

EVALUATION OF THE ZANZIBAR UNIVERSAL PENSION SCHEME (ZUPS) TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THE SOCIAL PENSION ON RECIPIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES



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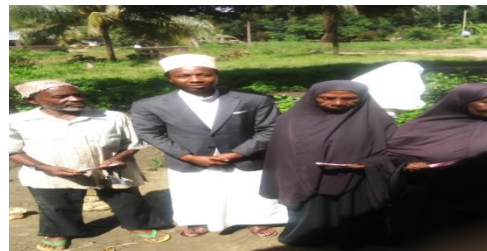
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Background

- In 2016-18, ESRF was commissioned by HelpAge Tanzania to undertake a baseline and an impact assessment of The Zanzibar Universal Pension Scheme (ZUPS)
- ZUP is provided to older people with 70 years, and above.
- Zanzibar Universal Pension Scheme (ZUPS) is the first universal cash transfer scheme of its kind in East Africa fully funded by the Government
- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar allocated US\$2.909 million in 2017/2018 for the implementation of the scheme
- Zanzibar residents who qualify for the pension scheme receive a monthly non-contributory pension worth TSh 20,000 (US\$8.95)
- General objective: To carry out an impact assessment of the policy intervention by evaluating the well-being of the ZUPS recipients (70 and 72 years) as a control group and those who are not ZUPS recipients (68 to 69 years) as counterfactual

(Research) Methods/ Programme Implementation

- The sample: Control group (old people aged 68 – 69) and treatment group (old people aged 70 – 72 years).
- The study covered 954 respondents
- Approach: We used the Regression Discontinuity (RD) Design to assess the impact of ZUPS on various outcomes
- Regression Discontinuity is a quasi-experimental design that estimating the causal inference of an intervention by examining comparable observations in which the treatment is or is not administered.



Results

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Conclusions/ Lessons Learned

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