

Review of: "A Policy Dialogue for Nutrition of Women and Adolescent Girls: Sustainable Development Goals Matters Arising"

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This is a good paper that looks at an important topic in global and population health, focusing on Rwanda. The authors have well introduced the topic and showed how it affects women, newborns, and children; they have provided “key actions” on what can be done to improve the nutrition of adolescent girls and women; and concluded the paper followed by references.

However, there are a few key issues which need to be addressed to improve the paper as follows:

- a. The references provided in the list are not cited in the text to link with the key facts provided in the paper. Therefore, I request the authors to immediately link their references in the main text so that a reader can easily know the source of the facts.
- b. Improving the reference list: I suggest to the authors that they put the reference list in either alphabetical order or numerical order, instead of using bullets (as seen in the Preprint V1 of 27th November 2023).
- c. Before giving the policy options, it is important for the authors to put a paragraph detailing the current nutrition policy environment in Rwanda with regard to nutrition in general and the nutrition of adolescent girls and women. For example, the “*National Food and Nutrition Policy 2013-2018*” (Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Health, & Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, 2014) could have been cited and discussed as to what extent it is supporting (or focusing on) nutrition for adolescent girls and women. Also, given that many adolescents can be accessed in schools, the authors need to cite the “*National Comprehensive School Feeding Policy, of November 2019*” (Ministry of Education, 2019).
- d. In order to beef up the proposed ‘key actions’, I suggest to the authors that they consider discussing briefly the contribution of many nutrition programs in Rwanda and how they have been able to achieve intended results; or what needs to be done to ensure the programs complement each other in a way that may contribute to the nutrition of adolescent girls and women. The paper by Arsenault and colleagues can help to shed light on this (Arsenault et al., 2021).

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