Reviewer's report

Title: Rebuilding Human Resources for Health: A Case Study From Liberia

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The following minor essential revisions (presented here in a sequential manner) are recommended before publication as a case study.

1- Historical data about the health workforce (pp. 3-4 and 7) can be brought together in a table, which would enable the a. to shorten the Introduction

2- Take out all footnotes

3- P.4 MSF is Médecins Sans Frontières

4- P.5: give a reference to Assessment of...

5- Pp.5-6: Three reform actions are identified, but only two are commented (unless number 3 corresponds to the parag. Identifying gaps)

6- P.9, 2nd parag. : gap of 14 M?? form the figure given, it should rather be 7 M.

7- P.9: which donors were involved?

8- P. 10: how many of students sent abroad returned?

9- P. 11 seq.: Review numbering of tables

10- P. 12: How was relative need defined?

11- P. 13: under retention, give % of population living in Montserrado

12- P. 17.: Elaborate on lessons learned and discuss how they can be of interest to other countries

13- Reference 19: Liberia

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