

# Equity & medical impoverishment into cost-effectiveness: Extended Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (ECEA)

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# Overview

- **Background**  
A new perspective on economic evaluation
- **ECEA example**  
Public finance of rotavirus vaccination

# Background

- Traditional economic evaluation focus  
Cost-effectiveness of technical interventions  
(e.g. antiretroviral therapy for HIV/AIDS)

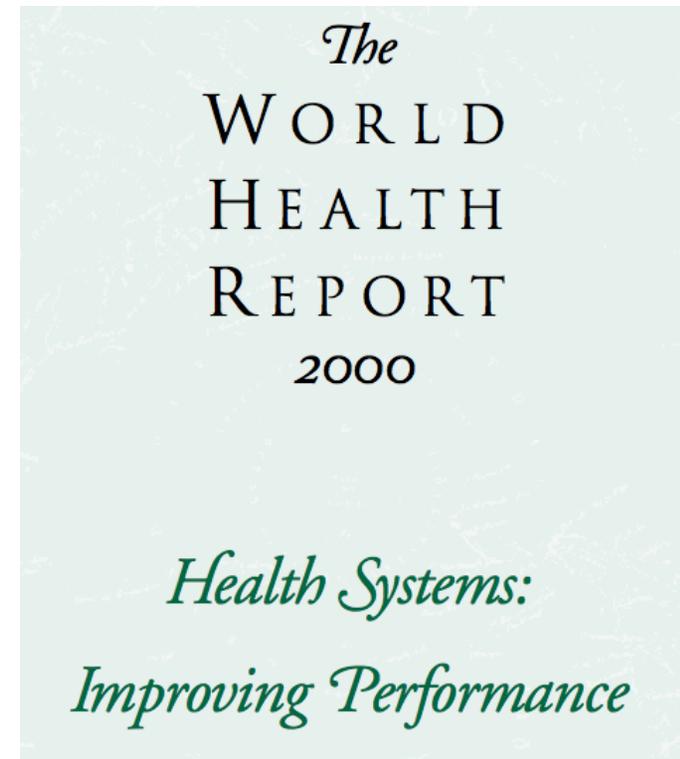


- Decision-making & priority setting focus  
Resources allocated across different options
  - 1) Health service delivery platforms
  - 2) Health policy levers  
(e.g. public finance, taxation, CCTs)

