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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript holds significant importance for the scientific community as it addresses a critical gap in the literature regarding university-community engagement in Tanzania.</p> <p>By highlighting both the benefits and challenges of such engagements, it provides a clear understanding that can inform policy and practice in higher education and community.</p> <p>I appreciate that the manuscript not only presents findings but also offers actionable recommendations for improving university-community interactions.</p> <p>This focus on practical implications makes the manuscript particularly valuable for academics, practitioners, and aiming to enhance the role of universities in community needs.</p> <p>Generally speaking, the author has done an excellent job of presenting the research in a clear and concise manner.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>I found the title of the article quite descriptive but could benefit from being more concise and engaging. By adding an eye-catching term at the beginning, the title can attract more readers and improve its search-ability. Moreover, shortening the title not only enhances clarity but also increases the likelihood of capturing the attention of readers. Please consider using action-oriented words such as Exploring, Investigating, or Engaging to create a more dynamic appeal.</p> <p>Suggestions for Alternative Titles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating the Role of University-Community Engagement in Promoting Sustainable Development: Insights from the Consulting Services of Open University of Tanzania • Enhancing Sustainable Development through Community Engagement: A Study on the Consulting Services of Open University of Tanzania • Investigating the Impact of Community Engagement on Sustainable Development: Insights from the Consulting Services of Open University of Tanzania • Exploring the Impact of University Consulting Services on Sustainable Development in Open University of Tanzania Communities • Assessing University-Community Consulting Services for Sustainable Development: Insights from the Open University of Tanzania • Engaging Communities through University Consulting Services for Sustainable Development: Insights from the Open University of Tanzania <p>These alternative titles maintain the core elements of the study while enhancing clarity and conciseness.</p> <p>Links for more tips: https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08164622.2022.2146485#d1e87</p>	

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract of the article is generally comprehensive and effectively summarizes the main components of the study, the methodology is briefly described, key findings, challenges, conclusions and recommendations are also included.</p> <p>But, please clearly state the specific objectives or research questions of the study at the beginning of the abstract in order to help the reader understand the focus of the research immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Example could be: This study aimed to explore the consulting services provided by the Open University of Tanzania, assess their impact on community development, and identify challenges in university-community engagement. <p>Moreover, it is suggested that the overall length of an abstract be no more than 250 words. This will improve readability.</p> <p>For instance, while the challenges are mentioned, please consider the points into fewer phrases and remove the unnecessary description.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example summarize sentence could be: Challenges included quantifying service value, limited community engagement, and bureaucratic hurdles. <p>Besides, please summarize recommendations and briefly mention the most critical ones, as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example could be: The study recommends prioritizing the quantification of consulting services and enhancing staff training on community engagement practices. <p>Keywords: The existing keywords are relevant, but I recommend you to consider adding more specific terms that reflect main themes and focus areas of the research. This is pivotal for improving search-ability and ensuring that the paper reaches its target audience.</p> <p>Suggested Keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement • Sustainable Development • Tanzania 	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Yes, the subsections and overall structure of the manuscript are generally appropriate for scholarly communication.</p> <p>It is clearly organized into distinct sections, which is standard for academic articles and helps guide the reader through the research.</p> <p>The progression from background information to methodology, results, and discussion reflects a logical flow of scientific reasoning.</p> <p>Each section in this paper also effectively breaks down complex information into manageable parts, allowing for better comprehension.</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript appears to be scientifically robust and technically sound based on the information provided. The author has thoroughly researched the topic and presented the findings in a clear and concise manner. It is well-structured, with appropriate subsections and headings that make it easy to follow the flow of the research.</p> <p>The Data Collection Methods, (semi-structured interviews and online focus group discussions) are appropriate for capturing nuanced perceptions of participants (regarding university-community engagement).</p> <p>The data analysis is well-explained, which helps to ensure the validity of the results.</p>	

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	<p>The participant sample size of 37, while modest, is justified given qualitative approach, providing rich insights into the complexities of consulting services for sustainable development.</p> <p>Overall, the manuscript seems to be a valuable contribution to the scientific community.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>=</p>	<p>Yes, the references provided in this article span a range of years. While some foundational works are included, it may benefit from more recent literature to capture the latest trends and discussions in university-community engagement, particularly in the context of sustainable development.</p> <p>There is many valuable research available on online databases.</p> <p>Suggestions for additional references:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studies on Community Engagement https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=Community+Engagement&btnG=• Current Trends in Higher Education Engagement https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=Trends+in+Higher+Education+Engagement&btnG=• Sustainable Development in Tanzania https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=sustainable+development+in+Tanzania&btnG= <p>These additional references can help strengthen the article by providing current perspectives, methodologies for impact assessment, and examples of effective engagement practices.</p> <p>However, if changing and revising the overall content of the paper is time-consuming, you can use them in a separate short section as the literature review.</p>	

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes, the language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly content. This article maintains a formal academic tone appropriate for scholarly work.</p> <p>The format is structured and well-organized with clear sections (Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, and Recommendations).</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>This manuscript is generally well-written and the author's point of view and concern is admirable.</p> <p>But, there are few minor points which can help to improve the general image of this study:</p> <p>For optimizing this paper, please;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the Title • Summarize the Abstract • Add 2 or 3 more Keywords • Add a section titled "Literature Review" and use the suggested references in 2 or 3 paragraphs. • All in all, please ensure that each section succinctly presents its arguments without unnecessary complexity. <p>Thank you.</p>	

PART 2:

	<p>Reviewer's comment</p>	<p>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>
<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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