

# Aspiration Adaptation in Resource-constrained Environments

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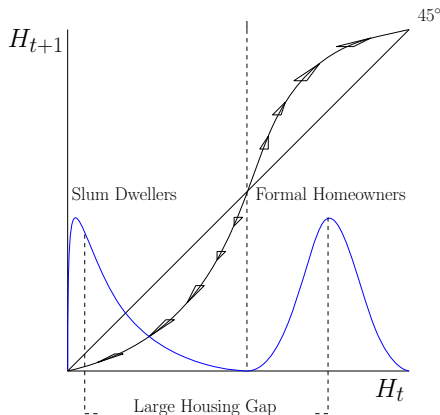
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# Urban Poverty and Housing Aspirations Trap

Aspiration: “A strong hope or wish for achievement or success” ([Oxford Dictionary](#))



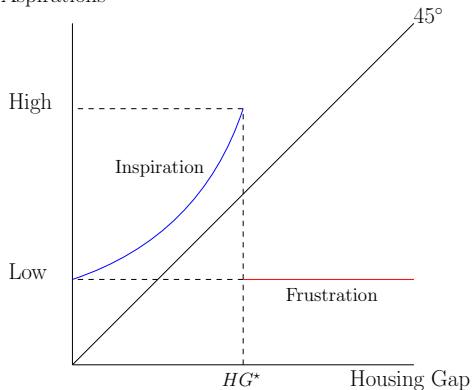
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Ray 2006; Genicot and Ray 2017

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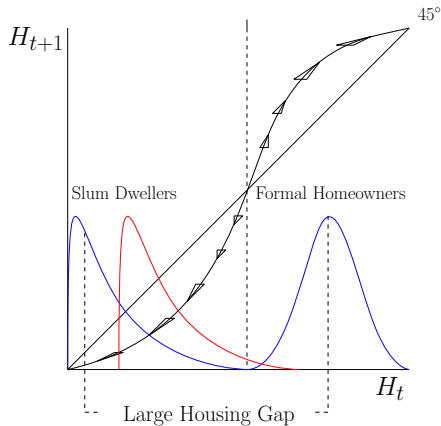
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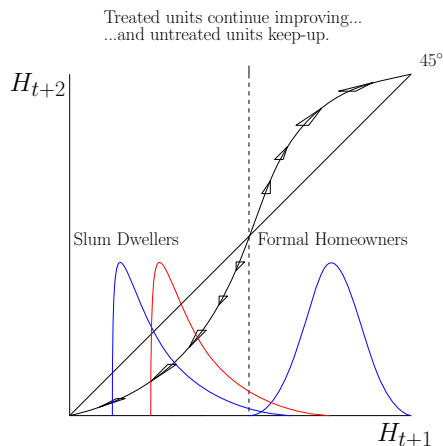
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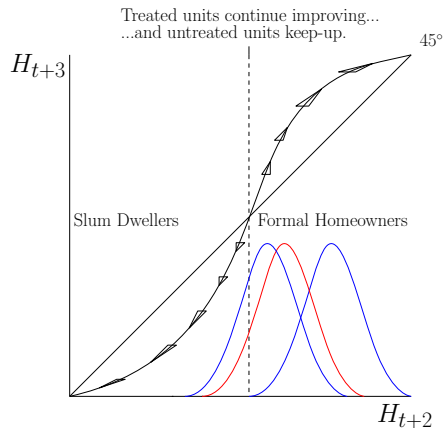
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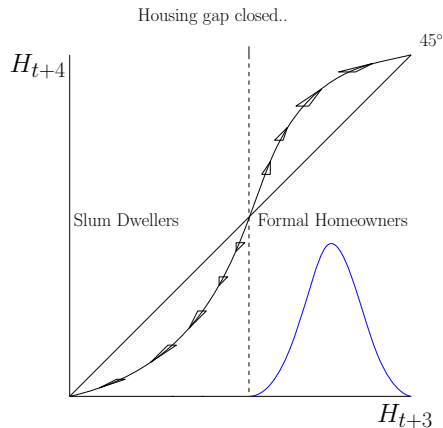
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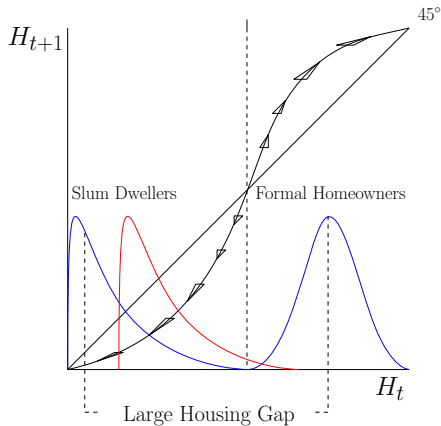


