Reviewer’s report

Title: Realizing Universal Health Coverage in East Africa: The Relevance of Human Rights

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The article is addressing important issues about human rights and health. I have some recommendations for improving the debate.

- the reports of UN Special Rapporter about right to health (in general and specifically about the studied region) can be helpful in better describing the situation and principles.

- The text can advantage from the content of General Comment no. 14 ESCR about right to health and General Comments related to children's and adolescents' right to health under CRC.

- The information which is provided to explain the legal situation of right to health in the studied region is limited mostly to Kenia. There should be more about other countries in the region too.

- The HRBA instrument (content and principles) needs to be explained some where at the begining of the debate.

- In the abstract, women's and children's health have been chosen for the debate but the text covers mostly the overall situation of right to health. Providing more relevant data about children and women's health will increase the value of the discussion.

In the abstract, the studied region should be clearly stated.

I wish you success.

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