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Title of the Manuscript:	Effect of gendered foreign aid on income inequality in East Africa
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Please write few sentences regarding the importance this manuscript for scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript investigates the impact of gender-sensitive foreign aid on income inequality in East Africa, a topic with limited existing research. The use of the Generalized Method of Moments (GMM) on panel data from three East African countries for over a decade provides robust evidence that gender-focused aid can significantly reduce income inequality. This research would add value if it offers practical recommendations for policymakers to enhance the effectiveness of aid programs in fostering economic equity through targeted interventions.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The study examines multiple factors that influence income inequality in East Africa, necessitating a more appropriate title. Below is a suggested title for the current paper.</p> <p>"Gendered Foreign Aid and Income Inequality in East Africa: Examining the impact of various factors on Income Inequality"</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>No. The abstract requires careful review for grammatical accuracy, spelling errors and refinement of sentence structure suitable for academic writing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The article has not discussed on women's empowerment yet it appears in the abstract. 2. Spelling error- "while data on income inequality was obtained from Word Bank database" 	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Yes. However, the author should add the following sections</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implication of the study 2. Future research direction 3. Limitation of the Study 	
<p>Please write few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This paper requires major revisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jarque-Bera test and Dumitrescu-Hurlin causality test are mentioned under econometric analysis in 3.2 but the paper does not reflect the implementation of both the tests. 2. The interpretation of Table 3.2, estimation results require the authors attention on which variables are tested at 1% and 5 % significance level. 3. Among the 6 variables, only AID, GDP and Education are significant in the multiple regression model at 0.01 or 0.05 significance level. However, the p-value of government expenditure is at 0.06 which is more than 0.05 but the author has considered the impact of Exp variable on income inequality. Likewise for other variables requires justification. 4. 3rd paragraph after Table 3, has duplicate information (repetition of paragraph) Finally, even in cases where economic growth is necessary to reduce poverty, unless it is inclusive and beneficial to all population segments, it does not necessarily lead to decreased income inequality (Lechheb et al., 2019). 5. The author should focus on the implication of the study, future research opportunities and limitations in the article. 6. This paper should include practical recommendations for policymakers to enhance the effectiveness of aid programs in fostering economic equity through targeted interventions. 	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	

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