

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-53232

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Title: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Recommendation:

Accept as it isYES.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

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

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The manuscript titled "*Human Development and Rural Infrastructure*" presents a concise discussion of the interrelationship between rural infrastructure and human development. The abstract clearly outlines the central premise that rural development is strongly dependent on the availability and quality of infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, road connectivity, water supply, and banks. The text effectively links these facilities to improvements in living standards and highlights the Human Development Index (HDI) as a key measure for assessing progress in human well-being.

The introduction provides a clear definition of human development, framing it as an improvement in quality of life through advancements in education, skills, and health. The narrative underscores the role of human development in fostering productivity and accelerating economic growth. Historical context is integrated by crediting economist Mehbooba ul Haq for emphasizing human development and noting the joint contribution of Mehbooba ul Haq and Amartya Sen in formulating the HDI framework. The description of HDI's components—life expectancy, education, and standard of living—connects well with the broader argument of infrastructure's significance in rural areas.

Overall, the manuscript establishes a coherent link between infrastructure, human development, and economic progress. The focus on HDI as both a conceptual and measurement tool offers a structured perspective, and the integration of historical and conceptual elements enriches the thematic clarity of the work.