Reviewer’s report

Title: Are Health Facility Management Committees in Kenya ready to implement financial management tasks: Findings from a nationally representative survey

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Reviewer: Susan Rifkin

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Thank you for sending me this manuscript. I also appreciate the comments of the authors concerning how the addressed the points raised in the manuscript that was rejected. It was not necessary to include these but it did help to reflect on the development of the thinking about how the interpret the data collected in the survey.

2. I think the justification and focus of the paper is clear. I also think the discussion is well presented and reflects the information collected in the survey.

3. I am concerned however about the presentation of the data.
   a. Firstly I think it important to include the questionnaire that was used for the survey.
   b. I also think it important to explain how the data collected by the qualitative data was used.
   c. At the bottom of p.10 you state that contextual data was collected from the DHMT. What was this data and how was this used.
   d. Tables 2, 3,4 summarize selective findings from the data that you report in the text. What is the purpose of including these tables as you already have presented the data? Can you explain somewhere why you chose these presentations?
   e. D. The bar charts at the end of the attachments have no titles. Can you please tell us what the data shows and where it is presented in the text?

Minor Essential Revisions

1. p. 9 your point about interviews with “ordinary” committee members is lost in the text. Can you state clearly what you mean? i.e. This category of interviewees can be found in Table 1 under Guidelines on the Financial Management for HSSF letter e.

2. Please spell out in full MOPHS (p.10) as it is the first time it is mentioned in the text.

3. P. 16 last paragraph you state “Key factors influencing HFMC functioning in other settings (what other settings-can you please reference this?)

4. P. 17 first paragraph You mention about statements in domains. It would be
good to see the questionnaire as stated in a. above.

5. P. 14 Your discussion about allowances would probably be better placed in the Discussion as it is an explanation of why there were no findings concerning this aspect of benefits.

6. P. 18 last paragraph. Are those statements by only the community member of the HFMC or by all members of the HFMC?

7. P. 23 You discuss the issue around allowances on p. 14. Here you say the majority of members expressed dissatisfaction with the level of allowances. Where did you get this data?

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: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.