Reviewer’s report

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Discretionary Revisions

The paper provides interesting information about User Fees abolition and its effect on utilisation of services in Ghana, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe; and Human Resources for Health levels, distribution and remuneration.

However I find that the single point data for Human Resources for Health in the different countries, studied rather difficult to relate to the abolition of User Fees. It would have been more useful if there was information for before and after abolition of User Fees so as to respond adequately to the objective of the research and all the research questions.

**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 no competing interests