

Review of: "Assessment of Urban Health Extension Package Utilization and Healthcare Seeking Behavior among Model and Non-Model Households in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia"

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It is a pleasure to get the opportunity to review this manuscript. The authors address one of the pressing issues in grassroots health service delivery mechanisms. Having said this, I will forward the following comments and suggestions in order to have the research article meet the standard of the academic community.

1. The level of urban health extension package utilisation between those who are model and non-model households appears very similar (78 vs 64.2). The authors should justify this discrepancy.
2. Even if the level of health seeking behaviour is the second outcome, there is no figure indicating these results.
3. Why do the authors focus only on households headed by females? This should be elaborated upon since it can be a means of introducing bias.
4. In the research setting section, information relevant to the research objectives should be included. For example, health service coverage, hygiene and sanitation services, etc.
5. Have you encountered households headed by minors (under 18)? If not, it would be better to modify the eligibility criteria.
6. On average, how much time is required to graduate a household as a model? Your eligibility criterion time limit (1 year and above) should take this into account.
7. The authors use multi-stage sampling. However, you didn't take any statistical measures to counter losses of variability due to your approach.
8. The authors should indicate the minimum level of achievement to declare a household as model. Having this information will have implications for the interpretation of different utilisation levels.
9. How did you ascertain appropriate and inappropriate health seeking behaviour? What is the time period to measure health seeking behaviour? How will you categorise if a respondent goes to health facilities and traditional healers within a given period of time?.
10. There are variables that need operational definition.
11. The content of the tool should be presented in detail. In addition, which member of the household is taken as the respondent, in what setting/context you interviewed, etc., should be narrated.
12. The discussion needs further strengthening, including discussion by giving a meaning for the results.

