Reviewer’s report

Title: Community Based Saving Groups: An innovative approach to overcome the financial and social barriers in health care seeking by the women in the rural remote communities of Pakistan.

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Reviewer: S Mohapatra

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Abstract: Community women: Kindly re-frame the terminology

Conclusion: "This model of CBSG could be replicated and scaled up in other similar setting of rural underserved areas of Pakistan for improving the access to skilled birth assistance, and maternal and child health outcomes." It is future recommendation and not the conclusion of this study.

Keywords: Remove repetitions from title: Community Based Savings Groups; Pakistan

49-Has Ref.5 addressed all these matters? specify the references for each point as you have mentioned 9-references but there is only one citation for this statement.

38-keep the terminologies uniform throughout the manuscript. Who are lady health workers? Did you mean CHW?

50-As suggested in first review give more details regarding the program like how were these members selected, terms and conditions of loan, if not repaid within stipulated time what was the consequence notified, etc.? In the discussion there is a statement mentioning something regarding balance required to initiate the services. However there is no clear idea in this section regarding all these conditions. As a reader I will be more interested in knowing about CBSG, since the title gives an "innovative approach" picture. Even though the end result of implementation was not uniform, kindly give these details.

44-The newly deployed CMWs faced many challenges... "These challenges are narrated by the local women (many of them are relatives)." As a reader or reviewer, I will not be able to understand how these participants could report this statement. Hence clarify in the manuscript itself

42-"...they were hesitant to ask their husbands for the money, initially required to join a CBSG. what about the initial amount ? it is still not clear.
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