

# Review of: "Government expenditure and economic growth: evidence from the critical sectors in an emerging economy"

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The paper is relevant. I would suggest to better link the findings to problem statement provided in the introduction that change is required and to recommend how an adjustment on allocating public spending to different sectors could result into betterment (use elasticities, timeline, steps to follow etc). The reader want to know how changes in public spending would result in growth and indirectly in addressing many of the known sustainable development goals.

My concern is that the GDP was changed into real values, while the public spending amounts were not adjusted to real values. It would be useful to change the nominal spending values into real values too. The impact of adjustments in variables differently can be seen in the mean growth of the RGDP as only 4.1%, while the average growth for GEXEDU, GEXHLT, GEXAGR, GEXPGR, and GEXPDS are ranging between 25% and 55%. This should be explained and possibly adjustments to be made throughout the analysis.

Also, as other peers have mentioned, I would suggest to change the title.