Reviewer’s report

Title: Twenty-five Years On: Revisiting Bosnia and Herzegovina after Implementation of a Family Medicine Development Program.

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"The ongoing political instability, profound population needs, and a weak economy created frequent challenges to planning and implementation of project activities." This statement shows the importance of the study.

The theme is relevant, the discussion is deep and the collection and analysis of the empirical material was well done. Here, in Brazil, we also have difficulties related to human resources and financing, although we have not experienced a war with B-H. Despite the social and economic differences between Brazil and Belo Horizonte, for me, the problems are the same: high number of people/families to be attended by family health teams, search of doctors for specializations and work in medium and large cities; difficulties with referral and counter-referral of patients.

However, I wonder if the biomedical, hospital- and physician-centered model of training is not a barrier to the continued flow of family health around the world. Although the research aimed to evaluate the implementation of the Family Medicine Development Program I would like to have had more information about the education of nurses in this program, the difficulties they face and the alternatives to these difficulties.

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