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Reviewer: Please include all comments for the authors in this box rather than uploading your report as an attachment. Please only upload as attachments annotated versions of manuscripts, graphs, supporting materials or other aspects of your report which cannot be included in a text format.

Response: We apologize for this- we have included our responses to reviewers in the text format as requested.

Reviewer: Thank you for your revisions. I can tell that you have put a lot of work into this, and the manuscript is good shape. The revisions to shorted the manuscript are well done. There are still some grammatical issues that need to be corrected prior to publication. For example, in the sentence starting on line 53, the sentence should read "The study indicated that there was limited access to...". On line 60, the revision should be "contribute to the limited utilization of...". 
Response: Thank you very much. We are grateful to the reviewers for noting these grammatical lapses, which have been corrected in the revised version.

Reviewer: In lines 157-159, the sentence meaning is unclear, but I believe you mean "where available".

Response: This sentence has been amended as follows: “We purposively selected Chakradharpur block in West Singhbhum district due to the presence of functional ATFCs” (lines 135-146).

Reviewer: The end of the sentence on lines 696 to 698, "and often" is unclear. Other than these changes, the manuscript is relevant and important and in great shape to make an impact.

Response: We have removed this part of the sentence from the manuscript.

Reviewer: The manuscript is much improved. While a sentence at the beginning of the Discussion states that better community education is needed, this idea should be expanded and also placed into the Conclusion of the manuscript and of the Abstract, so the paper deals not only with treatment of malnourished children, but also with prevention of malnutrition.

Response: Thank you very much for noting this. We have expanded upon this in the discussion section (lines 759-761), and included it in the abstract (lines 70-71) and conclusion (line 769).

Reviewer: There are still repetitions that could be deleted and the manuscript shortened.

Response: We have further shortened the manuscript and removed any areas that we felt were repetitive.

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