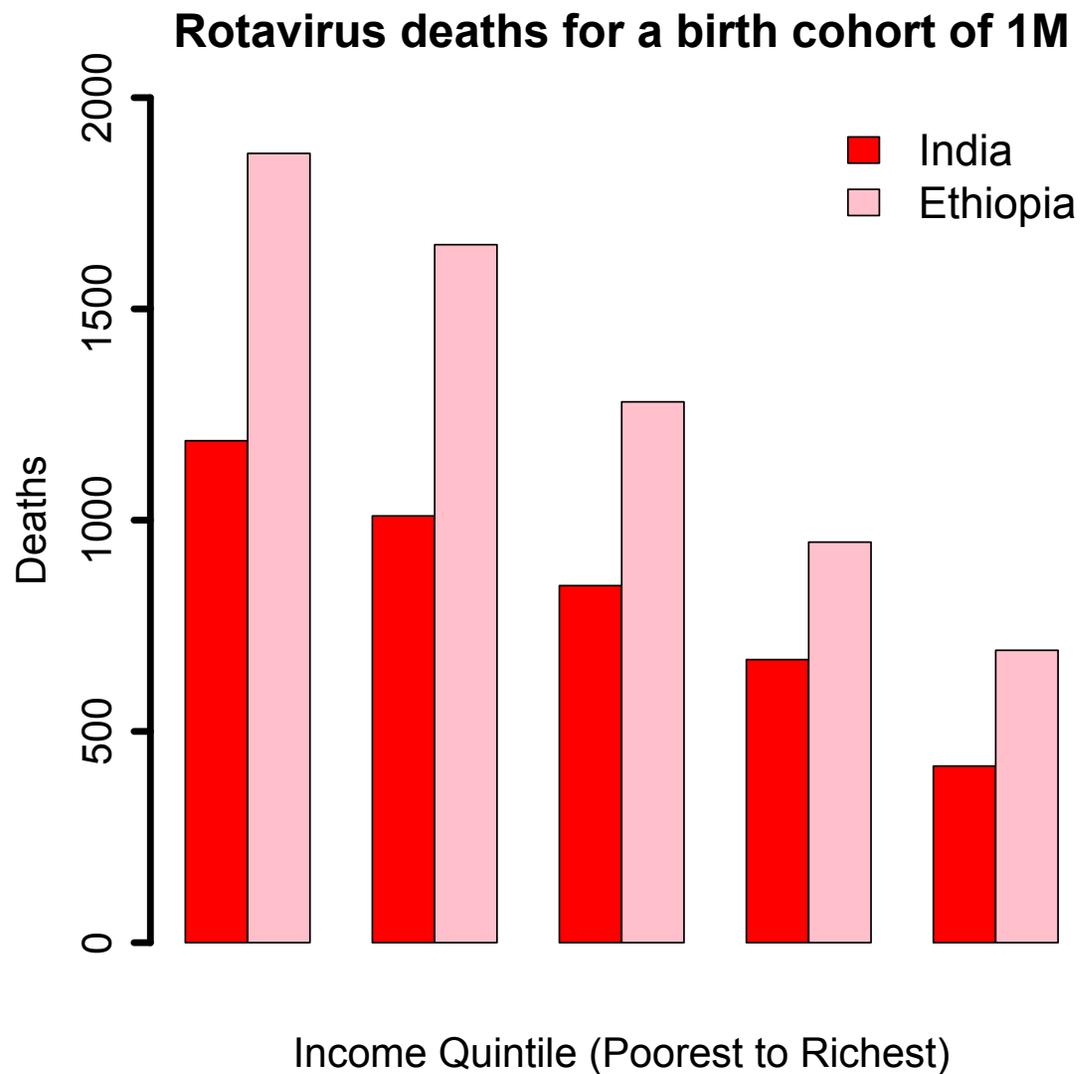
Take consideration of several criteria:  
→ burden, costs, equity, medical impoverishment

# Health system objectives

- Improving health and **the distribution of health in the population**
- **Prevention of medical impoverishment**
- Fairness in the financial contribution toward health

