

Review of: "A Policy Dialogue for Nutrition of Women and Adolescent Girls: Sustainable Development Goals Matters Arising"

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This article deals with an important and interesting topic, namely the malnutrition of adolescent girls and women in Rwanda, which is a country with a high malnutrition rate. It highlights how malnutrition of adolescent girls affects their health and well-being and leads to various health issues like stunted growth in newborns and children through the intergenerational transfer of health issues. The paper outlines ten policy options to address this issue of malnutrition of adolescent girls.

While the topic of the paper is important, it needs to provide more statistical evidence and data to support the various issues it has raised. Is this issue increasing or decreasing over time? What are the current policies that the government of Rwanda is undertaking, and why they are not achieving the desired outcome?

The writing of the paper needs significant improvement as well. There are no in-text citations, which makes it difficult to follow the references. For example, just before the start of the section "Policy Options," the authors state, "In Rwanda, one study shows that an estimated 503.6 billion Rwandan francs (RWF) \$US 820 million – were lost in 2012 because of child undernutrition, which is equivalent to 11.5 percent of GDP." Which study? The paper provides no information regarding these details.

I would encourage the authors to enhance the quality of their paper by incorporating statistical analysis and substantially refining the writing, including citations and references. This will contribute to elevating the overall quality of the paper, which addresses an important topic.