

**Review Form 3**

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Journal of Geography, Environment and Earth Science International</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JGEESI_128231
Title of the Manuscript:	Evaluating the Environmental & Socioeconomic Effects of Insufficient Water & Sanitation in Afghanistan
Type of the Article	Review Article

**PART 1: 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>
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	The manuscript is significant for the scientific community for studies have shown that the 2011 Afghanistan Human Development Report stated that by 2025 the country's water availability per capita per year will decline by approximately 36% relative to 2004. By 2040, it will fall by almost 50%. NEPA, UNEP, and WFP report that Afghanistan is also extremely exposed to climate hazards, especially droughts caused by either declining rainfall or river flows, resulting from reduced spring-time snowmelt in the highlands. These reports portrayed the characteristics of Afghanistan that the country has poor access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities pose a significant threat to both the environment and the country's economy. This issue has far-reaching consequences that must be fully understood in order to effectively address it. Hence, the importance of the study for the scientific community.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	<b>It is suitable</b>	
<b>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.</b>	The abstract is not comprehensive enough base on my assessment. The Reviewer observed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The abstract has four paragraphs instead of one as according to the Journal's standard.</li> <li>- It failed to capture the methodology used for the study.</li> <li>- The study captured more recommendations than findings/results. Paragraph 3 and 4 as it were talked on the recommendations and policy implementations only.</li> </ul> I suggest the addition of the methods used in data collection and analysis. The recommendation should be recast to reduce it.	
<b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b>	It is scientifically okay and correct, being that the researcher(s) has/have been able to capture the environmental and socioeconomic effects of insufficient water and sanitation in Afghanistan. The study showed that contamination of water sources due to inadequate sanitation and waste management; decreased soil fertility and productivity due to inadequate water and poor agricultural practices; decline in plant and animal species due to habitat destruction and water scarcity as well as poor sanitation and waste management contributes to methane production, a potent greenhouse gas. Similarly, the discovered socioeconomic effects by the study are: limited access to clean water and sanitation exacerbates poverty and inequality; water-borne diseases, such as cholera and diarrhea, are prevalent due to contaminated water sources; poor access to clean water and sanitation hinders economic development and opportunities and water scarcity and poor agricultural practices also lead to reduced crop yields and food insecurity. Good recommendations were also postulated.	
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	The references are very recent. The study anchored on 44 out of 51 which is 86.27% of references from 2019 – 2024.	

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Very suitable	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The manuscript has not complied with basic writing under supposed Introduction, Methods/Methodology (study area since this is geography), Results and discussion and Conclusion.</li><li>- There is no Geography in the work that is map and brief description of the study area</li></ul>	

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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