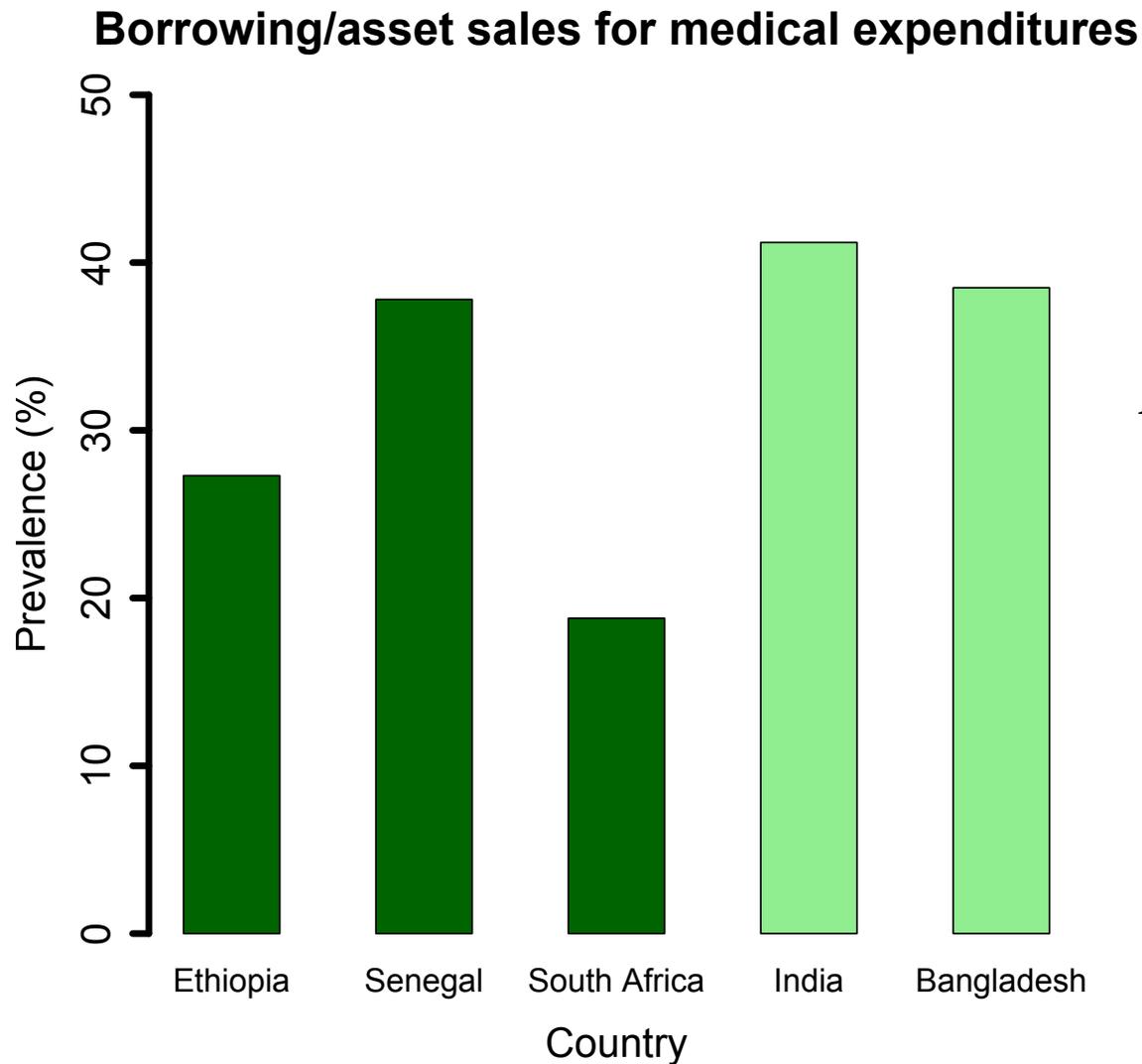


# Distribution of health & equity



Per capita numbers  
adapted from:  
Tate et al. (2012)  
Rheingans et al. (2012)

# Medical impoverishment: e.g. borrowing



Adapted from:  
Kruk et al. (2009)

# Consequences of publicly financed interventions

- Health gains

Burden of disease averted (e.g. deaths averted)

- Financial consequences for households

Public finance “crowds out” treatment which is privately financed (= cost savings for households)

- Financial protection benefits for households

Public finance provides “insurance” from catastrophic expenditures

# Economic evaluation of policy levers

## Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA)



## Extended Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (ECEA)

- (1) Distributional consequences across wealth strata of populations
- (2) Financial risk protection benefits for households

# ECEA Methods

- Applied to the *Disease Control Priorities* assessments



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- ECEA Methods Paper – DCP3 Working Paper No.1  
“Universal Public Finance of Tuberculosis Treatment in India: An Extended Cost-Effectiveness Analysis” by Verguet S, Laxminarayan R & Jamison DT

# Case study

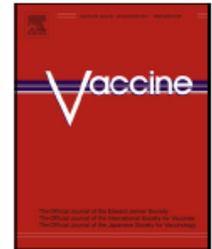
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## Public finance of rotavirus vaccination in India and Ethiopia: An extended cost-effectiveness analysis



