

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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I have had the opportunity to review the manuscript and I commend the authors for addressing an important and timely topic in their work. The manuscript is well-written and demonstrates a clear commitment to exploring how best to enhance community development. However, the authors may consider the following:

1. Since human subjects were involved, the research could have greatly benefited from an ethics committee review.
2. To maximize the study's impact, conducting qualitative research to explore the quantitative findings would be valuable. A mixed-method approach for this topic would provide more substantial insights for stakeholders.
3. When contextualizing the findings within existing literature, the author should consider whether and why the findings differ from or align with those from diverse settings. Issues related to factors affecting community development may vary across settings, and this study presents a unique opportunity to highlight similarities and differences among these settings.