

# Review of: "Women Empowerment: Policy Evidences from Ethiopia and Kenya"

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The paper is an important and interesting contribution to the scholarship on empowering women. When adequately revised, it has potential to contribute to the literature on women empowerment in the East African sub region. Before that, some major revisions need to be done.

1. Most of the literature cited in the paper is dated. This incidence obstructs the discussion of policies in relation to current developments. Several international reports have been produced to analyse empowerment in global south. For instance, the authors discuss educational policies in Kenya in response to the Millenium Development Goals. The Sustainable Development have been in force for over a decade. In that time period, gender discussions and empowerment has been overflowing.
2. The method of the paper is not well defined. How was the data analysed? Which qualitative approach was adopted and why? That is the essence of the methodology.
3. The language of paper needs to be improved to read better. Also the organisation of the paper should be well structured in the introduction to guide a reader through.
4. The paper has a number of presumptive statements that I believe could be removed with a review of current data. For instance statements such as "All over the world, in the past, women have enjoyed a little independence and equality in all dimensions" and "inequality emanated from the traditional norms and values adhered by the majority of the rural community" should be well discussed or avoided.

I believe that content of the paper is worth knowing and the authors have something to contribute to the literature.