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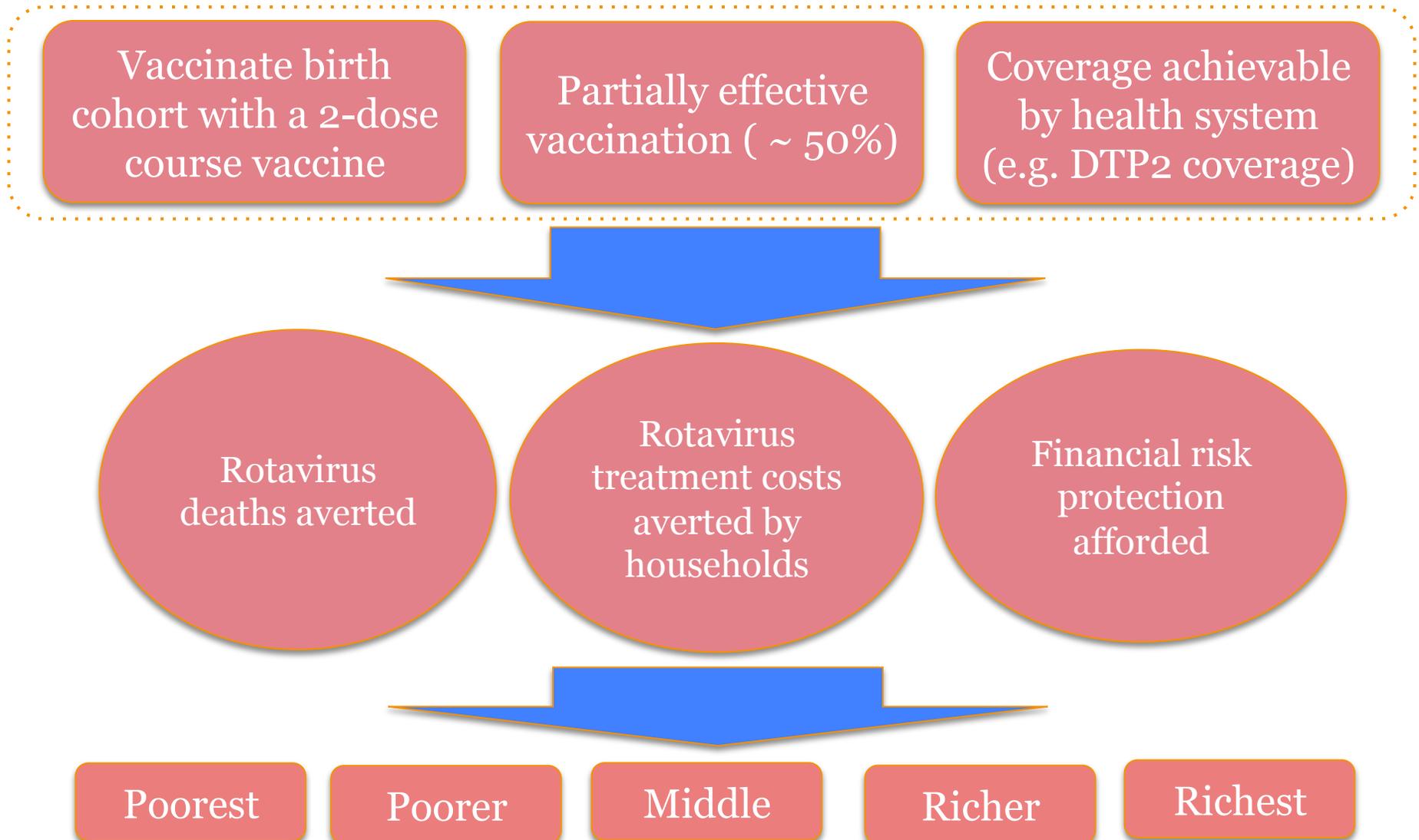
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## Rotavirus burden of disease

- 5 countries account for > 50% of all rotavirus deaths (300,000 deaths): (Tate et al. 2012; Liu et al. 2012)
  - D.R. of the Congo
  - Ethiopia (5% of global rotavirus deaths)
  - India (30% of global rotavirus deaths)
  - Nigeria
  - Pakistan

