Reviewer’s report

Title: Nutritional Status of In-School Children and its associated factors in Denkyembour District, Eastern Region, Ghana: Comparing Schools with Feeding and Non-School Feeding Policies

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Title: Prevalence of malnutrition and its associated risk factors among School Aged Children in Denkyembour District, Ghana; comparison of School Feeding and Non-School Feeding.

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Version 2

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General comments:

This paper has improved as the authors have attempted to address some of the major issues raised in the last review. The message is much clearer though there is some repetition

Minor Essential Corrections:

1. Title: "Comparison of School Feeding and Non-School Feeding" does not seem right so suggest rephrase. You may consider ": comparing schools with feeding and non-feeding policies" and go on to define what you mean by a school feeding school and a Non-feeding school.

2. Page 2 line 48 suggestion - phrase to read 'children on "the school" feeding programme.'

3. Page 5 line 31. More detail needed on study design e.g. when study was conducted, school type

4. Page 6 line 14 you mention cluster sampling here though you said you used multistage sampling in the next paragraph on sampling. They are two different sampling methods.
5. Page 7 line 11-18: It is helpful to provide some description of the data you will be collecting even though it is listed in the tables. Also suggest you change of whiles in line 16 to whereas.

6. Page 7 line 22: kindly indicate the maker of the scales.

7. Page 10 line 5: times and meals in sentence not so clear - rephrase.

8. Page 10 line 24: Either you leave as "…found to be tall for their age" or "…found to be of tall stature."


10. Page 15 line 4: What is GSFP? I do not see any column for definitions and abbreviations

11. Page 15 line 40-42: Consider "…missed and irregular meals…"

12. Page 15 line 25-27: it could also be affected by excessive calories from carbohydrate intake so rephrase. This was suggested as an addition explanation. I did not expect you to remove your previous statement.

13. The paper still needs some copy editing.

14. Referencing not uniformly displayed, kindly check and conform to journal requirements

15. Discretionary corrections:

   1. Page 2 line 23 "on" to replace "for "

   2. Page 3 line 37 suggest that you replace "which results" with "resulting in"

   3. Page 4 line 30 suggest replacing 'whilst' with 'whereas'

   4. Page 4 Line 36 suggest participating "in" instead of "on"

   5. Page 5 line 11 suggest rephrasing as "provides the setting for evaluating the …"

   6. Page 14 line 18: gendre can be retained instead of cadre.

   7. Page 13 line 37; SAC could be written in full, as it is the first sentence of the discussion.


   9. The poverty levels even in the same district are not uniform and could affect some communities more than others. This is what I meant. No need to alter discussion.
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