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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	1. The manuscript divided the variable "Participation" into three levels, as same the variables of "Volunteerism" and "empowerment". Please strengthen this section of method. 2. In addition, could the authors (on line 208 "table 8"): (a) explain the different interval between economic and total empowerment on three levels, (b) Why the frequency of low level on total empowerment is not equal to the sum frequency of low levers on three factors(economic, Social and Psychological).	The three levels in each case simply means low, moderate and high levels which showed where the majority of the respondents fall in. The figure under total empowerment is independent and not summation of levels of the three dimension of empowerment.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		