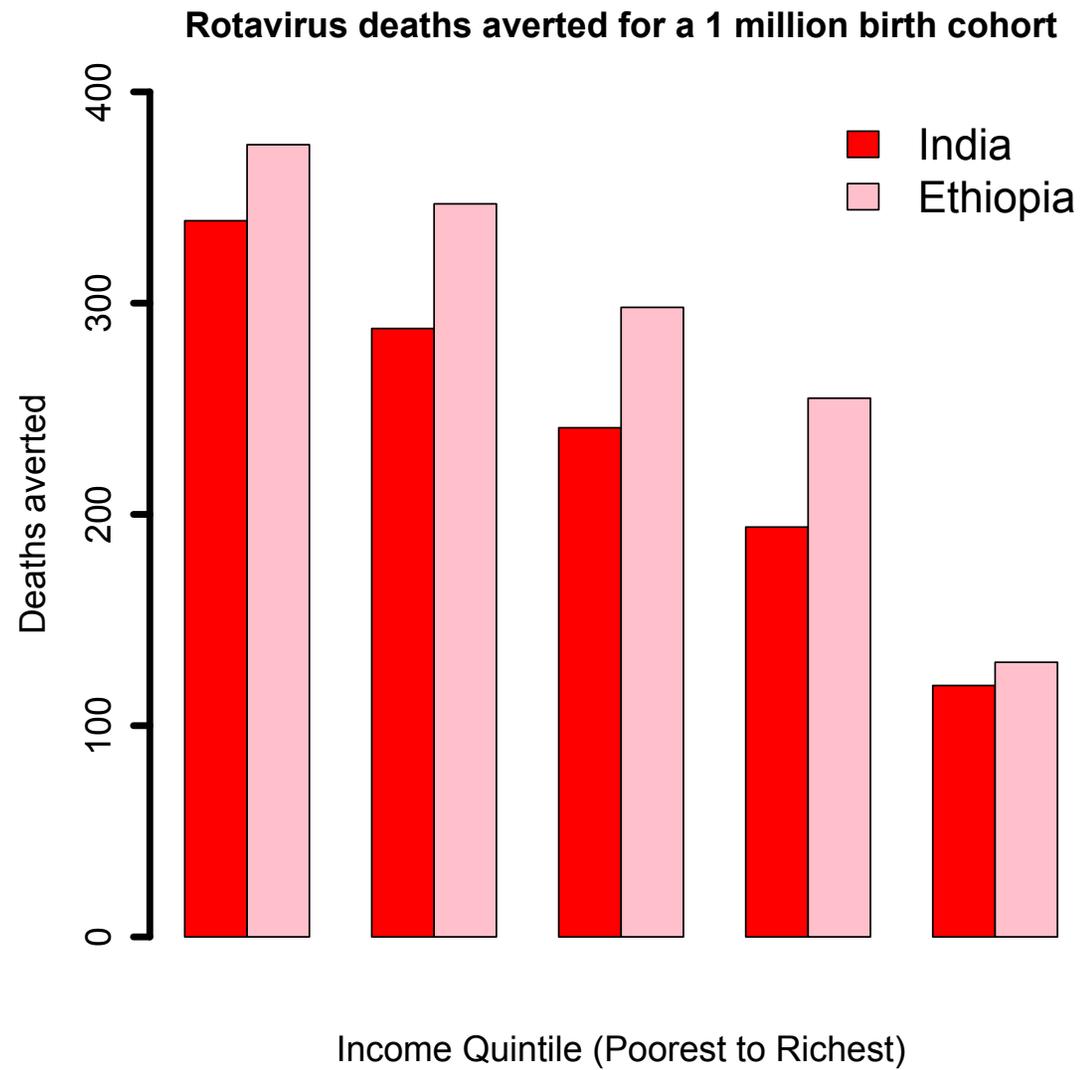
# Public finance program for rotavirus vaccination