# Housing Norms and Housing Externalities

- **Caveat:** Aspirations are not fixed but adapt to the situation. → Higher aspirations can **adapt backward** if people realize that are not capable to reach reference group's standard ([Karandhikar, Mookherjee, Ray, Vega-Redondo 1998](#); [Selten 2001](#)).

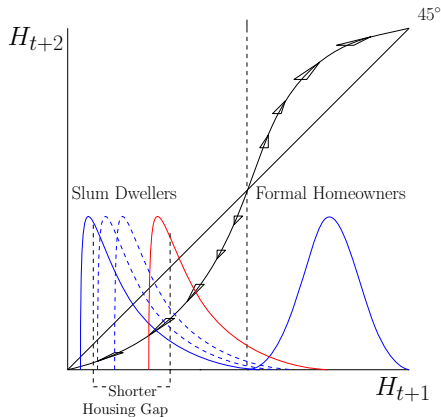
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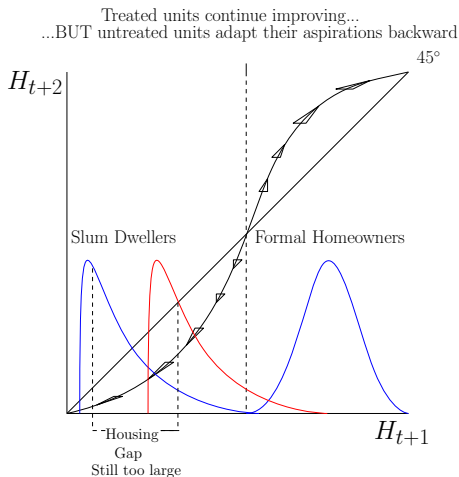
# Housing Norms and Housing Externalities-2

Treated units continue improving...  
...and untreated units aspire to keep-up.





# Housing Norms and Housing Externalities-2 (Non-Monotonic Response)



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# TECHO Housing Program

Figure 1: TECHO House



- ✓ 18 m<sup>2</sup> (6\*3) in size - Doesn't include water, electr., or sanitation.
- ✓ Unit Cost ~US \$1,000 → Beneficiary pays US \$100 ~1.4 Monthly Income Per Capita.
- ✓ Placed-based: The new unit can be located next to the existing house or replace the existing house.
- ✓ It can be easily disassembled and moved to a new location in case of eviction.

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- Combine exogenous variation in the **supply** of TECHO houses with exogenous variation in the **length of exposure** to the treatment.
- Randomization of TECHO houses allows to identify T-C aspiration gaps (not causal spillover effects).
- Exogenous variation in the length of exposure to the treatment allows to test for aspiration adaptation: we compare the T-C aspiration gaps of those residing in slums exposed to large versus short length of exposure.

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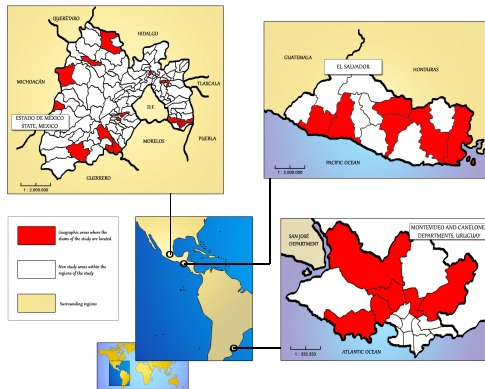


