The paper examines the feasibility of a Compulsary Community Health Fund (CCHF) in Tanzania. The CCHF is being considered in light of low enrolment of the voluntary CHF. In this, this paper is of contemporary importance to health policy in Tanzania. Further the objective of the study is clearly defined. However, this paper currently suffers from several shortcomings which the authors should address:

1. The paper will do well to include a few tables that included a descriptive statistics of the region and the study sample. There is really no need to have have so many descriptive statistics in the text. Further, a map of the study area will be useful in the paper.

2. There is little in the paper which informs about the voluntary CHF scheme in Liwale and what efforts were made to promote it. This is important background Information.

3. The paper can be structured as follows. First, provide an understanding of why the voluntary scheme did not work. While the authors discuss this, this needs more emphasis. From this they should then discuss attitudes towards the CCHF And finally discuss how the CCHF should do things differently based on these findings.

Minor comments:

1. Though the paper is generally well written, quite a few typos and grammatical errors remain.

2. The references to CHF studies are not comprehensive and the authors would do well to do a more thorough literature review and incorporate findings from this into the paper.

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