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Reviewer reports:

I think we're almost ready to go - one last question. In your responses you noted:

"Lines 928-936: Are there any citations that can be added to bolster this section? I have added Banke-Thomas et al (25) and have changed ‘anecdotal evidence’ to ‘personal communication’"

Personal communication with whom? This is still vague and since it is a fairly strong claim (and a topic of increasing import at the global level), we should be transparent with readers about where it is coming from (women, community leaders, MCH expects in Freetown?). Is the issue that the person you spoke with is uncomfortable going on the record as saying this?

Response

Good point. I have gone back to my Nvivo and found lots of good data. I’ve chosen three quotes from different people. Hope this works well.