

Review of: "Women in Slum, Risking Their Safety to Access and Usage of Basic Sanitation Facilities-A Literature Review"

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I consider that the total sample size and the period of the study has been adequate for this work. The paper yields a lot of important information regarding the issue addressed.

The gender bias in access to water and sanitation services and the fulfillment of these essential human rights is well reflected.

I consider that some quotes need to be revised (include the most updated ones), such as: "Sexual assault against women is a major problem and Human rights violation (Lennon, 2011)". Or this one: 2.3 billion people still live without basic sanitation facilities like toilets or latrines (Winter, Barchi, & Dzombo, 2018). (I think there may be more up-to-date figures).

I think there has been a lack of more policy analysis or rather essential policy recommendations. Such as generating some more concrete proposal for advocacy plan for women to act as decision makers, implement policies and monitor their implementation in the areas of water and sanitation. I think it would be critical to talk about the lack of policies and inadequate planning and design of toilets - Governments often favor communal and public toilets as solutions to provide sanitation in slums - But overall the final proposals seem to me to be extremely appropriate.

Finally, I think you have to appreciate that this work has been done without funding. And it is important to support them to get them out there.