Author’s response to reviews

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Editor Comments:

We address all editor comments.

Response for Reviewer

Hello Again, on behalf of all authors; I want to pass my acknowledgment for reviewer.

Here are the reviewer’s comments and authors’ response

Reviewer 1

Solina Richter (Reviewer 1):

Here are the questions /comments by reviewer and response by authors.

1. Abstract Please check and decide if you need to change 'life experience' to 'lived experience'
   
   Response: Thank you. We corrected it accordingly.
2. Page 6. Check the sentence starting with 'Discrepancies on the application.' Change the capitalization of 'Following…'

Response: Thank you. We formatted it.

3. Page 7 Line 89. Change 'genital cut….' to 'genital cutting…'
Response: Thank you. We revised it.

4. Make sure that all the quotes used are appropriately indented.
Response: Thank you. We revised it accordingly.

5. Page 18 Line 46 Change 'Fistula..' to lower case.
Response: Thank you. We formatted it.

6. Page 21 When you refer to 'fistula' change it to 'obstetrical fistula'.
Response: Thank you. We revised all part of the documents which had such problem.

7. Page 21 Line 6 Change the sentence 'This is manifested by a maltreatment of the community members for fistula patients' to 'This manifested in maltreatment of community members towards women experiencing obstetrical fistula.'
Response: Thank you. We revised it.

8. Page 23, Change 'Suplmentary' to 'supplementary' at the various places where you are using the word.
Response: Thank you. We revised it.

9. Page 23 Lines 41-42. Changes 'thems' to 'themes'
Response: Thank you. we corrected it accordingly
10. Page 23 Line 51 Change 'colceting' to 'collecting'
Page 23 Line 55 Change 'stractured' to 'structured'
Page 23 Line 55 Change 'levele' to 'levels'
Page 23 Line 56 Change 'quastions' to 'questions'
Response: - Thank you. We did the modification accordingly.

11. Align the references appropriately.
Response: Thank you. We did the modification accordingly.

12. I recommend to add more information in further research needed, the implications for practice, implications for education. Recommendations to improve the infrastructure of the healthcare system as a standalone recommendation will contribute to increase usage. Many other factors influence the use of the health care system, for example, the affordability, the quality of care they receive, patriarchal customs that the head of the family decide when women can access care etc. I have enjoyed reading the revised version.
Response: - Thank you for the suggestion. We rewrite it accordingly.

Reminder.

We revised the document to correct grammar and typos error. I hope the manuscript is readable at this stage.