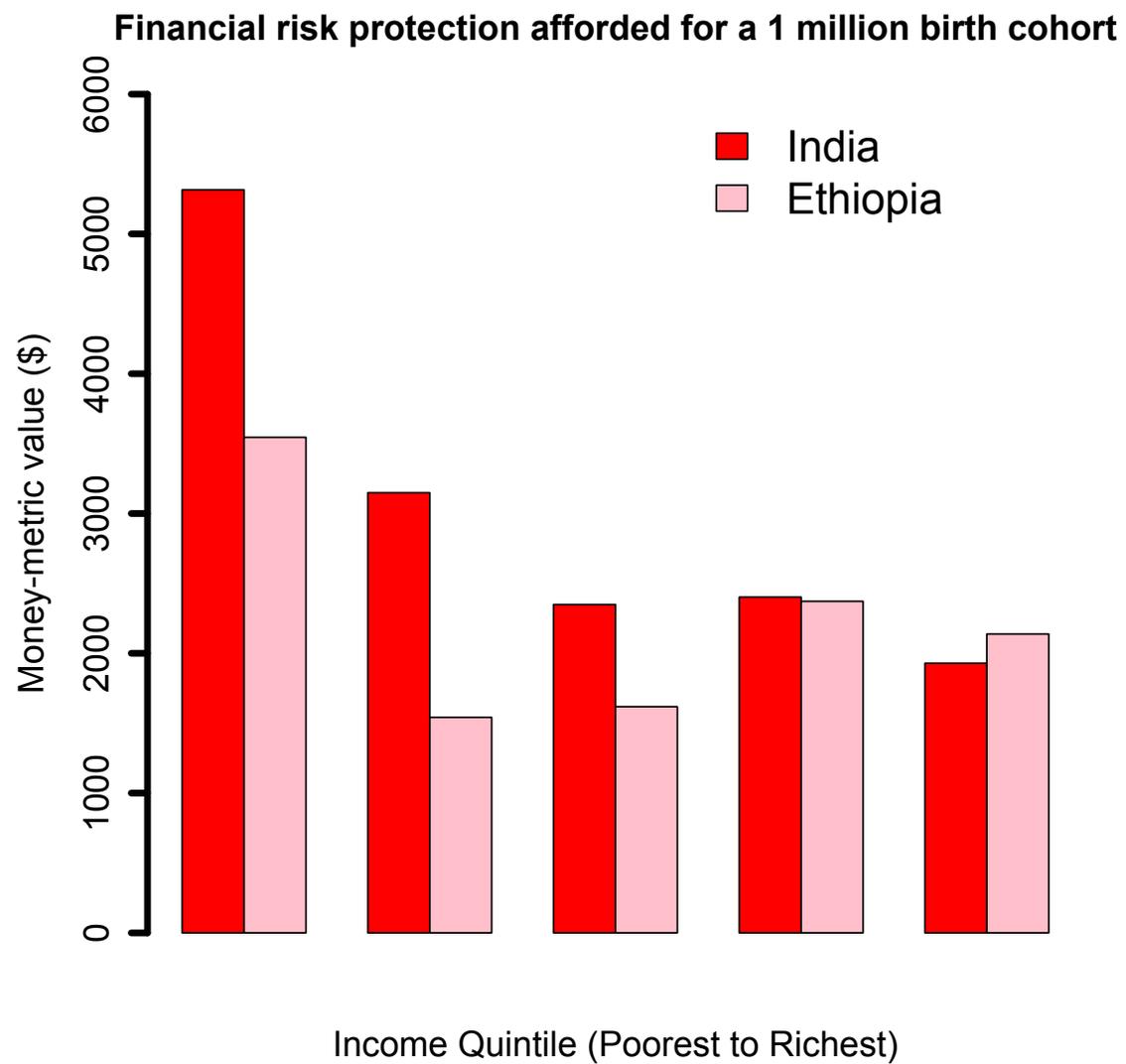


# Financial risk protection benefits

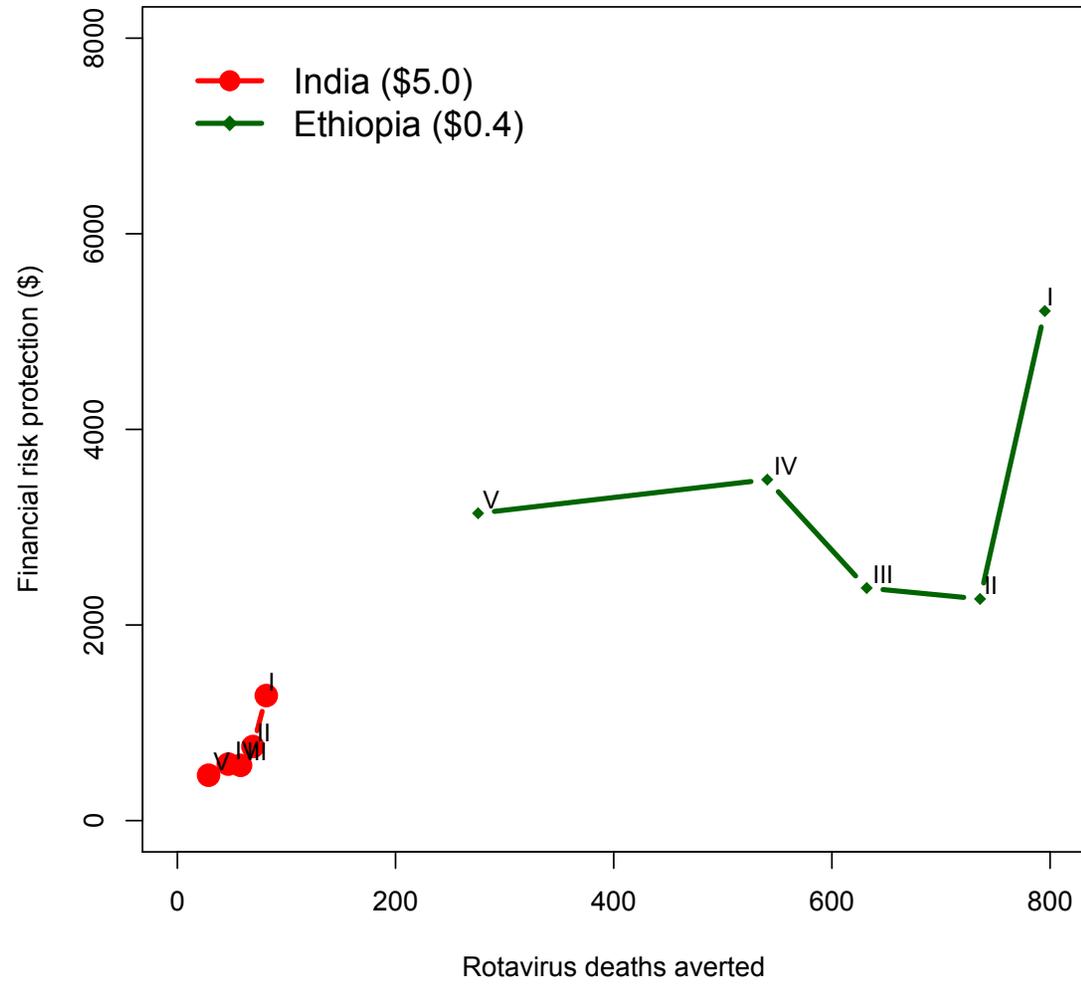
- **Different measures of medical impoverishment:**

- Threshold-based approach (Xu et al. 2003; Wagstaff, 2010)
- Forced asset sales & forced borrowing (Kruk et al. 2009)
- Number of cases of poverty averted: estimate number of individuals crossing poverty line because of medical expenses
- **Money-metric value of insurance provided**  
(McClellan and Skinner 2006; Finkelstein and McKnight 2008; Verguet, Laxminarayan and Jamison, 2012)





