Reviewer's report

Title: Costing the scaling-up of Human resources for health: lessons from Mozambique and Guinea Bissau

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The article is now much clearer structured and better refers to the main focus which consists analyzing what was done in two separate costing exercises on HRH in Mozambique and Guinea Bissau. The two case studies are well outlined and presented. Difficulties in the conduct of the costing exercise are presented, discussed and compared. The conclusions are clearly written.

The main compulsory as well as all minor essential revisions have been addressed by the authors.

Our only suggestion now refers to consider to construct the table in annex (“Cost components and sub-components of HRH strategy in Mozambique”) in a way to show similarities and differences in the costing methodology used across the two countries? Alternatively it could also be considered to add a second table in the section “Differences and similarities between the costing exercises in Mozambique and Guinea Bissau” so to display differences and similarities across the two countries in a summary table.

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