Reviewer’s report

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Minor essential revisions
Some aspects of the methods need improvement.
The last paragraph of the section named "sample" should mention how many districts were excluded from the analysis because it was not possible to secure at least 2 interviews in a district. And how many resulted from substitution of these excluded districts. In the discussion the resulting biases are not addressed.
In "data collection" please specify that the interviews were taped.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.