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# Sites selection as part of an expansion plan

Figure 2: Map of Evaluation Sites





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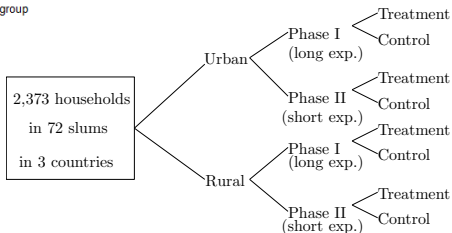
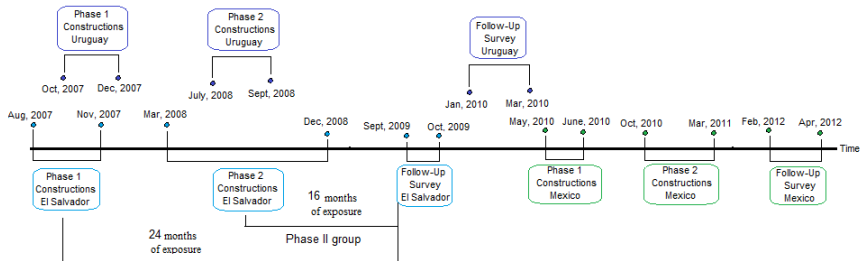
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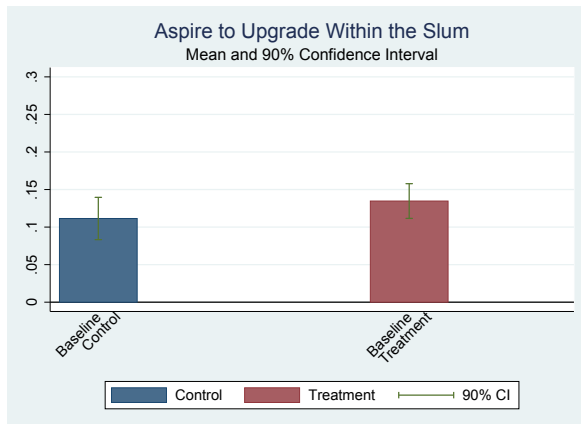
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Aspiration (Dep. Var)	Urban			Rural		
	F-Up Treat. Mean	Control	Control × Phase I	F-Up Treat. Mean	Control	Control × Phase I
		$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$		$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$
(1) Stay and Keep same conditions	0.34	0.01 (0.04)	-0.07 (0.06)	0.59	0.04 (0.04)	-0.01 (0.07)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.18			0.58	
(2) Stay and Upgrade within slum	0.16	0.09** (0.03)	-0.11** (0.05)	0.28	-0.03 (0.04)	0.01 (0.06)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.59			0.64	
(3) Move to other slum	0.02	0.01 (0.01)	0.02 (0.02)	0.01	-0.01 (0.01)	0.02 (0.02)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.14			0.42	
(4) Move and Upgrade out of a slum	0.48	-0.11*** (0.04)	0.17*** (0.06)	0.12	0.00 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.04)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.23			0.56	

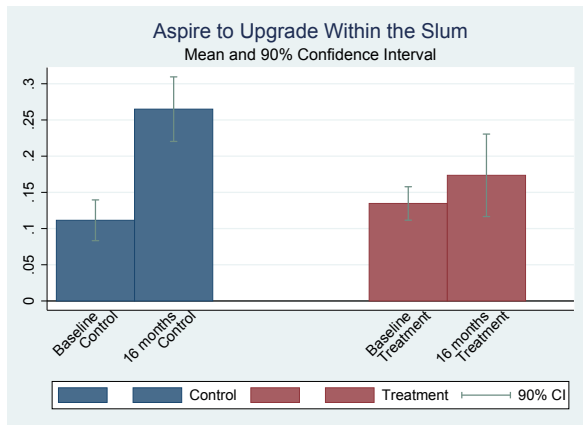
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Figure 3: Baseline (Urban only)



