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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the</p> <p>7. Structure of the paper</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>The issue is important. The community health workers can play crucial role in boosting up use of health services. Regular training of workers and supervision are very useful for increasing health sector performances.</p> <p>Title does not exactly suit the text. The title should reflect the effect of increased knowledge of CHWs on use of health care. The words influence should preferably be replaced by effect and uptake by use.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Introduction should have more elaborately described the importance and objectives of the paper. A paragraph should be used for those.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>The author could add some references on the experiences of the countries (viz.Bangladesh, Indonesia) which have achieved enormous success using the CHWs. The reference (Slovin) for formula for sample size calculation is not noted in the list of references. The formula is originally given by Yamane(1967). The better formula could be that of Cochran (1977).</p> <p>There is lack of synchronization in the 3rd section. One table should have been there to show the change in use of services between the year of engaging CHWs and current or latest possible year. The analysis of change in uptake is based on the opinions of the CHWs. This is not fully tenable. The objective data on uptake gathered from the official documents or any prior surveys would be more useful.</p> <p>There is ample scope of improving the writing of the text. It is already well-established that training of CHWs raise use of services. The researcher here could show how frequently training should be organized and on what issues. That could be important contributions for the Rwandan health sector.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>No. There are grammatical errors, including silly mistakes, in many places. The language should be thoroughly checked and edited.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The researcher has strong insight in the grass root level problems of health sector of the country. More importantly, he has an appreciable amount of knowledge about the necessary statistical tools for analysis. However, he should improve his language and method of presentation.</p>	

PART 2:

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<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</p>	

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