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

- Southeast African country
- 801 590 Km²
- 25.8 million people
- GDP: 14.5 billion
- GDP growth: 7.4%
- 54.7% poverty headcount
- GNI: 510 USD/per x year
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
b) Social workers visit each household pre-selected to confirm their social and economic situacion given by *Permanente*

c) Social workers decide if the household is elegible for a program
Weaknesses

- Large errors of inclusion and/or inclusion 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?
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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 prioritise the poorest areas

  2. Introduce local forums to pre-select the poorest households (Communitarian Social Protection Committees) as a Community Based Targeting Mechanism

• It reduces corruption, nepotism and clientelism
ALTERNATIVE TARGETING MECANISM

• 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

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Thanks!

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