

Review of: "Operational Research on Transformative Education on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights During Adolescents' Initiation Rituals, Nampula, Mozambique, 2022"

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Introduction

Some teachings during the adolescent initiation rituals (AIR) have been identified in Mozambique– Please cite examples of these teachings in the paragraph and what does the rituals entail. In other words, a brief historical description of the AIR will provide the reader with an outlook of what the AIR is all about.

The author should also try to describe the specific SRHR concerns which are negatively affected by the AIR by citing relevant literature supported by relevant national ASRHR indicators.

Objective.

I think there's a disconnect between the title and the objective. Is this a sub-study of a bigger operational research, if so, please describe accordingly?

Methods

This section needs to be further improved with details of how the participants were selected and how the analysis was done. Coding and theme development have not been described anywhere. Additionally, to address subjectivity in qualitative analysis, how many people took part in the analysis. I'll advise the author to read about the Consolidated Criteria for Reporting Qualitative Studies (COREQ) for guidance.

Results

This part too needs a lot of work to be done. Please include quotes from participants to support your results. Also, I find the results to be contradicting the statements that some teachings contribute to poor SRHR indicators among

adolescents. What the author has reported are positive teachings unless there's something I'm missing.

I couldn't comment much on the discussions and conclusion as I feel the results are not adequately described.