Reviewer's report

Title: Using the WHO-AIMS to inform development of mental health systems: The case study of Makueni County, Kenya

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Reviewer: Rahul Shidhaye

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Dear Authors,

Thank you so much for revising the manuscript in response to the comments from the reviewers. However, there are still some major concerns which need to be addressed.

1. Abstract: The methods section provides the objectives of the paper and the research questions while there is nothing about the 'methods' used in the study (e.g. document review, qualitative study). Please revise.

2. A strong rationale is still warranted given that at least four different papers highlighting the mhGAP implementation challenges are already published. A couple of sentences in introduction doesn't really do the justice for the readers. Please revisit comments # 1-4 from reviewer 1.

3. I would strongly recommend to include a timeline graph to clearly explain the chronological relationship between this work, mhGAP implementation and other published papers. This will help the readers to understand the bigger picture.

4. It is apparent from the methods section that several documents were reviewed. Please can you provide the details of how you selected these documents and also list all the documents (in supplementary material). Kindly provide the details of the data extraction forms (in supplementary materials). This will ensure that your methods are reproducible.

5. Quotes from various stakeholders are included in the manuscript, but it is not clear how the in-depth interviews were analysed once they were transcribed. The qualitative data must have been analysed in some way and it will be good to see the details.

6. In the discussion, it is mentioned that this is the most comprehensive study using the WHO-AIMS. This statement is based on literature review, the findings of which are not presented. In absence of evidence, this statement becomes an opinion, not supported by data. Kindly revise.

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