Reviewer's report

Title: Social autopsy: Providing evidence on failures in the pathway to survival, and increasing awareness to empower communities and engage health programs

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1. The title should include the term 'maternal and child deaths'; to indicate to the readers about the specific focus of this article.

2. The manuscript should reference the seminal article on the analytical framework for the study of child survival in developing countries; by Mosely and Chen in 1984. This authors should briefly describe how their work has built on the original framework proposed by Mosely and Chen.

3. There are several references which are in the form of reports - e.g. the BASICS reports; RACHA; the Guatemala study report etc. The manuscript should provide weblinks to these reports, for interested readers to access them easily.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.