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The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Social Service Provision

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

There is a need for more detail on how the semi-structured interviews were conducted. Specify the interview duration, setting (e.g., virtual or face-to-face), and any pilot testing of the interview guide.

The data analysis section should elaborate on the process of thematic analysis. Explain how themes were identified, coded, and validated to ensure reliability and validity.

While the demographics of the participants are mentioned, it would be useful to include a table summarizing this information for quick reference. This should include age, gender, religious affiliation, and years of experience.

In the findings section, themes are presented but lack supporting quotes from participants. Including direct quotes would enhance the credibility of the thematic analysis.

The discussion section should better integrate the findings with the existing literature. For example, link your findings on volunteer management challenges directly with Clerkin and Grønberg (2007) to discuss similarities or differences.

The practical implications of the findings should be expanded. For instance, suggestions for improving interfaith collaboration could include specific strategies or best practices identified from the study.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The literature review in the introduction lacks a critical analysis of previous studies. For instance, while citing Bielefeld and Cleveland (2013), the discussion could benefit from comparing and contrasting their findings with other key studies to highlight gaps your study aims to address.

The introduction should explicitly state the research questions or hypotheses. This will help in understanding the specific objectives of the study.

The methodology section mentions purposive sampling but does not justify why this method was chosen. Providing a rationale for purposive sampling would strengthen the methodological rigor.

The conclusion mentions future research but lacks specificity. Recommend precise areas for future study, such as longitudinal impacts of faith-based social services on community development.

The study refers to theoretical saturation but does not specify the theoretical framework guiding the research. Clarify the theoretical underpinnings that inform your research design and analysis.

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