

Review of: "Decolonisation of Health in East Africa: Opinion Piece"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review.

My fundamental concern with the opinion piece is that from the title I expected to read about experiences, insights and so on re. the decolonization of health...but I miss this in the body of the text. The authors speak of the problems of defining decolonization of health but don't offer a way out of the conundrum, or let us know which definition they have picked and why. Further, the authors speak of Khan's roadmap to guide decolonization efforts, and the "Botswana paradigm" but do not let the reader know what these are, and why they are relevant to the discussion. Similarly, in the absence of a unifying framework, it is hard to see the link between the conversation on workforce (really a conversation on migration of health labor) and that on politics (the hosting of a summit in 2024), with decolonization. If the idea was for them to provide context for the follow-on discussion on decolonization of healthcare based on the authors' own experiences, then the two conversations are off-script. Finally, I fail to see how the educational and clinical initiatives presented solve the decolonization problem.

I may have been a tad critical, but I do believe that it is through such criticism that we get to develop stronger, more focused papers, and advance knowledge.