

Review of: "Life of Indigenous Communities During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

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The strength of the present manuscript, "Life of Indigenous Communities During the COVID-19 Pandemic," lies in aptly grasping the term "under-development," nurturing and nature debate while placing it against the backdrop of indigenous communities, and problematising the term development while foregrounding the lifeworld and cosmology/philosophy of indigenous people. However, at the present stage, this manuscript requires substantial editing, and repetitions need to be avoided. In the theoretical framework, Parsons' points can be avoided unless the authors intend a critique of Parsons, and in fact, Parsons is critical of gender equality and against the point of treating the family/household as the unit of analysis. Instead, a feminist and Marxist framework is more appropriate, especially of Nancy Scheper Hughes and Margaret Lock's "Mindful Bodies." Authors should use a better word in place of "policies" for social distancing and restrictions in the time of COVID-19, as these are methods rather than policies. The abstract of the paper does not align with the contents of the manuscript. Also, it is unclear what the main focus of the paper is, i.e., whether indigenous communities deployed coping mechanisms and adapted themselves well to withstand the onslaught brought by the COVID-19 pandemic or to show that the economic life of indigenous communities is badly affected by COVID-19 policies. If the stress is on the latter, then these aspects should be elaborated by quoting insights from the field, as the authors claim that it is a qualitative study in the methodology section. If the authors intend to explain the former point, then they should better make interconnected points related to immunity, such as the fact that good nutritious food ensures immunity which prevents us from the coronavirus. Thus, despite COVID-19 reducing the economic capacity of the indigenous people, resiliency of the people was seen in the context of the Buru Regency. Keeping these points in mind, this manuscript can be published if the authors do substantial revision and editing.