Reviewer’s report

Title: Menstrual hygiene management among women and adolescent girls in the aftermath of the earthquake in Nepal

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Reviewer: Jonathan Stadler

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Dear authors,

This paper describes the challenges of menstrual hygiene in an unusual public health emergency - that of an earthquake. Overall this is well written, and competently presented. I have only one over-riding comment, which is however, I feel the major downside to the research and the manuscript. This has to do with relevance. I wonder if it would be possible to explain why it was felt that feminine hygiene was the most pressing issue that required further exploration, particularly in the time of a natural disaster ... although obviously this would apply equally to other types of humanitarian crisis. This points to the relevance of the research given the massive impact that an earthquake has on peoples' everyday lives - homelessness, access to water and sanitation, food and power etc. While I appreciate that female hygiene and dealing with menstruation is a part of it, I wonder whether this could not be regarded as part of a broader problem that people confront. I am not an expert on the management of disaster zones, but presumably a well worded report on this particular disaster could contain sanitation products as part of a longer list of immediate needs.

Thank you

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