

Review of: "Understanding dis-functionalities in multi-agency policy collaborations for public accountability in Kenya."

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There are many strengths to the paper, including being a relevant, timely and important topic. However, the manuscript is also somewhat abstract and quite broad. Although the aim of the article is very interesting, the analysis is a bit unclear, with shortcuts that create confusion and putting a lot of unconnected materials together drawing conclusions that are not always fully applicable across the board. The research questions are multiple and disperse. The author should revisit this matter. The methodology is also unclear: which documents and legal instruments are analysed?

Moreover, some arguments and proposals in your final chapter remain very vague; it is clear that more collaboration is necessary, but it remains unclear how this can really be achieved from the examples given.

The author sets up the paper around a qualitative analysis of documents related to collaboration for public accountability in Kenya, but many of the sources used are secondary analyses of the issue, not primary documents related to government operations. Would it be possible to dig into the primary source material a bit more and do a richer, original analysis?

I hope my recommendation and questions are comprehensible for you.