



# **COMMUNITARIAN SOCIAL PROTECTION COMMITTEES: A COMMUNITY BASED TARGETING MECHANISM FOR MOZAMBIQUE?**

## A woman wearing a red top and a dark skirt is cooking over an open fire. She is holding a long wooden stick and stirring a pot. The background shows a crowd of people and trees.

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# COVERAGE

- Rate of poor people covered: 15%
- Expected rate of people to be covered (2019): 35%



# TARGETING MECHANISMS



1. Self targeting

2. Active search

a) Social workers go through villages to search beneficiaries

3. “Semi-community based targeting” – A member of the community that collaborate with government on identification of potential beneficiaries (*Permanente*): a) identifies the beneficiaries and collect socio economic data of the household that are applying for the program



# TARGETING MECHANISMS

- b) Social workers visit each household pre-selected to confirm their social and economic situation given by *Permanente*
- c) Social workers decide if the household is eligible for a program



# TARGETING MECHANISMS

## Weaknesses

- Large errors of inclusion and/or exclusion concerned to
  - a) A single person that identify beneficiaries;
  - b) A person that is not a social worker;
  - c) Large probability to corruption, nepotism and/or clientelism
  - d) Conflict of interest

# CHALLENGE

- How to reduce inclusion/ exclusion errors in context of lack of technical capacity and single person beneficiary identifier?



# ALTERNATIVE TARGETING MECHANISM

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# ALTERNATIVE TARGETING MECHANISM



- Targeting mechanisms are efficient when combined, so:
  1. Introduce the Geographical targeting, during expansion of the programs
- It assure the priortise the poorest areas
  2. Introduce local foruns to pre-sellect the poorest households (Communitarian Social Protection Committees) as a Community Based Targeting Mechanism
- It reduces corruption, nepotism and clientelism

# ALTERNATIVE TARGETING MECHANISM

- Reduces inclusion/ and exclusion errors
  - Train the members of the committees – it improves the technical capacity
3. Use a Proxy Means Test, to verify poverty
- Help to rank applicants in terms of consumption
  - Help to reduces inclusion errors

Table1: Inclusion errors scenarios

Scenario	Inclusion Error
Full community information plus PMT	0.0%
Partial community information plus PMT	27.2%
Elite capture plus PMT	37.7%

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# Thanks!

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