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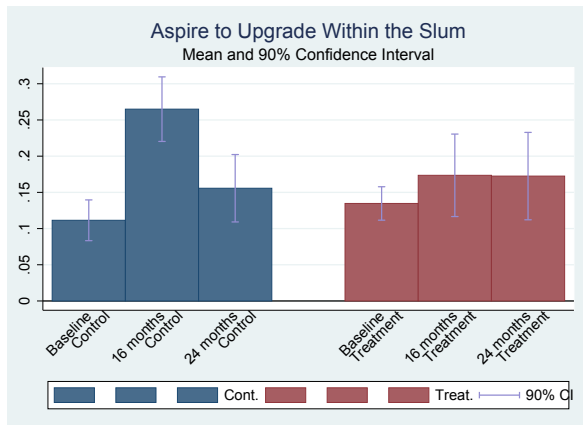
Figure 4: After 16 months of Treat. Exposure (Urban only)





# If Aspire to Stay and Upgrade Within the Slum

Figure 5: After 24 months of Treat. Exposure (Urban only)

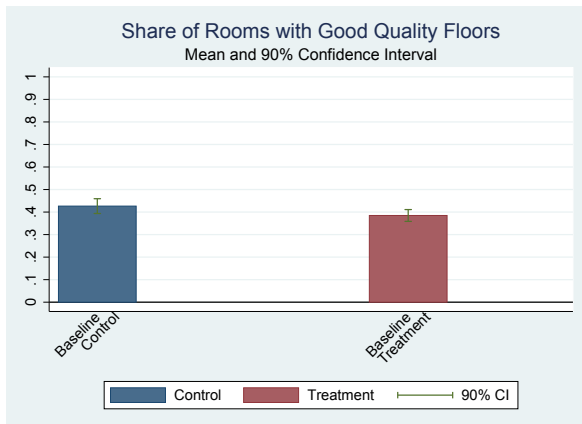


# External Validity (Only Urban)

	Sample Size	(2) Aspire to Stay and Upgrade Within the Slum			(4) Aspire to Move and Upgrade Outside of a Slum		
		F-Up Treat. Mean	Control	Control $\times$ Phase I	F-Up Treat. Mean	Control	Control $\times$ Phase I
			$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$		$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$
El Salvador	140	0.28 (0.45)	0.04 (0.15)	-0.17 (0.17)	0.05 (0.22)	-0.04 (0.07)	0.16 (0.16)
Uruguay	708	0.12 (0.33)	0.10** (0.04)	-0.09 (0.06)	0.64 (0.48)	-0.11** (0.05)	0.16** (0.08)
Mexico	248	0.31 (0.47)	0.11 (0.08)	-0.24* (0.13)	0.18 (0.39)	-0.13** (0.06)	0.21** (0.10)
All Countries	1,096	0.19 (0.39)	0.09** (0.03)	-0.11** (0.05)	0.46 (0.50)	-0.11*** (0.04)	0.17*** (0.06)
<i>p</i> -value for F-test of Pooling Countries		0.65			0.84		

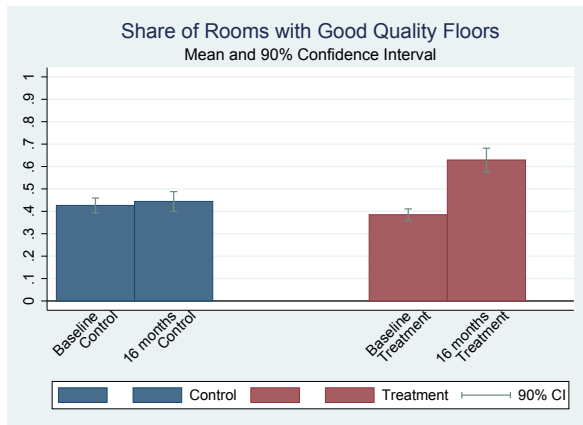
# Share of Rooms with Good Quality Floors

Figure 6: Baseline (Urban only)



