Reviewer's report

Title: Policy review on the management of pre-eclampsia and eclampsia by community health workers in Mozambique

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Based on the title of the paper, it is expected to see more discussion on why the CHWs are not trained to handle the subject in question - what are the views of the key informants - First paragraph under the discussion section - line 60 - "no such effort to teach management of specific condition of complications in pregnancy for example

Is the failure of IMCI by the CHWs the main reason for the reluctance to allow for the training of the CHWs to manage preeclampsia and eclampsia at the community level?

Was the lack of the tools and training of the CHWs linked to the policy (and practice) or absence of their prescribed roles of just not made available (second paragraph in the discussion section)

"There are laws preventing CHWs in prescribing certain medications " paragraph 3 of discussion section - does this

While the overall impression from the desk review is a bit clear, it is not clear about the views of the key informants - what was the overall impression on the policy provisions of expanding the roles of the CHWs in management of Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia? this discussion would have helped to link with the community level interventions for pre-eclampsia mentioned in the paragraph - which started in 2017 is it involving the CHWs - is an upfront trial to test/confirm policy to include management of complications in pregnancy relevant for the topic going beyond the current limitation to health promotion in pregnancy?

Discussing more of this aspect would enrich the discussion of the paper
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