

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

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Positive inputs

1. The attempt by Reddy et al. to examine the extent of convergence of various development and social welfare programs with the SDGs at the village level is appreciable.
2. The attempt to address the research gap in studies analysing the convergence of welfare schemes with SDGs using household-level data is commendable.
3. The attempt to match various welfare schemes with SDGs is good.

Inputs for improvement

1. In the literature review section, the authors could have included studies from other emerging economies that analyse the convergence of welfare schemes with SDGs using household-level data.
2. The village survey is from 2017. Developments since 2017 might have impacted the compatibility of welfare schemes in achieving SDGs.
3. Table 3 speaks of SDGs and the number of schemes meeting the concerned goal. For example, 26 programs are meeting SDG-1. It is not clear from the study the basis on which such conclusions are drawn.
4. Too many items are included in Figure 3. Ease of understanding this visualization is difficult.
5. Check the display error for R^2 in Figures 7 & 8.
6. Typographical errors on page 26 at 1st & 2nd para (Your study)