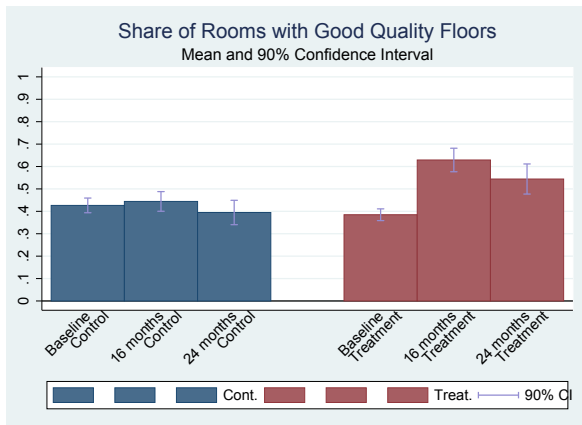
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Figure 7: After 16 months of Treat. Exposure (Urban only)



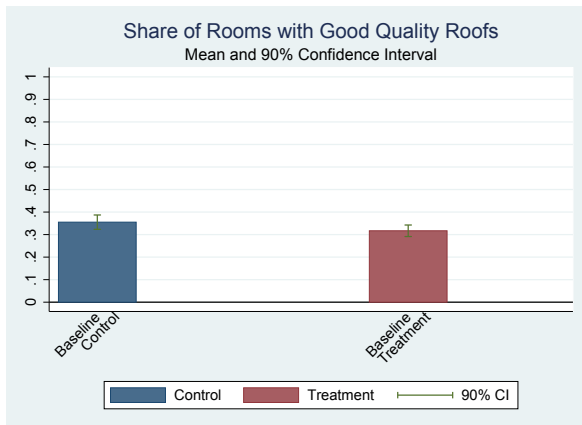
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Figure 8: After 24 months of Treat. Exposure (Urban only)



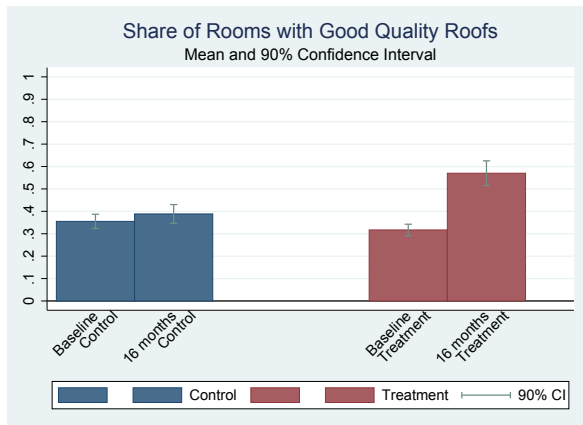
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Figure 9: Baseline (Urban only)



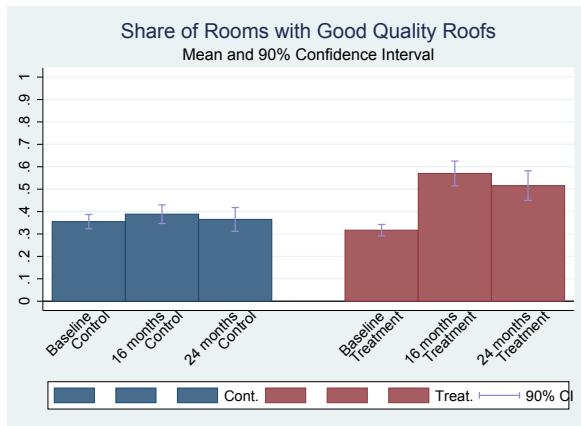
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Figure 10: After 16 months of Treat. Exposure (Urban only)



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Figure 11: After 24 months of Treat. Exposure (Urban only)





# Aspirations Adaptation: NLS Estimation

- Kimball and Willis (2006): NLS Adaptation Model

$$Y_{ic} = \alpha + \text{Control}_{ic} \times [\beta_P + \beta_T e^{-\delta(t_{ic}-t_0)}] + \mu_c + \beta X_{ic} + \varepsilon_{ic}$$