Health gains & financial protection afforded, per \$1M spent

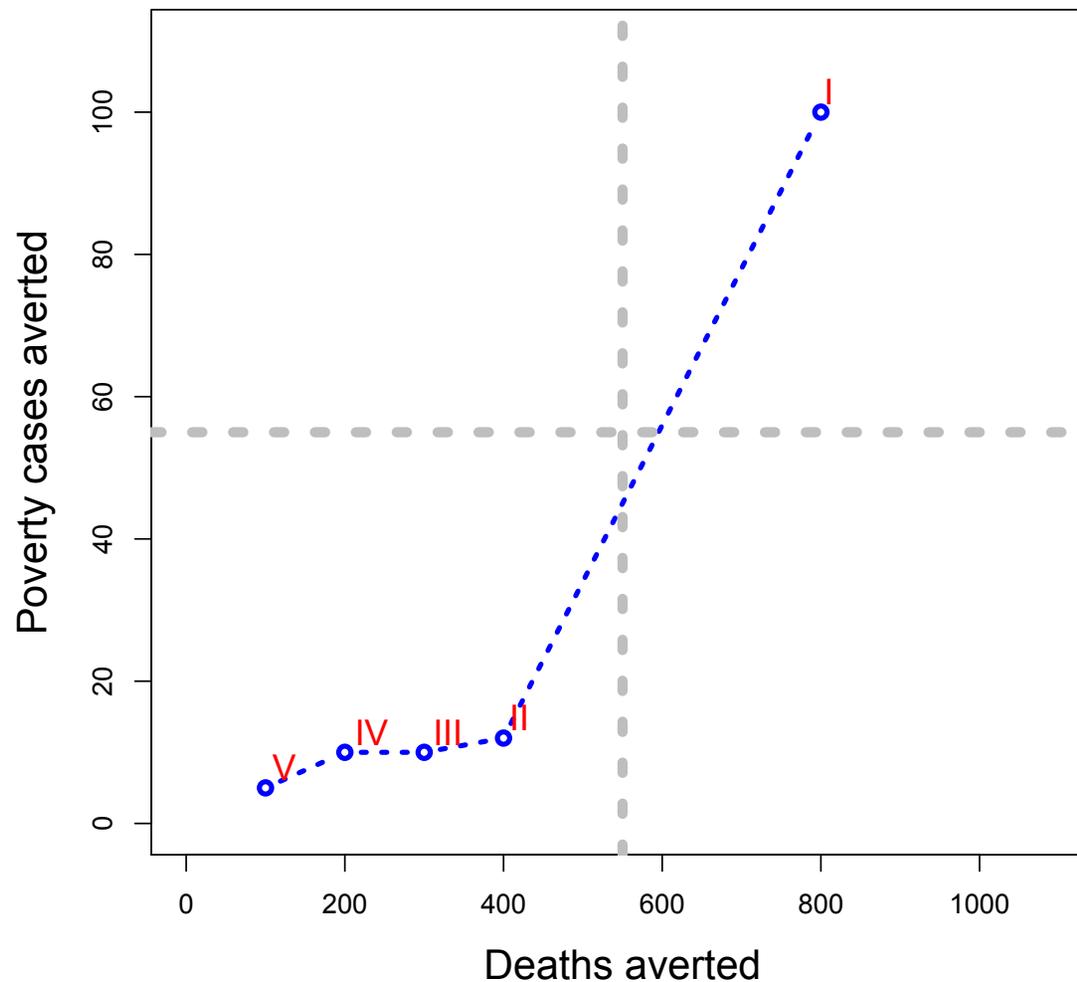


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III: Middle  
IV: Richer  
V: Richest

## Conclusions

# How does each HIV intervention map itself?

Poverty cases averted & deaths averted, per \$100,000 spent



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