Reviewer's report

Title: Developing programme theory for purveyor programmes

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Minor Essential Revisions
In the section on Conclusion 11th paragraph 9th line down: “Kopf and Thayer [29] for example reviewed the most successful capacity building initiatives or providers in the USA.” The word ‘or’ should be corrected to ‘of’.

Discretionary Revisions
The last paragraph of method section consists of two sentences that are not well linked.

“In summary: We developed the programme theory of the purveyor programme from implicit theories of those closest to the programme, observations of the programme, and programme documentation. This study has been approved by an Ethics Review Committee of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Cape Town.”

The authors may wish to separate them into two short paragraphs, one dealing with a statement on summary of methods and the other addressing ethical considerations such as how the study ensured that the 17 organizations provided informed consent for the study.

Recommendation
The paper should be accepted after minor essential revision

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.