Reviewer’s report

Title: Sowing the seeds of transformative practice to actualize women's rights to respectful maternity care: reflections from Kenya using the consolidated framework for implementation research

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Overall the authors have been responsive to the prior reviews or editorial comments of this important manuscript (I did not review the original manuscript).

- Minor Essential Revisions

2. I do not know if this falls into the category of minor essential or discretionary revisions, but I found that the excessive use of acronyms (17+) makes parts of this lengthy manuscript incomprehensible in places. For example, Table 2 is incomprehensive without the table of abbreviations in hand. Given that this manuscript, if accepted, would be published electronically, the usual concerns about page length do no apply and the purpose of this manuscript is to enlighten others who might benefit from the authors' work. With that in mind, I suggest that the authors reduce the number of acronyms used by the following:

*state parenthetically after the first use of Population Council, "hereafter known as The Council". This omits the PC acronym, which has at least 2 other widely recognized meanings.

*Also, using acronyms for terms like focus group discussions, interviews, and quality improvement efforts, contributes to confusion and puzzlement for future readers, especially if reading online. Consider spelling out these words, which would add clarity and not appreciably lengthen the manuscript.

3. I believe that a citation to reference (5) is needed on line 138 or thereabout.

4. Line 754 "RH" is not an acronym defined in the list of abbreviations.

5. Given that the Figure might well be reproduced by others, it would be wise to spell out acronyms like RMC and D&A, or include their meaning in a footnote, otherwise they remain a mystery to others later.
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