

Review of: "Aligning Government Initiatives with Sustainable Development Goals: A Village-Level Mapping in India"

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The MS is an interesting piece of work and very relevant in view of SDGs. A clear village-level mapping and impact of government initiatives have been discussed supported by proper statistical analyses. All the data is for the year 2017 which is almost 5-6 yrs old so my concern is how relevant would it be in present times as more government initiatives and schemes have been launched in India. I am sure the present data would reflect a different scenario. Inclusion of a list of new schemes at least need to be mentioned as a table in the MS prior to acceptance which will make the study more relevant and updated.

I wonder what do the authors mean by the sentence -

Your study has effectively identified a category of welfare schemes known as Conditional Cash Transfers (CCTs) -----.

I think it should be Our in place of Your.

Evidence-based exclusion errors have been indicated by the authors however SDG mapping carried out by the authors suggest lack of any govt initiatives for SDG 9, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17 (table 3). This can be true for all SDGs except SDG 12 as the authors themselves claim that the villagers are largely farmers and the farmer subsidies are in place therefore an explanation should be provided by the authors in the text. As I understand the SDGs 2, 3 and 12 are not disconnected.