

Review of: "Assessing the Role of Consumer Cooperatives in Improving Livelihood of the Members of Hawassa Zuria Woreda, Sidama Regional State, Ethiopia"

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The paper submitted for our consideration is entitled "Assessing the Role of Consumer Cooperatives in Improving the Livelihoods of Members of Hawassa Zuria Woreda, Sidama Regional State, Ethiopia". While the subject has caught my attention, I find it extremely difficult to understand the authors' work.

1. With regard to the problem, I note that the problem is not posed at all. The authors make an effort (in four steps) to mention several aspects as limitations of the literature, but they do not pose the problem. It seems to me that this is a replication because one of the elements mentioned by the authors as a limitation motivating their research is that research has been conducted in other contexts but never in the Ethiopian context. Unfortunately, they don't say what this research achieved. What are their limits, and what is the opportunity of their research? This would have made it possible, first, to position their research well in relation to the literature and, secondly, to highlight the need or opportunity to assess the role of consumer cooperatives in improving members' livelihoods in the Ethiopian context.

2. At the level of the objective of the research, in the introductory development, the authors try at each stage to remind us of what their research is aimed at. Except that in the end, I get lost and I don't know what they're trying to show. At times, they say that their research aims to "study the impact ...", sometimes it's "identifying the specific mechanisms ...". Finally, it is "evaluating contributions.....". In keeping with the title of the research topic, I think the right goal is to evaluate contributions. However, the general objective as worded in the text is not in line with the topic. The topic reads "Assessing the Role of Consumer Cooperatives in Improving the Livelihoods of Hawassa Zuria Woreda Members". While the overall objective says "to evaluate the contributions of consumer cooperatives in the marketing of consumer goods for the satisfaction of members with reference to the Hawassa Zuria woreda, it's not the same thing at all.

3. In terms of research concepts, I have the impression that the authors confuse "producer cooperatives" with "consumer cooperatives". In the title of the topic, they refer to it as "consumer cooperatives". However, their specific objectives suggest cooperatives of producers of goods. Moreover, like the general objective, the specific objectives, from my point of view, do not allow the subject to be dealt with.

4. At the level of methodology, in point '3.3. Types of data and sources', which of the primary or secondary data was collected from employees of the road construction and transport authority in the Sidama region? The topic deals with consumer cooperatives, and the authors collect data from road and transport construction workers. There is a problem of

understanding. If the road and transport authority in the Sidama region is a consumer cooperative, this should be stated. In point "3.4. Sampling design", the authors indicate that the target population was the total of 630 members of the Hawassa Zuria Woreda Cooperative Union of the Sidama region. Are the Road and Transport Construction Authority and the Cooperative Union the same entity? There are so many clarifications to be made so that the text is understandable.

5. In terms of authors' citations, in the text, there are only 6 references cited, while in the bibliography, the authors cite a plethora of works. Where do the authors not mentioned in the text but included in the bibliography come from?

In conclusion, I would like to urge the authors to take these non-exhaustive remarks into account in order to improve the scientific quality of their work.