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Improving State Capacity to Target Extreme Poverty: An Evaluation of a Randomized Intervention in Bangladesh

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Addresses the Knowledge Gap

- ▶ Examines reasons behind mistargeting of a national social pension program for the elderly poor
- ▶ Does an intervention that relaxes capacity constraints improve the targeting of social transfers?
- ▶ Addresses an important research question

Questions for Discussion

- ▶ Probability of Poverty Index (PPI): general poverty measure. What about the potential of masking behavioral changes?
- ▶ After the intervention, do capacity constraints remain because of potential corruption? How should we interpret the estimates of the study?

Thank You!

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