Reviewer’s report

Title: The feasibility and acceptability of collaborative learning in improving health worker performance on adolescent health: findings from implementation research in Moldova.

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Reviewer: Christine Galavotti

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This is a feasibility and acceptability study based on data collected from on-going monitoring and two qualitative surveys with participants. As such, it does not purport to show results at the outcome level (e.g. increased use or quality of services as a result of Collaborative Learning sessions). However, it provides valuable insight into how Collaborative Learning may support scale up of youth friendly services, and the benefits perceived by participants that might contribute to increased quality, motivation, and team work. These findings may be particularly helpful to practitioners and policy makers, as there is a dearth of information on the feasibility, acceptability and benefits of this type of training support for providers working with adolescents. The manuscript does not go beyond the data in drawing conclusions, clearly explains the methods, and is well-written. I recommend publication as is.

The authors might want to update the Rowe systematic review with the more recent review conducted for the Lancet Commission on quality health care, if they think appropriate. Also, I note another study that implemented a group collaborative learning approach with ASHA's in India, for their information. 
https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0203265

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