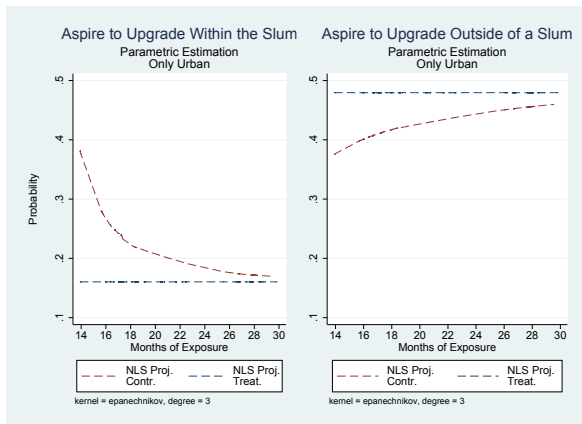
$t_{ic}$ : months of exposure to the program

$t_0$ : minimum treatment exposure.

- Three structural parameters:
  - ✓  $\beta_P$  = Permanent Effect
  - ✓  $\beta_T$  = Transitory Effect
  - ✓  $\delta$  = Aspirations Adaptation Rate

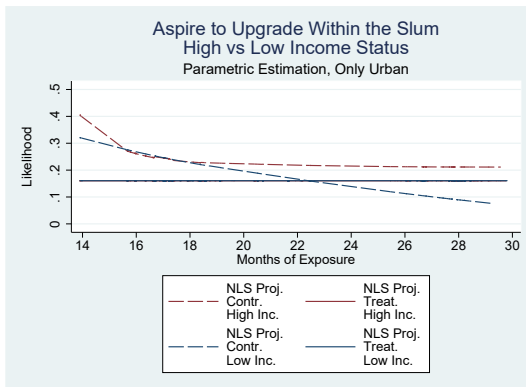
# NLS Estimates (Urban Only)

Figure 12: Aspirations Adaptation (Non-Linear Proj.)



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Figure 13: Aspiration Adaptation by Income Status



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Aspiration (Dep. Var)	NLS Estimates			Aspiration Gains Area			OLS Estimate
	Permanent Effect	Transitory Effect	Aspirations Adaptation Rate	Permanent Gains (PG)	Transitory Gains (TG)	Total Gains	Pooled Coefficient
	$\beta_P$	$\beta_T$	$\delta$	$\frac{\beta_P}{\eta+r}$	$\frac{\beta_T}{\eta+r+\delta}$	PG+TG	
Stay and Upgrade	0.01 (0.03)	0.30 (0.27)	0.38 (0.31)	0.15 (0.48)	0.66** (0.33)	0.82* (0.44)	0.06** (0.02)
Move and Upgrade	-0.01 (0.10)	-0.10 (0.11)	0.16 (0.54)	-0.21 (1.46)	-0.44 (1.01)	-0.65 (0.55)	-0.05* (0.03)

Aspiration Gains Area (for an individual with annual mortality risk  $\eta$  and interest rate  $r$ ):

$$\beta_{cumm.} = \int_{t_0}^t (\beta_P e^{-(\eta+r)(s-t_0)} + \beta_T e^{-(\eta+r+\delta)(s-t_0)}) \partial s = \frac{\beta_P}{\eta+r} + \frac{\beta_T}{\eta+r+\delta}$$

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# Bottom Line

- Housing externalities are the product of a two-way link between housing development and housing aspirations.
- Residual housing policies can boost the untreated housing aspirations (and hopefully also housing investment).
- This is even in resource-constrained environments like slums.
- However, housing aspirations are not fixed, but dynamically adjust to the situation ([Selten](#)).
- Within-neighborhood inequality can raise the aspirations of the poorest, but large housing gaps make them unsustainable ([Ray](#)).
- Hence solely rising housing aspirations is not a sufficient condition to encourage housing investment among the poor.
- Key question is how to generate **sustainable housing aspirations**.
- Underlying question is about the heterogeneity of housing externalities: how within-neighborhood inequality shapes housing aspirations and housing development?

