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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Education and Social Studies**](https://journalajess.com/index.php/AJESS) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJESS\_137807** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **STAKEHOLDERS’ ATTITUDES AND PARTICIPATION ON WATER SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) IN GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AND DISADVANTAGED BARANGAYS OF SAN ROQUE, NORTHERN SAMAR** |
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| **PART 1: Comments** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment**  **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | The paper reveals important findings on WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene) operational health in isolated and disadvantaged schools of the Philippines, where limited studies are located. By revealing the association between attitudes, participation, and WASH program presence among stakeholders, the study provides important empirical input to policy and program development. The results could help define interventions in the future to improve the health and education of the population of disadvantaged areas. This renders the work's message of fundamental importance for researchers as well as policymakers in health, education, and development. | Thank you for the comprehensive feedback. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title is appropriate, and it also resembles the scope of the study. | Okay, thank you |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | The abstract is largely representative of the content. Although it could be improved by mentioning the statistical methods of analysis and summarizing the most important results a little further. Third, providing more clarification regarding the significant relationships would probably increase clarity. | The abstract has been modified based on the suggestions. |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | Yes, the scientific content is valid in this manuscript. In this article, the methods are well described, the sample is representative and the statistical analysis is reasonably interpreted. But the discussion could benefit from a sounder theoretical framework. | Thank you for the feedback. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The reference list is almost up to date (2017-2019), most of the work cited is recent, especially works from 2021 to 2025. Adding further comparative research from other countries on WASH for poverty reduction in similar low-resource settings would have enhanced the study context | Relevant references added based on the suggestions. |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | The text is mostly suitable for academic reading; there are some minor grammatical errors and awkward wordings in certain passages. A comprehensive proof-read would be good for fluency and readability. | Noted and done as per suggestion. |
| **Optional/General** comments | The research addresses an important gap in an underrepresented population and has implications for practice. Greater articulation of the limitations and a more explicit argument about the generalisability or transferability of findings would strength the paper | Thank you for recommending the areas of improvement. |

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