



WEB RELEASE

Adopting an appropriate tool for efficient understanding of patient subsidy in Afghanistan Project

The *Adopting an appropriate tool for efficient targeting of patient subsidy in Afghanistan* project, implemented by Abt Associates India Private Limited (a subsidiary of Abt Global), and funded by USAID, was designed to identify a wealth assessment tool that would enable improved use of donor-funded health care subsidies. It assessed the utility, applicability, and effectiveness of a number of wealth equity assessment tools, then field tested the selected tool, the EquityTool, in collaboration with four local partner facilities. The [EquityTool](#) was found to be effective and easy to use, as well as easily applied to both urban and rural populations. EquityTool Assessment improved subsidy provision to increase subsidies directed to the patients in the lowest wealth quintiles, and enabled facilities to streamline their operations.

The learnings from the pilot study have been incorporated into LHSS standard practice and LHSS plans to mainstream EquityTool assessment across all projects. As part of this study, LHSS collaborated with partner Green Star to automate EquityTool analysis into their data collection, making it easier for partner data collectors to quickly assess wealth status during their standard patient information collection activities. LHSS has also developed a user guide for partners on incorporating the EquityTool into their practices.

Metrics for Management is pleased to highlight and support the valuable contribution of this research to development knowledge in low- and middle-income countries through the Gwatkin Equity Measurement Prize.

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