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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		
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	A very important paper and timely, but there are some minor corrections that require attention of the author(s). A. Title: reads “-----rural Nigeria”, but in the body of the work that aspect is not reflected. Instead, states were mentioned in the body of the work; that need to be clarify (If he map in line 137-138 depicts the area of study, then it has to be clarify both in the title and the methodology) B. Abstract: I. The period reviewed need to be stated. II. In the findings, only 79% (challenges) was giving; leaving the other components of the challenges unstated. Since the paper is a review of articles, and the grading was based on coding, the remaining 21% is significant and need to be mentioned. The search words in the methodology is not clear, the author(s) need to clarify that III. Keywords: The omission of “rural” automatically changed the concept of the title. I think “rural” should be included C. Introduction: i. Lines 20-33 is like a Repetition of the abstract, introduction, methodology, findings etc. The order of arrangement is not relevant since the subsequent sections highlighted them. If the introduction commence straight without lines 20-33, that would have been better.	The comment is looked into and i think it is rectified. The period reviewed has been stated as from 2000- 2014 The remaining unaddressed challenges were as a result of word limit, it does not in any way make them inconsequential. Most of the discussions, those two words are always mentioned. Rural is added to the keywords The several repetitions are noted and taken care, however, some are to buttress the issue in that particular line, hence such quotes are repeated.



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	ii. Most of the statements are hanging and the paragraphs in most cases are short sentence paragraphs (for instance lines 35-39 and lines 40-43. These lines are supposed to be in a single paragraph). The same comment goes for some of the statements and paragraphs in the manuscript iii. Line 48= “states chapter” should be state’s chapter or state chapters iv. The rationale of the work is not clearly stated and the statement of problem is not clear as well. If the author(s) can bring these out in the introduction, it will add beauty to the work D. Methodology: Not quite satisfactory. For example: i. the state in question (i.e the rural Nigeria) is not clearly defined in the background information or the study setting ii. The method of analysis is applicable but not adequate. Since the data was qualitative, the method used for the code-able features of the data is appropriate, but for those features that are not code-able the analysis is inappropriate. The author(s) need to provide that in the methodology. iii. The findings: There are so many repetitions and over presentation of findings. For example: line 148 and 149: The breakdown is thus; Out of the 50 articles, sixteen (16) that is, 33% of the articles attribute leadership issues as impediment, -----These statement need to be rephrased. There are other similar examples in the findings. Please address them properly. iv. Lines 149 -154: How did the author(s) arrived at the range of figures presented? v. Lines 155-160: The basis for the selection of 6 themes out of eleven is not justifiable vi. Line 163-165: The quotations were not referenced vii. Line 170-173: the definition of leadership need to be properly presented and referenced. viii. Same comment apply to definition of crises and the explanation given in the body of the work (lines 323-327	In my little way, the hanging statements are completed. Corrected The rationale is stated The study setting is described Sorry am not too clear on what to do here Simple use of percentages
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	refers) ix. Lines 348-349 are repeated in lines 361-362 x. Lines 366-368. The reference 26 should be place at the end of the statement and not in the beginning as presented (same comment for some references in the findings and discussion). xi. Inaccessibility defined in lines 385-389 need to be referenced Line 397 not referenced xii. The framework stated in lines 399-401 need to be properly presented and the whole framework is not clear xiii. The analysis of inaccessibility as a factor militating against achieving MDGs is not clear from the review presented. The author(s) need to expanciate more on that xiv. There is no part of the result that explains the peculiar challenges of the rural settings in Nigeria. This is probably due to the way the rural was introduced into the title. The author(s) should explain why and if possible to broaden the search on the concept and widen the scope of the review. E. References: So many issues on the referencing, but the corrections needed are minor: Some of these include i. The list of reference is Author date while in the body of the manuscript majority of the references are Vancouver and few are Harvard or APA style of referencing (for example line 188) ii. Most references were not properly cited in the body of the work. In some instances the reference are cited before the completion of the statement making it difficult to comprehend. (Example: lines 51-53- “Irrespective, of the fact that, (4) 51 quoted, Charles Koir the Deputy Director UN system for lauding Nigeria of her impressive performance, there are significant challenges. However, (4) argued that the successes achieved vary from state to state. Not only that, (5)”	Definition of leadership and crises are well presented The framework indicates how access to health care facility and services is key in any programme implementation. However, the framework is expunged. The peculiar challenges are the inaccessibility, crisis and others. As the LGA in question has a peculiar terrain and always experiences one crisis situation or the other. Corrected
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	iii. Line 63: same comment as (ii) above, and the word “declares” should be “declared” in the performance appraisal v. Line 66 : same comment as (ii) above (there are other references with similar problems) vi. Line 69-72 is not referenced. But I think the reference is the same with the reference in line 68. If that should be the case, the author(s), need to cite the references appropriately. vii. Lines 75-95: Same problem as (ii). In addition, some of the statements need to be rephrased. viii. Line 118: same as (ii) ix. The pattern of the referencing in some sentences does not follow any pattern (Example Line 323 “23 a psychology expert”) x. Some of the references in the list of reference are not complete and some are repeated (Example lines 135-138- since the 2 references is by same author and different edition, the pages need to be added xi. Line 579: The reference is incomplete	Corrected
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		