

Review of: "Determinants of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Sustainable Development in Africa"

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The paper aimed to contribute to tackling the longstanding issue of SME sustainability for the economic development of African nations. There is considerable potential for publication, and the following improvements can enhance its quality:

1. Under section 2.3, Empirical Review & Hypothesis, the authors need to examine existing literature by detailing the research conducted, specifying the methods utilized, summarizing the results from those studies, and ultimately identifying any overlooked aspects or gaps in the literature to support the study's gap.
2. Also, which theories underpin the study?
3. Under section 3.4, Sampling Design, the authors indicated the total population of 44 million MSMEs in Africa and a sample size of 450 but did not indicate how they arrived at a sample size of 450 MSMEs from a population of 44 million MSMEs, what method was used to obtain the sample size, and the justification for employing that method.
4. The authors should justify why the study includes all African countries and not a selected few, the research methods employed, and the analytical method used.
5. The recommendations of the study appear to be targeted specifically at the Ethiopian government. This raises the question of why the study would gather data from 54 African countries only to provide recommendations for a single country.
6. The authors can give examples of some policies that can assist in improving the success and sustainability of MSMEs to contribute to the implementation of SDGs in Africa.
7. Lastly, a few typos in the manuscript need to be corrected.