

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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The article has the potential to offer a valuable contribution to field of community development with the social work discipline. With some restructuring this article will be useful for all professionals in the field of community development. The authors are encouraged to firmly position the social development approach and its relevance for this study. Even though the study focus is from a social work perspective, community development is a fundamental strategy (along with economic development) for social development. Social Development has been intrinsically linked with social work. Therefore, to omit the social development approach is considered erroneous.

Please reconsider what is required for the abstract. Essentially the abstract provides an overview of the study. The current abstract contains wonderful foundational principles of community development, but this may be part of the theoretical framework that underpins the study. Some of the information of the abstract is duplicated in the introduction. Further there is a need to contextualize the need for this study. This contextualization should act as a directive to position the study and anchor it to the theoretical foundations. There is an absence of 'a literature review' for this study.

The methodology section requires clarity. The authors need to be clear if this study had a quantitative approach or mixed methods approach as they indicate that both interviews and questionnaires were used for data collection. If this a quantitative approach, which quantitative design was used for sampling, data collection and analysis. It should be noted that descriptive design is not correct. Interviews are associated with a qualitative approach which also has its own designs, sampling and data analysis. Please present the findings first then have the discussion thereafter. Currently findings and discussions are offered simultaneously. The article may end with conclusions and recommendations.

I look forward to a reworked article highlighting the social, economic and cultural factors in community development.