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# **SOCIAL PROTECTION CARDS AND HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATION IN THE INDONESIAN RICE SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

### ABSTRACT

We evaluate household participation in the Indonesian Raskin program, a national rice price subsidy program for the poor. Using the Indonesian Family Life Survey (IFLS), we first evaluate program participation over the duration of the year prior to the 2007 survey using four different measures of participation. We find that although the poor as a whole were likely to have higher levels of participation compared to the non-poor, program participation was regressive among the poor. The poorest households were less likely to purchase Raskin rice over the course of a year, and conditional on participation, they were likely to purchase lower quantities of rice, purchase rice with lower frequency, and have lower participation relative to the number of community distributions. We then evaluate the impact of Social Protection Cards (KPS) that were targeted to the bottom 25 percent based on proxy-means tests following the establishment of the Unified Database (UDB) in 2011. Using a difference-in-difference framework, we find that the cards increased Raskin participation among the recipients: on an annual basis, the likelihood of program participation increased by 5.9 percentage points, the quantity of rice purchases increased by 15 kg, and the number of purchases increased by 0.76.

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