

Review of: "Understanding dis-functionalities in multi-agency policy collaborations in Kenya"

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Small typos and grammar errors, avoid too many colloquialisms such as "walk in the park". Language is very convoluted, strange expressions. Sentences start with "and" or "or"

Introduction: a lot of topics are being introduced: technical homogeneity, public value, joint action, **multi-agency network policy processes, governance, innovation, trust. This is confusing, the authors should focus on making their point clear here.**

Review

Given that trust is central to this paper, I would suggest defining trust. It is very complex and a definition would provide the basis to the authors' approach.

The authors then introduce management issues and manager capacities - if they are one of the main issues discussed, then they should be noted in the introduction.

Table 1: is declared by the author to be his/her own, but I would advise pointing out the sources used for the overview.

If this is a case study of Kenya, then it should use the relevant form and approach (see for example Yin), highlighting why Kenya is particularly important (it is explained to a small extent, I would suggest expanding this though).

In the second section of the review, the author introduces the topic of sentiments and emotions between people. Again, this is a new topic that was not previously mentioned in the introduction, thus adds another level of complexity. Given the model the author wants to develop, I would focus on these central aspects. How was figure 1 derived?

The review is much too long - I would really recommend shortening it substantially.

Methods: this section needs to be extended, and the individual methods explained in order to ensure transparency. If it is a case study (it is mentioned here for the first time), then the whole paper has to be developed accordingly. Also, the author must show how the data was analysed. I would also urge presenting the findings according to the research questions.

