

Peer Review

Review of: "Role of Informal Traders in Contributing to Community Livelihoods in the post-COVID-19 Pandemic era in Zimbabwe"

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This paper has the potential to contribute significantly to the literature and be published. However, I have identified several issues that, if addressed by the authors, will strengthen the rigor of the paper.

Abstract

The abstract could be re-organized to better summarize the findings. The last sentence, “By examining how informal traders have adapted and responded to the pandemic's challenges,” seems misplaced and could be deleted.

Authors should consider presenting some keywords under the abstract.

Methodology

Why did the authors select the Gweru urban area in the Midlands Province of Zimbabwe? Is there any justification for including this area?

Data Analysis

The authors state that they followed the six steps proposed by Braun and Clarke for data analysis. However, it is unclear how these steps were followed. The authors should briefly explain what they did in each step to analyze the themes and report the findings.

Data Presentation and Analysis

I suggest that the authors present the results separately from the discussion. A new section could be devoted to discussing the findings. Currently, the presentation of findings and discussion are mixed, which detracts from the academic quality of the paper.

The authors mentioned the ubuntu framework in the abstract, but it is not clear how this theory was applied in the study or discussed in the findings.

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Declarations

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