

## Review of: "Impact of Men's Labour Migration on Non-migrating Spouses' Health: A Systematic Review"

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The article is well-written and the topic is interesting to read. I have some suggestions on it which are given below:

- 1. In the introduction's first line of the second paragraph, you said that men commonly migrate in LMICs. Can you please give a supporting reference to make it more reliable?
- 2. It is not clear why it is important to know the impact of labour migration on the well-being of left-behind women. Please elaborate the fact here. (third line of 2<sup>nd</sup> para in intro)
- 3. Yes you then explain the impact of men's migration on women's health, but before that briefly state why it is important to understand this fact.
- 4. The last lines of third para of intro are not clearly stating the situation
- 5. The second line of the last para of intro, it is stated that there are various topics are studied but with one reference, please add more references.
- 6. Please explain the gap properly. It is not clear enough by saying the knowledge-based gap.
- 7. Overall, the introduction is good, but it needs to clearly utter the objective of the study, and the method and briefly write down the findings of the study in the introduction.
- 7. Explain briefly what Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) checklist are. Then write how you follow the steps and then start the subsection
- 8. In the sub-section like in 2.1, first start with why or how you start this step. Is it the first step you did, or how you have started this?
- 9. Why did you choose these five databases?
- 10. You have not explained the process shown in the chart.
- 11. How or why did you choose those inclusion criteria?
- 12. You said you got some health-related article, but not particular reviews on health impacts. I mostly doubt on it. There are articles on giving on health reviews on left-behind women along with other aspects, but I think your study only focus



on health issue which elaborates the understanding of this topic. This is where the originality of this article is. Please utter this clearly. This is very important here.

- 13. Explain JBI tools and other methods mentioned there briefly. Readers from other fields would confuse or they would have no idea on those.
- 14. The Findings (section 3) part is ok but it is only listing the results from the articles you reviewed without having any critical insights. Yes, you provided a discussion section, but still you need to critically analyse what you find in every paragraph or sub-section of section 3.
- 15. In the discussion part, mostly you again listed your finding rather than critically analysing. Please focus on analysing and take away repetitive findings.
- 16. In the policy section section, you talked about SDG goal, which is very important point. This point should be come to the introduction and can be a point why it is important to understand the impact of men's migration on women's health.
- 17. You talked about to initiate some actions, but are these based on your findings? When you talk about any policy or actions recommendation, please refer what you find from your analysis and then say based on your finding you recommend this action.
- 18. In the future research section, it is important to discuss what are the limitations of your study.
- 19. The conclusion part is not well constructed. This conclusion is too brief. Conclusion should summarize your review, analysis, gaps and how your objective is validated by your work.