Reviewer’s report

Title: Process evaluation of two Community Health Worker programs in Kenya

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Reviewer: MIRIAM WERE K.

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My comments on the article are:-

1. Overall: The article is very well put together from all aspects as guided by the 7 categories listed in the guide and from my general experience and expertise. My answers to each of the 7 questions was YES. The writers did a very good job in adding to the growing body of knowledge on the topic of Community Health Workers..

2. In the four categories as stated above, most of what needs attention falls under MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS. For example:-
   a). There are numerous situations when a comma is left our, eg in a horizontally written list eg In the section under BACKGROUND on the Policy Context: Kenya’s National CHW Program”Community Health strategy in the second paragraph and third line, a comma is missing between Central and Western Provinces.
   b) Christical words are sometimes missed eg They’ve sent for diagnosis in stead of They’ve send the PEOPLE/CHILD for diagnosis. Even though the article could be published without these corrections, it would be better if they were made.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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:

In 2011, the then Minister of Health of the Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation in Kenya designated me COMMUNITY HEALTH STRATEGY GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR. This had no financial benefits. My role has been to point out what I consider to be helpful to the implementation of the Community Health Strategy in Kenya. For example, even though appointed by a government official, it is my view that this article brings out the CHW Program supported by the Millennium Village Program, an NGO, is much stronger than that of the Ministry of Health such that the Ministry should learn from it rather than taking the position of "protecting" the government program to make it look as if better. Miriam K. Were