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## 6 Supplemental

# Sample Size, Attrition and Compliance

**Table 1:** Sample Size, Attrition and Compliance

	Phase I			Phase II			Combined Phases I and II			Phase I vs Phase II		
	Treat.	Control	Diff.	Treat.	Control	Diff.	Treat.	Control	Diff.	Phase I	Phase II	Diff.
<b>Number of Households</b>												
Baseline	653	342		703	675		1,356	1,017		995	1378	
Follow-Up	611	316		658	625		1,269	941		927	1283	
Attrition Rate	0.07 (0.01)	0.08 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.06 (0.01)	0.07 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	0.06 (0.01)	0.07 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	0.07 (0.01)	0.07 (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)
<b>Compliance with Random Assignment</b>												
Compliance Rate	0.88	0.99		0.86	1.00		0.87	1.00		0.92	0.93	

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# Baseline Balance

**Table 2: Baseline Balance Within and Between Phases**

	Phase I			Phase II			Phase I vs Phase II			Phase I vs Phase II Only Treat.		
	Treat.	Control	Diff.	Treat.	Control	Diff.	Phase I	Phase II	Diff.	Phase I	Phase II	Diff.
Years living in the slum	9.82 (0.66)	11.19 (0.89)	-0.26 (0.91)	12.80 (0.54)	13.32 (0.56)	-0.84 (0.74)	10.34 [2.47]	13.06 [1.33]	-2.72 [2.78]	9.82 [2.18]	12.80 [1.54]	-2.97 [2.65]
Aspire to Upgrade Within-Slum	0.17 (0.02)	0.14 (0.02)	-0.03 (0.03)	0.12 (0.02)	0.12 (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.16 [0.03]	0.12 [0.02]	0.04 [0.03]	0.17 [0.03]	0.12 [0.02]	0.05 [0.04]
Satisfaction with Floor Quality	0.19 (0.02)	0.21 (0.02)	0.01 (0.03)	0.25 (0.02)	0.27 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.20 [0.02]	0.26 [0.04]	-0.06 [0.04]	0.19 [0.03]	0.25 [0.04]	-0.06 [0.05]
Satisfaction with Wall Quality	0.15 (0.01)	0.18 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.03)	0.16 (0.01)	0.16 (0.01)	0.02 -0.02	0.16 [0.02]	0.16 [0.02]	-0.01 [0.03]	0.15 [0.03]	0.16 [0.02]	-0.02 [0.04]
Satisfaction with Roof Quality	0.17 (0.01)	0.20 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.03)	0.16 (0.01)	0.17 (0.01)	0.02 -0.02	0.18 [0.02]	0.16 [0.02]	0.01 [0.03]	0.17 [0.02]	0.16 [0.02]	0.01 [0.03]
Satisfaction with Rain Protection	0.15 (0.01)	0.18 (0.02)	-0.01 (0.03)	0.15 (0.01)	0.14 (0.01)	0.03 -0.02	0.17 [0.02]	0.14 [0.02]	0.02 [0.03]	0.16 [0.03]	0.15 [0.02]	0.01 [0.03]
Satisfaction with Quality of Life	0.28 (0.02)	0.25 (0.02)	0.02 (0.03)	0.28 (0.02)	0.27 (0.02)	0.01 -0.02	0.27 [0.02]	0.27 [0.03]	0.00 [0.03]	0.28 [0.03]	0.28 [0.03]	0.01 [0.04]
Monthly Income Per Capita (USD)	59.85 (4.29)	49.45 (2.63)	-8.61 (5.99)	58.74 (2.94)	52.86 (2.54)	-5.08 -4.32	53.08 [4.01]	55.77 [4.27]	-2.69 [5.82]	49.45 [4.54]	52.86 [4.34]	-3.40 [6.24]
Head's Years of Schooling	4.09 (0.14)	4.34 (0.20)	-0.01 (0.21)	4.37 (0.12)	3.87 (0.12)	0.26 -0.17	4.18 [0.52]	4.13 [0.29]	0.05 [0.59]	4.09 [0.45]	4.37 [0.32]	-0.29 [0.55]

For Phase I and Phase II columns, differences in means are estimated by regressions that include settlement fixed effects, and robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. For the Phase I vs Phase II columns, standard errors clustered at the settlement level are reported in brackets. In the case of monetary variables, observations over the 99th percentile were excluded. \*Significant at 10%. \*\*Significant at 5%. \*\*\*Significant at 1%.

