Reviewer’s report

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Minor Essential Revisions

The authors revised the manuscript. After having read the second version I believe that the manuscript has improved in scientific perspective for clear understanding. However, I would advise publication after an additional consideration related to the following point:

Reviewer comment: According to the authors, such inconsistencies could be due to low level of education of CHWs; however CHWs had to have at least eight years of schooling as a prerequisite.

Answer: Unfortunately, in the studied context (Angola), the fact of having eight years of schooling does not mean a good level of education. Many people with this level of schooling barely know how to read and write. This is largely a consequence of deterioration of education during the years of war, which can still be perceived. As such, the low level of education is a factor that contributes to the difficulties in maintaining complete and consistent records.

The raised issue points to prerequisites related to CHW’s duties. The evaluation of the implementation process shows that ‘years of schooling’ is not sufficient for determining the level of education. So, the manuscript could be benefitted if the authors could give additional information about major abilities that would be needed to selection/training of them (e.g. ability to obtain data, to read, to fill forms among others). Such information could be useful to other countries, especially those that share economic and social similarities with Angola.

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.