

Review of: "Exploring the Role of Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors in Community Development: A Social Work Perspective in T/A Chimwala, Mangochi"

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Article Review

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Exploring the Role of Social, Economic, and Cultural Factors in Community Development: A Social Work Perspective in T/A Chimwala, Mangochi

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<>. I commend the two authors for attempting to connect social, economic and cultural factors to community development. The subject is important and this article carries the potential for making significant contributions to academic discourses and development practice. To realise this potential, I make the following suggestions.

- [1]. More details need to be provided about the Traditional Authority of Chimwala. Are they inherited positions? Under modern influences how strong or weak is this authority?
- [2]. Is Chimwala a village? Provide more details.
- [3]. Is the 'community development' referred to in this article a government programme? Or is it a local initiative?
- [4]. Who are the respondents? When was the data collected.
- [5]. Please give more details of the social work practice stated upfront in the title of the article.

<>. Community development (CD) has a long history both in Africa and in India. In India, it emerged as a government programme and it failed because the participation of the landless people in CD programme was marginal. The landed gentry had captured the CD programme. Each nation-state has a historical trajectory in their development practice. Detailing this historical context would make the article more interesting to readers.

<>. I commend the two authors for making the efforts to put their ideas on paper. I am sure with revisions this paper will contribute to academic discourse and to development practice.

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