Reviewer’s report

Title: National health financing policy: What should it reflect in Eritrea?

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Major compulsory revisions:
1. Paragraph 3 under Background section: Why external resources made up 60.8% of total expenditure on health whilst general government expenditure and household out-of-pocket payments together accounted for 100% of total health expenditure.
2. It will be helpful to add total number of respondents and percentages in all tables, and sort the responses according to frequency.
3. Pie charts are inappropriate presentation of multiple-response questions (Figure 2-5). Also, figures 2-5 are incorrectly cited in the text.

Minor essential revisions:
4. Paragraph 4 under Results section: Item “To ensure that partner support for the implementation of the NHP is aligned, harmonised and coordinated (12/16)” is missing.
5. The following typos are noted.
   - Paragraph 1 under Results section: It should be “(3/16)” instead of “(3/15)”.
   - Paragraph 3 under Results section: It should be “summarizes” instead of “surmises”.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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