

Review of: "Factors Affecting Economic Crisis in Ethiopia: A Literature Review"

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The paper "Factors Affecting Economic Crisis in Ethiopia: A Literature Review" aims to identify and analyze the factors affecting the economic crisis in Ethiopia based on existing literature.

However, the paper is not structured as a literature review paper requires. Specifically, a literature review provides an organized overview of existing literature in a particular field, synthesizing information from various sources and presenting a comprehensive understanding of the topic.

My main comments that warrant the weakness of this work in terms of methodology are the following:

1. The introduction lacks in discussion of the background of the topic and does not discuss what is already known, research gaps in the literature, the motivation, the research questions and for whom is the review target. There are only two references reported, without the inclusion of works that have been already done in the research area. I suggest authors have a look at these two papers:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01441647.2015.1065456>, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322039.2021.1996020>. The first presents how to write a literature review paper, highlighting the structural and contextual considerations that help produce high-quality review papers, and the second is a review paper aimed at assessing the financial distress situation of financial sectors in Ethiopia.
2. The methodology is not well defined, and the core section of the paper lists several factors without discussing more in-depth the state of knowledge, the advantages and disadvantages of methods used, and the outlined findings. I recommend that the authors pay particular attention to aspects of the manuscript that lack rigor, both in terms of writing and analysis. The following points merit careful consideration and improvement.
 1. "Macroeconomic factors: Undesirable situations that exist in the macro-economy, largely because one or more of the macroeconomic goals are not satisfactorily attained". The paragraph begins with a schematic definition, which may not be the most effective way to structure the discussion on macroeconomic factors. To enhance clarity and credibility, I recommend incorporating references to establish a more grounded definition of macroeconomic factors.
 2. The authors should pay attention to not starting a sentence with a lowercase letter ("Political Instability" paragraph).
 3. The inclusion of corruption within the category of 'Poverty and Inequality' lacks sufficient context and rationale.
 4. The introduction of structural factors such as state-owned businesses and market economy lacks clarity due to the absence of explicit definitions and explanations. It is essential to provide a clear definition of these terms and

articulate why they are considered structural factors. This will enhance the reader's understanding of their significance within the context of the discussion.

5. The inclusion of the bullet point under 'Dependence on Agriculture' appears unjustified.
6. In the 'Limited Infrastructure' paragraph, the authors state that 'infrastructure contributed 0.6 percentage points to Ethiopia's annual per capita GDP growth' without providing a specific reference or elucidating the significance of the 0.6 percentage points. It is essential to include a clear reference for this information and offer an explanation to help readers understand the implications.
7. The manuscript structure features too many paragraphs, and in some instances, they are quite brief.

Finally, this work presents notable weaknesses in both the methodology and writing, which should be taken into consideration. It is advisable to address these shortcomings before considering the publication of the manuscript.