

Review of: "Factors Affecting the Social Outreach of Microfinance Institutions: Evidence from Ethiopian Microfinance Institutions"

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This study aims to assess the factors affecting the social outreach of microfinance institutions in Ethiopia. The outreach of microfinance was measured in terms of the number of clients served (as breadth of outreach) and the socio-economic level of the clients (as depth of outreach). The claimed novelty in this work is that it gives attention to identifying the determinants of outreach of microfinance. The literature review is long, with less focus on the main problem, which is the social outreach of microfinance – however, it was preferred to have a summary at the end of the literature review.

The data used consists of 14 microfinance institutions collected from the Association of Ethiopian Microfinance Institutions' (AEMFI) annual bulletin from 2007-2020, but it isn't clear how it is relevant to the social outreach of microfinance. There is no mention of the limitations of the study, nor how it can be generalized to other contexts or future work directions.