

# 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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Firstly, the thesis lacks rigor and logic in description of the research methodology used and should have elaborated on that part. Secondly, the thesis describes the influencing factors such as social, economic and cultural dimensions. Why these three dimensions and not others? What is the rationale or theoretical basis for choosing these three dimensions? Third, the thesis presents multiple influencing factors. Do these factors individually influence community development? Do they collectively and intricately influence community development? This is important and is at the center of the research work. In addition, the thesis does not define community development. How do community development be measured? Is there consistency in respondents' understanding of community development?