

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

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The paper delves into an interesting field of evaluating government programs. It can be improved by considering the comments below:

Introduction Section

Include leaving no one and no place behind.

Before this statement, "Most of the seventeen SDGs, with the exception of Goals 9, 12, 13, 14, and 17, necessitate interconnected strategies at the community level to address the complex links among poverty, unemployment, ill health, and environmental degradation",

There might be a need to have maybe a diagram that gives a snapshot of all the SDGs so that when the discussion starts highlighting them by numbers, the readers already know what is being talked about.

Methodology

How were the respondents of the household surveys sampled?

How many FGDs are from a sampling frame of what community size? How many participants per FGD?

How many key informant interviews from which stakeholder groups?

The analytical framework

Not clear. Consider key metrics (indicators) for these SDGs, and then you could measure these for the households and even run some regressions to highlight the drivers of such. Since data is there for the households, robust econometric analysis can help to enhance the quality of the paper, especially as a scientific paper based on quantitative data that has been triangulated with some qualitative data.

Results and Discussion

Shift 4.1, i.e., the description of the study area in the methodology section

Source: Compiled by the authors. Rather, it should be Source is 2017-18 Survey Data

*Discussion and Conclusion: Shift all the discussion to the above section, and then make the last section **Conclusion and***



Recommendations