Reviewer’s report

Title: Social determinants of accessibility to birth registration in Lao PDR

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This is a generally well-written paper, focusing on a largely an overlooked. I commend the authors. Below are few comments to enhance the paper.

Abstract: Lines 15-17, why are the authors contrasting birth registration with birth certification?

Methods: The type of analysis performed should be mentioned/stated in the abstract.

Results: I am not clear about what the authors mean by mutual determinants?

Conclusion: Can the authors separate the results from conclusions???

My major issue with the paper is that the authors state that they were contrasting birth registration with certification yet the analysis does not give that indication unless I am missing something. My observation is that they performed two sets of analysis - birth registration and certification. If that is correct, then they should correctly highlight the different components in the results and also bring these in the discussion.

There are also some language slips here and there...They should make an effort to correct all of them.

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