

Review of: "Exploring the Role of Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors in Community Development: A Social Work Perspective in T/A Chimwala, Mangochi"

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Considering the critical role of community development in social work practice, this study focuses on Chimwala Traditional Authority (T/A) by emphasizing the interaction of social, economic, and cultural factors. By analyzing the impact of these factors, the authors desire that this study can contribute to a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of community development and how to overcome existing gaps. The authors conclude that improving community development requires active involvement in the decision-making process and the importance of transparent government. Moreover, this paper discusses several factors that significantly impact development direction, including education, employment, family dynamics, income, and community structure.

The results of their studies are well described. However, there are several suggestions to improve this paper:

1. It is necessary to explain how to determine the factors considered in this study. Is it based on previous literature or questionnaire results?
2. It is necessary to explain the sample size and respondent demographics;
3. Statistical tests must be conducted on the data or samples taken. Without testing data adequacy, variability, and reliability, the validity of the conclusions is doubtful.
4. The impact of socioeconomic and cultural factors on development in this study was concluded based on the results of a qualitative questionnaire. Questionnaire questions must be presented to show how the authors concluded. Furthermore, to decide the influence and level of significance of the impact of each factor on community development, it is necessary to carry out a correlation test.
5. The author expresses that community development significantly contributes to sustainable development. However, there is no discussion about sustainable development. Therefore, the authors are advised to discuss this study's findings from the aspect of sustainable development and incredibly sustainable development goals.