Reviewer’s report

Title: Effective implementation of the UNCRPD by Thailand State Party: challenges and potential remedies

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The authors have done extensive revision to the previous draft by clarifying and developing ideas and their interconnections. The figures and tables help visualize the analysis in a very reader-friendly manner.

I think that there is a need to have the language reviewed for grammar and expressions. In order to move towards a final draft there are some key comments:

- Keywords: include "Thailand" and "Disability Policy"

- References: The list of references primarily contains UN reports and commentaries as well as grey literature. There is a lack of academic research data on disability in Thailand. It will be important to demonstrate a review of the literature. Opportunities for including research can be found throughout the paper (ie: references to the medical versus social model of disability—there is only one reference for this 15).

- Background: pages 3-4: the section on "Disability in Thailand" the section that has been added brings more clarity to the argument. However, the section remains descriptive with regards to the PDEA and then moves to the CRPD (line 51 p3) abruptly. Some sentences that clarify the circumstances and influences that led to the ratification of the CRPD would help with understanding the background.

- Findings: (p6) Overview of the 5 documents: It would be important to clarify the criteria for which these 5 documents were chosen for analysis.

- Findings: (p6 line 55 to p10 line 17): It would be helpful to briefly state again how the "compliance" was determined. In methods authors refer to content analysis, however how this analysis was applied to conclude on the findings needs to be clarified more in the text. The "monitoring and evaluation section" needs more inputs with regards to gathering data for accountability on one hand and building an evidence-base for improving implementation on the other.

- Discussion: The arguments in this section are well articulated. (p 11, line 38-45) The issue of "internalization of CRPD principles across officials" seems to be a key point towards
sustainable policy implementation. In this paragraph the inclusion of PWD in policy decisions is stated, however, some additional information with regards to what the dynamics is towards operating this change in official mentality would be interesting.

- Conclusion: the idea put forth in the abstract "implementation research can provide evidence for further effective implementation", however, in view of the analysis, what opportunities can be supported to build the "evidence base"?

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