

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

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This paper provides a perfectly adequate perspective to assess the effectivity and efficiency of various efforts to advance the SDGs, and since, as mentioned very appropriately in the introduction and conclusion, it is set in a context representative of the condition of close to a fifth of the world's population, it is significant. Bottom-up vision and ground-level data based on a thorough inventory where people individually had some say, and measures and assumptions for monetizing parameters are reasonable and all provide for a solid paper.

Significant improvement could come, however, essentially from revisiting section 4. While the paper is clear and fluid, it becomes less clear in the discussion and conclusion (By the way, "discussion" also appears in the title of section 3). Some paragraphs start or include sentences beginning with "your work..," which sounds weird, as if you incorporated comments from a pre-publication reviewer. And these lead the "discussion" to intricacies which are not really useful, or, to say it better, do not provide significant added value to the conclusion. Also, still in section 4, at one point the reader is in a list of things, like "the fourth.." or "the fifth," while the first and second are not clearly stated. The last three or four paragraphs of section 4 would in themselves nicely conclude the paper.

The term "exclusion error" in itself would deserve a definition and a more elaborate explanation.