

Review of: "A Policy Dialogue for Nutrition of Women and Adolescent Girls: Sustainable Development Goals Matters Arising"

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General comments

Although of interest, this paper is insufficiently specific to really provide a strong contribution to the literature. I have provided some comments below – I am sure the authors can revise to provide enough interesting information about HOW to improve it.

Specific comments

- Title – the phrase ‘Sustainable Development goals matters arising’ does not make sense – should be revised to be more direct such as ‘Focus on the sustainable development goals’
- Abstract – First sentence – what about malnutrition? Addressing it?.
- Citations are needed throughout, particularly where figures are quoted such as anemia prevalence, details on birthweight or malnutrition, and on the impact of malnutrition on the Rwandan economy. Just saying ‘one study shows...’ is not acceptable in a journal article. Please cite your sources.
- Introduction – I do not think it very useful to review malnutrition globally for the first two paragraphs. I think you can delete the first two and start with the third paragraph which gets right to the local context. Causes of malnutrition are highly variable from place to place (think of the difference between New York City, Malaysia and Rwanda).
- SDG2, 3 and 5 etc needs to be explained -which SDGs are these and what for. Perhaps a paragraph focused on Rwanda’s commitment and engagement with the SDGs
- Who is the ‘call to action’ for? Rwandan legislature? International funding bodies? Individual households? Please specify much more clearly who the stakeholders of this paper are, in your mind.
- In the call for action, a few brief statements about HOW would be extremely useful. Just saying ‘bolder leadership’ does not really help policy makers make better policy. What does that mean, exactly? Larger investments in payments to households upon the birth of a child? Increased investment in health services? Who should lead these interventions?