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The Bangladesh Context”**

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I like this study. Well done.

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<i>No errors that I can identify.</i>	
<b>4. The study methods are explained clearly.</b>	<b>5</b>

<i>Very clearly</i>	
<b>5. The results are clear and do not contain errors.</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>The results are clear</i>	
<b>6. The conclusions or summary are accurate and supported by the content.</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>The conclusions are accurate</i>	
<b>7. The references are comprehensive and appropriate.</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>The references may be appropriate in terms of content, but not in terms of time. They seem very old.</i>	

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Abstrak sudah mengandung tujuan penelitian, metode penelitian, hasil dan pembahasan, serta kesimpulan	
<b>3. There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.</b>	<b>3</b>

<i>(Please insert your comments)</i>	
Saya baru menemukan sedikit grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article, namun saya menyarankan adanya proofreading process.	
<b>4. The study methods are explained clearly.</b>	<b>3</b>
The study methods are explained clearly	
<b>5. The results are clear and do not contain errors.</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>6. The conclusions or summary are accurate and supported by the content.</b>	<b>4</b>
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- it would be better if you could add meaningful participation in keywords
- Many paragraphs are written too long, perhaps they could be sorted into several ideal paragraphs
- In the background section there is no description of the context and empirical problems regarding Community Participation at Local Development Projects in Bangladesh. Apart from that, there is not yet a clear picture of what and how the Union Parishad Governance Project is implemented
- Have you not clarified the theory or concept of participation used? And what are the indicators in it?
- It would be better to use Grammarly or a similar application to check for word or typing errors
- In the abstract you have not explained the use of qualitative methods that appear in the manuscript
- Why not involve the community as one of the respondent categories? writing needs to be adapted to the journal template and the use of images and graphs needs to be adapted to the quality of the data presented

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