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Mon, May 16, 2022, at 09:17 AM

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The "Predictors of Life Aspirations' Fulfillment as an effort of Social Workers to Improve the Living Standards of Rural Community" has been preliminarily reviewed.

Reviewers have given their comments on your paper. Please do the following when you resubmit your revised version:

- (i) All corrections as per the reviewers' comments and prepare a table/response letter showing corrections done. Your corrections will not be accepted in the absence of this response letter/table.
- (ii) All authors' names, emails and affiliations checked and corrected

Please ensure the submission of the revision within 1 month of receiving this mail either both as a reply to this mail and in the online system.

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**Social Space Journal****Reviewer 1**

The article under review presents a study that investigates the role of social workers in enhancing the living standards of rural communities. The study collects data from socially low-income families in rural communities in South Kalimantan and Banjarmasin, Indonesia. The article highlights the importance of social organizations in improving the fundamental essentials of life, such as poverty reduction, access to education, and healthcare, among others. The article presents a clear research question, and the study uses a quantitative research approach to collect and analyze data. The study finds that social workers' traits, such as rural familiarity and interest, social connections, and place integration, are vital in providing rural communities with employment prospects by starting various programs to encourage their involvement and contentment with such projects and activities. The higher degree of happiness and participation in these activities leads to realizing life goals, which ultimately results in higher living standards. However, the article could benefit by:

1. Providing an overview of the challenges faced by rural communities, including limited access to education, healthcare, and adequate living conditions, as well as fewer employment options, and how social workers are helping to address these issues. The article must also emphasize the importance of social workers' integration into rural communities, their understanding of the rural way of life, and their ability to comprehend rural communities' crises and issues.
2. This literature review must discuss the role of social workers in rural communities and the potential influence of their attributes on the fulfillment of life aspirations and participation and satisfaction of rural residents in various initiatives.
3. The study utilized a quantitative research approach and a random convenience sample strategy to examine the function of social workers in determining community participation and satisfaction that leads to the achievement of life goals. The study was limited to 20 rural communities/areas in two Indonesian provinces, namely South Kalimantan and Banjarmasin. The researchers utilized data collectors who were indigenous to these rural communities to locate low-income families and solicit their participation in the study. The method section is well explained.

4. The study lacks information about the statistical tools used to assess the hypothesized paths. The authors should also calculate the Heterotrait-Monotrait Ratio to determine discriminant validity and deal with potential multicollinearity issues.
5. In the discussion section, the study must highlight the importance of providing rural communities with employment opportunities and necessities to improve their living standards and well-being. There is also a need to extend the theoretical implications of the study.

## Reviewer 2

The article provides valuable insights into the role of social workers in enhancing the fulfillment of life aspirations in rural communities, leading to higher living standards. The study's findings are supported by statistical analysis and provide empirical evidence for the importance of social organizations in rural development. However,

- I. The authors should highlight the significance of community participation in various programs undertaken by social workers, which can encourage rural residents to work hard to better their living conditions. They should also emphasize the need for rural development planning to integrate rural sectors more equitably and efficiently.
- II. The author hypothesized that social workers' attributes such as rural familiarity, social connections, and place integration positively influence the fulfillment of life aspirations in rural communities. However, they should support their arguments with adequate literature from past studies.
- III. The study must highlight the importance of providing rural communities with employment opportunities and necessities to improve their living standards and well-being. The theoretical implications of the study must include the development of a framework to examine the elements influencing the achievement of life goals among rural communities and the significance of rural community participation and satisfaction in achieving life goals.
- IV. The article lacks information about the study's limitations, and the methodology used may have certain limitations that could affect the study's findings. Additionally, the article could benefit from discussing the implications of the study's findings and potential future research directions.
- V. There should be a conclusion section suggesting that social workers should be trained to become a part of specific communities to comprehend their challenges and problems better, and they should view themselves as members of those communities to empathize with their plight. Additionally, they must report that the government entities should prioritize socially poor places and disadvantaged populations by providing just and equal facilities like those in urban areas.

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**RESPONSE TO REVIEWER-A**

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2.	This literature review must discuss the role of social workers in rural communities and the potential influence of their attributes on the fulfillment of life aspirations and participation and satisfaction of rural residents in various initiatives.	Dear reviewer, we have now discussed the role of social workers in rural communities and the potential influence of their attributes on the fulfillment of life aspirations and participation and satisfaction of rural residents in various initiatives Please see pages 7-14
3	The study utilized a quantitative research approach and a random convenience sample strategy to examine the function of social workers in determining community participation and satisfaction that leads to the achievement of life goals. The study was limited to 20 rural communities/areas in two Indonesian provinces, namely South Kalimantan and Banjarmasin. The researchers utilized data collectors who were indigenous to these rural communities to locate low-income families and solicit their participation in the study. The method section is well explained.	Dear reviewer, Thank you.
4	The study lacks information about the statistical tools used to assess the hypothesized paths. The authors should also calculate the Heterotrait-Monotrait Ratio to determine discriminant validity and deal with potential multicollinearity issues.	Dear reviewer, we have added details about statistical tools used to assess the hypothesized paths. We have also calculated Heterotrait-Monotrait Ratio to determine discriminant validity and deal with potential multicollinearity issues. Please see pages 15-18
5	In the discussion section, the study must highlight the importance of providing rural communities with employment opportunities and necessities to improve their living standards and well-being. There is also a need to extend the theoretical implications of the study.	Dear reviewer, many thanks for your kind suggestion. Done Please see pages 19-20

### RESPONSE TO REVIEWER-B

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5	There should be a conclusion section suggesting	Dear reviewer, done as suggested

	<p>that social workers should be trained to become a part of specific communities to comprehend their challenges and problems better, and they should view themselves as members of those communities to empathize with their plight. Additionally, they must report that the government entities should prioritize socially poor places and disadvantaged populations by providing just and equal facilities like those in urban areas.</p>	<p>Please see page 20-21</p>
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Authors have done a great job while revising their manuscript. However, there are few more suggestions from respected reviewers.

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2. There is a need to add information regarding Participants and Procedures
3. Moreover, the study does not discuss any potential limitations or drawbacks of the suggested strategies, which could be a valuable addition to the conclusion. For instance, the cost and resources required to implement these strategies could be significant, and there could be a lack of political will or support from local authorities.

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2.	There is a need to add information regarding Participants and Procedures	Following your kind guidelines, we have now added information regarding Participants and Procedures  Please see page 13
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Tue, Sep 13, 2022, at 10:28 AM

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Dewi Kurniasih:

Congratulations!

Your paper entitled "Predictors of Life Aspirations' Fulfillment as an effort of Social Workers to Improve the Living Standards of Rural Community" has been accepted for publication in The Social Space Journal (Vol. 22, No. 3, 2022).

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