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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? Comments 1.1 The manuscript holds significance for the scientific community if the comments are adequately addressed. 2. Is the title of the article suitable? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. It is not recommended to use acronyms or abbreviations in a title, as it is generally considered to be a poor practice. b. It is crucial to exercise caution when utilizing the term "beneficiary." How do you know whether program participants derived advantage from the program? It would be advisable to substitute "beneficiary" with "program participants." c. If this is the case, the manuscript's title ought to be refined to align with this suggestion. 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Comments 3.1 The abstract will require some revisions to incorporate the changes made after addressing the comments provided. I recommend adhering to the IMRaD format 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Comments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The introduction is lacking a comprehensive review of significant empirical literature on social transfer program participants' characteristics and their compliance with the program in relation to their living conditions in the Philippines and other African countries. This is a critical aspect to substantiate both the known and the unknown aspects within the realm of knowledge generation. b. Author should undertake a thorough examination of the theoretical foundations pertaining the relationship between the characteristics of social transfer participants, compliance with program requirements and welfare outcomes/living conditions. This will allow readers to infer implications from the analysis. 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? Comments 5.1 On Introduction, address the comments in (4) above 5.2 On Material and Methods <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The methodology provided lacks some scientific explanations that could help the reader understand the extent to which the questionnaire measured the concept(s) of interest consistently. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To address this, it is important to discuss how the tool was tested and present the test results. Specifically, it would be useful to present the test results that substantiate the internal consistency of the questionnaire (using Cronbach's alpha) and its reproducibility and scalability (using Loevinger's H coefficients). b. The methodology lacks clarity regarding the definition and measurement of constructs such as "program compliance" and "living conditions." This lack of clarity makes it challenging for readers to comprehend the results presented in the study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the questionnaire in Appendix A.1 and specifically Part II is clear, it does not provide information on how the constructs were defined and measured or how they were used in descriptive or inferential analyses. For instance, the study does not explain how Likert scale responses entered in regression model or how means were generated - it is unclear whether factor analysis or principal component analysis was conducted. A brief explanation of these methods would enhance the study's transparency and comprehensibility. • In the examination, one can anticipate a table displaying the relationship between participants' attributes and compliance (with chi-square statistics). • Your analysis would have been improved if you had utilized structural equation modeling (SEM) to establish a comprehensive understanding and uncover the potential causal relationships between participants' characteristics, compliance, and living conditions. 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. Comments 	

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	<p>a. The characteristics of social safety net participants and their relationship to welfare have been explored in various studies, and it would be beneficial for the author(s) to cite these sources. For example: Msuha, B., & Kissoly, L. D. (2024). Analysis of vulnerability to poverty and food insecurity among productive social safety net program participants in Tanzania. Cogent Social Sciences, 10(1). https://doi.org/10.1080/23311886.2024.2329807</p> <p>b. Other additional references will come from comments provided in 4.1 and 4.2</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	The language quality is suitable for scholarly communications, though the author(s) may consider making some improvements	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>		

PART 2:

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

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