

Review of: "Microinsurance: Bibliography of Unclassified Literature"

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this is not an article but a review of the literature with some reflections

It is 40 pages of text, but most of the text are short summaries of studies, followed by some general information about the situation in India. The paper should be rewritten by making it a meta study:

1. throwing out all the summaries
2. develop a logical structure (choose the points you really want to investigate)
3. use the general information to flash the structure and
4. use the reviews to provide evidence for the points made in the paper.

It is necessary to choose the topic. Currently at least three topics are mentioned as the focus of the paper. The authors mention an overview of grey literature on micro insurance, the relationship between ownership and efficiency in India and a review of studies in this field. However:

1. effectiveness only comes back on page 20
2. Besides India there are studies summarized concerning Bangladesh or the Gulf countries
3. different types of micro insurance are concerned, but most examples are from the health sector. No reference is given to crops insurance, credit insurance or insurance for growing horticultural products, fruits and vegetables.

Then some clear conclusions should be drawn and some recommendations formulated. The paper can also be shortened by eliminating unnecessary introductions like "the current study" or the "present study".. Wish you success Meine Pieter van Dijk