**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Linkages between health and agriculture sectors in Ethiopia: a formative research study exploring barriers, facilitators and opportunities for local level coordination to deliver nutritional programmes and services

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This is an important topic globally, given the emphasis on multi sector approaches to improving nutrition. The paper could be strengthened by

1. More detail on the new intervention and how the formative research outlined in the paper has been or will be used to modify the intervention.

2. Ethiopia has made impressive gains in decreasing stunting. Why is the multi sector approach expected to be different? Better?

3. The study design talks about effective multi sector coordination committees - how was effectiveness defined, other than having meetings.

4. Kebele should be defined to those not familiar with Ethiopia

5. The introduction emphasizes that there must be sustained government commitment to nutrition - how will the government monitor if this is happening?

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