

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Strategies to strengthen Human Resources for Health from the perspective of development cooperation: A cross-country comparison

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This has paper the elements of an interesting case analysis, but it needs modifications to be fit for publication. I attach a WORD copy of the paper with suggestions of modifications and comments inserted.

In terms of structure of the paper, I suggest the following:

Introduction: the issue, objective of the paper, framework of analysis (section to be developed), organization of the paper.

Countries surveyed

Brief description of German Cooperation organization and modalities of functioning

Presentation and analysis of German Cooperation interventions

Discussion: Here the focus should be on the effectiveness of bilateral cooperation in HRH and its determinants. The authors should show how their observations compare to what can be found in the literature (for instance assessments of SWAPs)

I suggest to change the title to something like: Review of International agencies' (or German cooperation) interventions in HRH in 5 low-income countries.

A review of the punctuation is needed.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'