

# Review of: "Exploring the Role of Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors in Community Development: A Social Work Perspective in T/A Chimwala, Mangochi"

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*I have read the manuscript entitled "Exploring the Role of Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors in Community Development: A Social Work Perspective in T/A Chimwala, Mangochi".*

My comments on the manuscript are:

- The manuscript lacks following journal standards as the authors lack stating results and discussion headings.
- Title: Why you used abbreviation on the title?
- Where is this study conducted? Include the name of the country (Malawi) at the end of the title.

## 1. Abstract

- This section lacks the method part of the work.

## 2. Introduction

- This section needs further work as it lack clarity in the concept of Strengths-Based Perspective, social work practices and principles.
- It lacks stating the novelty of the work.
- It is also the concepts in the introductory section is insufficient.
- What is the difference between objectives 2 and 3? Are cultural factors are not included in the social factor?
- What makes your study differ from other existed studies? The introduction section said nothing about this point.

## 3. Methodology

- This section is also lacking clarity in the sampling techniques, sample size, and techniques of determination.
- Saying "The sampling strategy combines both probability and non-probability methods to ensure a comprehensive and accurate representation of the community" is not sufficient. Which probability and non-probability sampling techniques you used? How much is your sample size?
- When did you collected the data? How many male and female sample size did you used?
- What kinds of secondary data sources did you collect from the secondary data sources? What are those sources?
- Therefore, the methodology part is dubious and lacks following scientific procedures. It is a black hole.

#### 4. Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors that Affect Community Development

- This title should be under RESULTS part as a sub heading like:
- 4. Results and Discussion
- 4.1 Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors that Affect Community Development
- How did you identify the five social, economic, and cultural factors?
- Your second sub-heading is “The Socioeconomic Factors Affecting Community Development” This is partly included in the first title. Why you need to split it?
- Your sub-headings in the results and discussion sections are:
- Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors that Affect Community Development
- The Socioeconomic Factors Affecting Community Development
- Impact of Socioeconomic and Cultural Factors on Development
- The discussion under each sub-heading is slightly different but the main headings are almost similar.
- Also, Figure 2 and 3, the factors are similar: religion, income, education, family size and I feel there is repetition of ideas.

#### 5. Conclusion

- This is a kind of summary no conclusion derived from your study findings.

#### 6. Reference

- It should be named as References