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Propositions accompanying the dissertation

Evaluation of Meal and Deworming Programs for Primary Schools in Rural Senegal

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1. Program evaluation is an important tool to inform policy makers about the effectiveness of programs and the efficient allocation of resources.
2. In developing countries, there is limited and conflicting evidences on the effectiveness of meal and deworming programs on educational outcomes.
3. The combination of meal and deworming programs is more beneficial in terms of increasing pupils' performance.
4. Meal and Deworming programs are complementary in the goal of increasing scores and promotion rates. However, they are substitutes with the aim at reducing dropout rates.
5. Deworming is by far cheaper than school meals. However, the implementation of meals program before deworming is more cost-effective than the reverse.
6. The thesis provides empirical evidence of the impact of meal and deworming programs on school performances using both experimental and non experimental data.
7. 'Since experiments can answer only a subset of the questions of interest to the evaluator, it remains important to build up the stock of basic social science knowledge required to successfully utilize non-experimental methods, both in themselves and as tools for more extensive analysis of experimental data', Heckman and Smith (1995, p.95).
8. The monetary approach of poverty is not always sufficient to account for many aspects that could prevent decent and quiet life.
9. Poverty is a multidimensional phenomenon that is unequally distributed between countries. Within countries, it is also unequally distributed among socio-economic groups and geographical areas.
10. Sören Kierkegaard (1813-1855) : "Ce n'est pas le chemin qui est difficile, mais le difficile qui est le chemin"; "It is not the path which is difficult, but difficult is the path". The dissertation comes to an end, but there will always be many other challenges.