

Review of: "Assessing the Role of Consumer Cooperatives in Improving Livelihood of the Members of Hawassa Zuria Woreda, Sidama Regional State, Ethiopia"

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The paper is relevant and original. However, major improvements are suggested.

Abstract. Pls clarify how many coops are involved and what you mean by "negative impact of price".

Introduction: The first sentence starting with "Road construction" is supposed to be a sub-title? Add also references where you make strong statements ("Ethiopia is facing unique challenges"). Do not repeat issues (like aim or objective of the study).

Chapter 2: Why not use this chapter to explain more the context, i.e. provide more insight on the Woreda and the numbers and features of the current coops. This can be after the literature review but in the same chapter.

Material and methods: Make clear how you define social construction and positivism- or just leave this sub-chapter as not very useful. Combine 3.2 and 3.3 and make it more precise and direct. Why did you not use the survey to identify challenges? The sampling design description can be made shorter, the result of the sample size is also wrong (pls recalculate). Make it clearer, why you use only the tax employees for the survey and what their relation with the coops are. Explain the Likert scale (which you seem to have used (what means 2 and what 3 as values; in the results you state that 2.5 value means satisfied. Is that correct?).

Results: If you got only 170 results (instead of 245 resp 260), then the results are <5% sure. Explain in 4.2 what value 4 means ("fully agree"? or just "I agree"?). In 4.3 to interpret the result with "satisfied". Pls explain with the values around 2.6 -2.9. On p.10 you speculate about challenges. Not clear if based on interviews, grey literature and so generally on empirical evidence- or just your thoughts.

Conclusion: Here you introduce the concept of employee motivation. But no research is made on this. The topic is different (see title).

Take "Direction of future research" also under "Conclusion".