

Review of: "Challenges in Reducing Maternal Mortality Rate in Pakistan"

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It was my utmost pleasure to review this article. This is a timely reminder that 2030 is upon us. I commend the authors on putting this important issue of the front burner. There is so much to be done as it relates to public health, more so maternal and infant morbidity. The paper is easy to read and follow.

The following suggestions could be used to strengthen the paper for the intended and international audience.

1. The topic should be amended to include "opportunities" and so the content should be adjusted to reflect the same.
2. The heart of maternity health is midwifery. I believe the authors should give more emphasis on the midwives.
3. The conclusion could include more explicit strategies unique to Pakistan, this could include research and policies
4. Review the reference list (both in text cites and the final reference list), for example UN 2015, WHO 2020 etc are missing from the reference list. Included in the reference list but not cited in the text are the DHS Program etc.
5. Spell out NIPS & ICF before using them as abbreviations
6. No need to underline Medecins San Frontieres
7. Be consistent in listing the surname and then the initials in the reference list. See Mary M Jafarey et al 2021.

Overall this is a promising paper. The international audience will find it fascinating to read.

All the best.