

Impact of Caregiver Incentives on Child Health: Evidence from an Experiment with Anganwadi Workers in India

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About the Lecture:

Prakarsh Singh will discuss how performance pay to caregivers in India can make a difference to the lives of poor children in urban slums—finding that performance pay reduces the prevalence of underweight children by five percentage points over three months and height improves by about one centimeter.

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