Author's response to reviews

Title: The players and the process behind Uganda’s National Health Insurance Scheme: a case study of Uganda

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Dear Associate Editor

Response to Associate Editor’s comments

We thank you very much for your comments and those from the reviewers. We do agree with you that the stakeholder analysis element is the heart of the paper, while the policy synopsis is background for the paper. We have henceforth restructured the paper.

We have attempted to provide detailed explanation to some aspects of the political process of formation of NHIS and incorporated most of the views in the paper raised by Amy Hagopian’s but some are outside the scope of the authors. We have also addressed comments from Akua IA Agyepong.

We have specified the intent of the paper which is focus on stakeholder analysis. We have re-arranged the paper into background and methods. The results and discussion sections are purely on stakeholder analysis as proposed in your comments. The position of National Social Security Fund (NSSF) has been readjusted and put in opposition and detailed explanation provided how it shifted to support the development process of National Health Insurance scheme (table 4 and stakeholder engagement sub-section of results and discussion section).

We have considered your comments, as well as the reviewers’ comments item by item separately and incorporated the revisions in the text. We have specified sections of the paper where comments have been inserted. We have also strengthened and clarified issues therein.

We have used in-house English editors in UNICEF New York office and structured the paper according journal guidelines. All the authors are in agreement with the revised text.

We look forward to the reviewers and indeed your own kind consideration of our responses.

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