Reviewer's report

Title: Outcome of an advocacy training and mentoring programme for staff of selected non-governmental organizations in Nigeria

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This is a very relevant paper and I wish that the authors can continue with their work in this field. A few comments:

1) The abstract is not precisely formulated, e.g. the score of the achievement should be shortly explained; what is meant by networking?

2) I would have preferred to see the questionnaires and interview guidelines as well as a typical course/intervention programme in the annexed material. How have the questionnaires/guidelines been piloted/validated, how are potential translations qualified?

3) In spite of the small numbers some first level statistical analysis should be provided.

4) In the discussion there should be an outlook to further activities, maybe now with active support from the governmental side or from international foundations.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’