

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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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 as it is.....**YES**.....
 Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

| Rating | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor |
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| Originality | | √ | | |
| Techn. Quality | | | √ | |
| Clarity | | √ | | |
| Significance | | √ | | |

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Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

Reviewer's Comment / Report

Abstract Evaluation:

The abstract clearly outlines the purpose, scope, and methodology of the study. It provides a comprehensive overview of the core objective—evaluating intervention strategic approaches utilized by stakeholders in the Local Economic Development (LED) initiatives of Helao Nafidi Town Council (HNTC). The abstract successfully connects the study to broader frameworks such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), situating the research within a global developmental context.

It introduces the conceptual underpinning of stakeholder theory, explaining how it informs the evaluation of interventions. The mention of mixed-method research (MMR), including quantitative analysis via MSE and qualitative data through Induced Thematic Analysis (ITA), reflects a well-structured methodological approach. The abstract culminates by asserting the influence of strategic interventions on the LED process, reinforcing the study's relevance.

Keywords Evaluation:

The keywords listed—Approach, Evaluating, Management, Shaping—are general but aligned with the thematic elements of the study. They reflect the analytical and managerial orientation of the research.

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Introduction Evaluation:

The introduction offers a succinct and direct articulation of the research focus. It defines LED in the context of Helao Nafidi Town Council and links it to multiple development dimensions, including social, political, institutional, and environmental factors. The local context is clearly emphasized, while the broader implications are subtly tied to the role of local governments in sustainable development. The terminology is academic, and the writing style is consistent with scholarly standards.

Relevance and Contextualization:

The study's relevance is underscored by its grounding in both local (Namibian) and global development objectives. The incorporation of SDGs and the stakeholder framework indicates the study's multidimensional orientation. The choice of HNTC in the Ohangwena region as a case study allows for context-specific insights while offering the potential for generalization across other local governments in Namibia.

Methodological Approach:

Although not described in full detail within the provided excerpt, the mention of a mixed-method research design, including both MSE for quantitative data and ITA for qualitative analysis, suggests a robust and comprehensive research framework. The reference to the design of questionnaires and interview guides based on study objectives implies methodological coherence and alignment with the research goals.

Conceptual Clarity and Language:

The article uses consistent terminology related to intervention strategies, stakeholder engagement, and local economic development. The language is formal, academic, and sufficiently detailed. The connections among various development dimensions and the role of stakeholders are clearly articulated. Sentence structures and terminologies reflect a scholarly tone appropriate for policy and development studies.

Overall Assessment:

The study presents a well-structured and relevant evaluation of strategic intervention approaches in the context of LED initiatives in Namibia. It combines conceptual grounding with empirical inquiry and utilizes a mixed-method approach to explore the subject matter in depth. The emphasis on stakeholder theory and sustainable development frameworks lends both theoretical and practical value to the research. The work contributes meaningfully to the discourse on decentralized economic development and the operational dynamics of local governance.