

Review of: "Community-Led Development: Perspectives and Approaches of Four Member Organizations"

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Reviewer's note on: **Community-Led Development: Perspectives and Approaches of Four**

Member Organizations

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General Note

The research is very topical given the deplorable development situation in most, if not all, communities found in developing countries of the South. The author wrote the paper in a lucid, interesting and understandable English language. The contribution to knowledge is explicit, the methodology is adequate and the argument is very convincing with strong appeal.

Using the CLD framework and categorising the phases of CLD into mindset, capacity, impact and sustainability, the analysis provides insight on how community-led approaches to development are implemented at the field-level of international NGOs. The study makes a strong case for community-driven approaches to development in the face of failure of government- or stakeholder-driven one or, generally, the top-down approach.

Specific Note

The abstract is adequate. It captures the basic elements of an ideal abstract. However, in the abstract, the author should state, in specific terms, the four-member organisations that were studied to offer a first-hand explanation to readers from the abstract.

Define the abbreviation "NGOs" first and subsequently use it as abbreviation the way you did for CLD in the abstract. Do the same for similar uses of abbreviations in the paper.

Use academics instead of academicians (see first line of introduction).

A sharp definition of Iwi & Maori in Figure 1 will help for a better understanding for readers who may not have a background in geography or development studies.

Most references in the reference list are bracketed while some are not. There is a need to maintain a consistent citation

method throughout the paper.

Finally, I highly recommend the paper for publication.