Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

 Though the questions posed by the author is not new but it is important and relevant for a country undergoing transition in many fields. It has been defined reasonably well.

 Improvement is needed with citation of references. The references cited are old and this is particularly true with the Demographic and Health Surveys. The author should be advised to update the citations.

 Methodology should be revisited. With 300 respondents in one village, this seems like a household survey. However a semi-structured questionnaire was used for data collection! The methodology section deals only with the analysis of quantitative data without providing any detail on how the qualitative data from the open ended questions were handled.

 The quantitative data are sound and controlled. However, there is nothing on qualitative data generated through the semi-structured questionnaire either in the methodology section mentioned above or the results.

 The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition and the discussion and conclusions are well supported by data. The abstract and the title conveys the findings.

 There are minor essential revisions needed in the entire document. This the author must rectify.

 Level of interest: An article of importance 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.