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ABSTRACT

Title: **Multidimensional Poverty of Persons with Disabilities in South Africa: Comparative Analysis Using Large-scale Data**

Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):

According to the population census in 2011, about 2.8 million of people are estimated to have any impairments in South Africa (7.5% of the population older than five years), and reported to be more deprived than people without impairments in terms of education, employment, income, and living conditions. In order to work on the poverty of persons with disabilities (PWDs), it is essential to understand their circumstances in details. However, only a few studies have so far conducted an in-depth analysis on the poverty of PWDs in South Africa. Additionally, it has been considered important in the literature to control for the compounding factors such as age, gender, belonging to a specific marginalized group, and location of residence. Gender and race of PWDs are of particular importance as a cause of double and triple discrimination in the context of South Africa.

This study controls for possible compounding factors by matching PWDs and non-PWDs. In this study, a PWD is matched with a non-PWD whose age, sex, racial group, and location of residence are the same as the PWD. The matched pairs are compared not only in terms of income, but also in terms of education, employment, and marriage. This study also focuses on the poverty of households including members with disabilities in terms of household wealth and access to basic services. The data used by this study is the 10% sample of the population census in 2011 which consists of more than four million of individuals and thus enhance the reliability of analysis by ensuring the sufficient number of PWDs and increasing the likelihood to find non-PWDs to be matched with.

The analysis is in progress as of the abstract submission. Therefore, I would like to present a preliminary result at the conference.

Deadline for abstract submission: November 30, 2015

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