Reviewer's report

Title: A scoping review of training and deployment policies for human resources for health for maternal, newborn, and child health in rural Africa

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My Review: This is a review article from literature about training and deployment policies for human resources for health for maternal, newborn, and child health in rural Africa. The question posed by the authors are new and well defined. The issue is extremely importance at the present time and it is appropriate to the subject of the journal. The methods are appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work. The data are sound and well controlled. The manuscript are adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. The title and abstract are accurately convey what has been found. The writing is acceptable.

Minor Essential Revisions

Recommendations to be published:

On the page 7: it is written that are 8 countries, but there are seven countries described: "...The scoping review results were used as a preliminary step to inform an in-depth policy analysis for a sub-set of eight African countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia".

On the page 19: The Authors should includ more authors and references in the paragraph: "Several peer-reviewed articles noted that policy execution, sustainability and impact are defined by the context of implementation"... Or change the word "several".

Authors should review the titles and the form of tables and figures.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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'