**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Kenya’s Health in All Policies strategy: a policy analysis using Kingdon’s multiple streams

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Manuscript Review

General Comments:

This article presents the findings of a qualitative case study investigating how Health in All Policies (HiAP) in Kenya made it to the political agenda, and the degree of translation of HiAP into practice. The authors conducted interviews with 40 key informants from government and outside of government, who were involved in the policymaking process. They also included data from documents. The authors analyzed the data using Kingdon's theory as a conceptual framework. Results indicate that although some progress has been made in getting HiAP on the political agenda, for instance HiAP has been endorsed in policy documents, there are many current challenges to implementation, including lack of awareness of HiAP and lack of HiAP structures in place.

1) The article provides some important information and findings on the current status of HiAP in Kenya.

2) This reviewer feels that the research questions need to be more greatly aligned with the results. Moreover, greater clarity is needed in some areas.

Specific questions/suggestions:

3) There is much text describing the Vision 2030, but relatively less describing objective 6 in the national "Health Policy" 2014-2030. This is somewhat perplexing since HiAP is explicitly featured in the Health Policy.

4) At the top of page 5, the purpose of the article seems to be stated as 1- to investigate how the HiAP approach made it to the political agenda, and 2- to investigate the degree to which the commitment to HiAP is translated into practice (essentially assessing HiAP
implementation). Then, the research questions are presented (relating to the three streams) at the bottom of page 5 through to page 6. These purposes and questions, however, do not clearly align with some areas of the results section. Greater description linking these is needed.

5) First sentence, page 6 (and the first sentence on page 7): You may want to consider if "adoption" is best word. What, specifically, is meant by adoption? Is it referring to getting HiAP on the political agenda or HiAP implementation?

6) Under "Study setting", please provide more information on the role of the counties vs. national government in decision-making regarding policies related to HiAP. Which level of government is involved in HiAP?

7) Under "interviews": Did key informants come from government positions at the county or national level? Some examples of the positions held (the specific titles) would also be helpful to include.

8) Under "interviews": Was a specific eligibility criteria used? What, specifically, is meant by those "involved in the policymaking process"?

9) Table 1: It would be helpful to include a comment about the 10% female interviewees. It seems surprising there were so few females. Is this reflective of the government employees and groups of people sampled?

10) Under "Analysis": "The codes and nodes were categorized in a way as to…study [22]". More detail is needed.

11) Under "Analysis": Table 2 may be more appropriate in the results section, as opposed to analysis.

12) Please ensure all tables are labelled correctly in the text (i.e., page 14 should possibly read table 4 and 5, not 3 and 4).

13) Page 17, line16-18: "When they went back to Kenya, the interviewees attended several meetings to ensure that HiAP was understood and was being supportive". Who are the audience members referred to in this sentence? Ensure that HiAP was understood and was being supported by whom?

14) Great information is presented in table 7, since it seems to indicate an understanding of how various sectors' decisions and policies impact health.
15) Page 23, lines 5-7: "The key findings revealed that some of the problems included…". What are the problems referring to, specifically? Problems in getting HiAP on the political agenda or in implementation?

16) Under conclusion: It would be helpful if the current status of HiAP was more clearly described (either in this section or in the background). More clear and specific information is needed about Kenya still being in the "adoption stages".

17) There are many spelling, grammar, and sentence errors throughout the paper that need to be corrected.

18) It seems there are a lack of HiAP structures and tools in place. You may want to include some mention of this. Below is a link for a document that may be helpful.


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