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PART 1:

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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Authors strived to bring more literature insights to the paper, which is now quite well upgraded. However, relevance of the message being conveyed is weak. The paper looks like an advocacy paper in favor of Business Rescue. Yet, why draw Ugandan Government's attention on business rescue rather than on business incubation? "Business rescue involves procedures to facilitate enterprises which are monetarily distressed or on the brink of failure to change around/restructure and become profitable". Knowing that "the failure rate of businesses in Uganda is high: according to Enterprise Uganda (2015) sixty percent of the starts-up fail in the first year of their existence. Further, according to Uganda Bureau of Statistics (2011) findings show the survival rate of businesses at 46%", why then should policy-makers wait for the moment to rescue failing enterprises rather than enhancing entrepreneurial capacities of SMEs through pro-active training and financial capacity-building? Instead of being in one block, the paper should be structured at least as follows: Introduction (context and message conveyed); The Business rescue theory and the BRP approach; Business Rescue vs. Business Incubation; BRP success stories in Uganda; Conclusion. In the last paragraph, field evidence (successful BRP experiences) to justify policy recommendations is missing. The latter should not rely only on theory. Empirical evidence should be referred to. Other minor edits and comments are inserted in the manuscript. Have it read again thoroughly for word omissions and grammar.	Business Incubation centers have been established in industrial parks but failure rates still high so business rescue is a high level alternative. enhancing entrepreneurial capacities of SMEs through pro-active training and financial capacity-building: this has been emphasized in support intuitions (line 73) Why then should policy-makers wait for the moment to rescue failing enterprises: Uganda lacks a formal and modern business rehabilitation framework (line 262) so we are suggesting that government put in place legal and regulatory frame for business rescue. BRP success stories in Uganda: (line 209) successful BRP experiences missing: big challenge since no available statistics "most sure" instead of 'surest' is from a direct quote by President Kagame <i>"Entrepreneurship is the most sure way of development."</i> All comments addressed.