

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-52211

Date: 12/06/2025

Title: Evaluating the Intervention Strategic Approaches by The Stakeholders in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Managing Local Economic Development Initiatives in Helao Nafidi Town Council, Namibia.

Recommendation:

Accept after minor revision.

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	✓			
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr. Bishwajit Rout

Date: 12/06/2025

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

(To be published with the manuscript in the journal)

The reviewer is requested to provide a brief comment (3-4 lines) highlighting the significance, strengths, or key insights of the manuscript. This comment will be Displayed in the journal publication alongside with the reviewers name.

- Significance:** This study is significant as it explores how stakeholder-driven intervention strategies enhance the effectiveness of Local Economic Development (LED) initiatives in Helao Nafidi Town Council, Namibia. It contributes to sustainable development literature by integrating stakeholder theory with practical LED interventions, addressing gaps in decentralized economic planning and improving socio-economic conditions at the local government level.
- Strength:** The research's strength lies in its mixed-methods design combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews with stakeholders. It uses robust analytical techniques, such as descriptive statistics and thematic analysis, to provide comprehensive insights. The paper's use of stakeholder theory enhances its theoretical grounding, while its focus on real-world application ensures practical relevance for local governments.
- Key Insight:** A key insight is that stakeholder involvement including local authorities, private entities, and community organizations is crucial for successful LED implementation. Collaborative approaches foster local ownership, accountability, and sustainability in economic development projects. The study emphasizes the importance of integrating environmental, social, and economic considerations into intervention strategies to maximize developmental impact in resource-constrained regions.

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Reviewer's Comment / Report

The paper titled “*Evaluating the Intervention Strategic Approaches by The Stakeholders in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Managing Local Economic Development Initiatives in Helao Nafidi Town Council, Namibia.*” focuses on evaluating intervention strategic approaches by stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of LED initiatives in HNTC. It aims to understand how these approaches contribute to sustainable economic growth, aligning with global frameworks like the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The paper emphasizes the role of stakeholder collaboration (including local government, businesses, NGOs, and community members) in fostering economic, social, institutional, political, and environmental dimensions of LED.

Suggestions for Improvement:

1. In introduction, clarify research gaps earlier.
2. In introduction, condense redundant sentences to maintain reader engagement.
3. In Literature Review, better thematic arrangement (e.g., organize under subheadings like "Stakeholder Theory", "LED in Developing Countries").
4. In Literature Review, discuss more critically the gaps in existing literature to justify this study's necessity.
5. Discuss why ST was preferred over other possible frameworks (e.g., institutional theory).
6. Include reliability and validity measures for data collection tools.
7. Explain sample selection criteria in greater detail.
8. Clarify analysis software used for both qualitative and quantitative parts.
9. Summarize major quantitative findings numerically.
10. Reduce repetition when discussing results; focus on contrasting findings with literature.
11. Discuss unexpected results or anomalies.
12. Suggest specific areas for future research (e.g., other regions, sector-specific LED studies).

International Journal of Advanced Research

Publisher's Name: Jana Publication and Research LLP

www.journalijar.com

REVIEWER'S REPORT

The study provides valuable insights into stakeholder-driven strategies for enhancing local economic development in Namibia. Its mixed-methods approach is methodologically sound, with meaningful practical and policy implications. Minor revisions are needed in language clarity, theoretical discussion, and data presentation to improve academic rigor and reader understanding. Addressing the identified weaknesses will make it suitable for publication in IJAR.

I recommend this paper for publication after minor revision.