# Baseline Balance - Slum Level

Table 3: Baseline Balance Between Phases at Slum Level

	Urban			Rural			All		
	Phase I	Phase II	Mean Diff.	Phase I	Phase II	Mean Diff.	Phase I	Phase II	Mean Diff.
Aspire to Upgrade Within-Slum	0.16 (0.11)	0.13 (0.06)	0.03 (0.04)	0.17 (0.09)	0.12 (0.12)	0.05 (0.05)	0.17 (0.10)	0.13 (0.10)	0.04 (0.03)
Years living in the slum	11.75 (12.42)	12.49 (6.88)	-0.75 (4.02)	13.63 (12.08)	15.83 (6.54)	-2.21 (3.21)	12.82 (12.03)	14.79 (6.75)	-1.98 (2.48)
Z-score Housing Quality	-0.02 (0.32)	0.01 (0.11)	-0.03 (0.10)	0.00 (0.25)	0.04 (0.16)	-0.04 (0.07)	-0.01 (0.27)	0.03 (0.15)	-0.04 (0.06)
Satisfaction with Quality of Life	0.23 (0.11)	0.26 (0.12)	-0.04 (0.05)	0.37 (0.13)	0.29 (0.17)	0.08** (0.04)	0.31 (0.14)	0.28 (0.15)	0.03 (0.04)
Satisfaction with Floor Quality	0.16 (0.09)	0.21 (0.17)	-0.05 (0.05)	0.27 (0.13)	0.29 (0.28)	-0.02 (0.6)	0.22 (0.13)	0.26 (0.25)	-0.04 (0.04)
Satisfaction with Wall Quality	0.12 (0.09)	0.15 (0.11)	-0.04 (0.04)	0.28 (0.19)	0.18 (0.17)	0.10 (0.06)	0.21 (0.17)	0.17 (0.15)	0.04 (0.04)
Satisfaction with Roof Quality	0.13 (0.09)	0.15 (0.10)	-0.02 (0.04)	0.23 (0.12)	0.16 (0.16)	0.07 (0.04)	0.19 (0.12)	0.16 (0.15)	0.03 (0.03)
Satisfaction with Rain Protection	0.14 (0.09)	0.12 (0.07)	0.02 (0.03)	0.20 (0.13)	0.16 (0.16)	0.04 (0.04)	0.17 (0.11)	0.15 (0.14)	0.03 (0.03)
Monthly Income Per Capita (USD)	56.87 (16.16)	65.02 (20.94)	-8.14 (7.29)	47.11 (19.58)	49.27 (22.11)	-2.16 (6.28)	51.47 (19.02)	54.23 (22.93)	-2.76 (4.96)
Slum Pop. (HHs)	48.50 (31.35)	44.57 (31.80)	3.93 (12.41)	25.81 (18.24)	24.32 (16.12)	1.49 (5.37)	35.54 (26.76)	30.62 (23.79)	4.91 (6.16)

Robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. In the case of monetary variables, observations over the 99th percentile were excluded.

\*Significant at 10%. \*\*Significant at 5%. \*\*\*Significant at 1%.

# Tears-and-wears of the House?

Table 4: Housing Quality

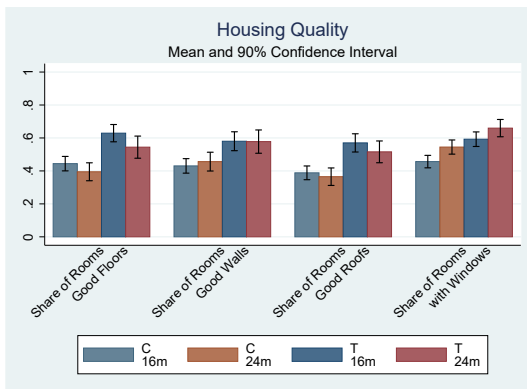
	Mean Control Group	Model 1		Model 2	
		Treatment	Treatment × Phase I	Treatment	Treatment × Phase I
		$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$	$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$
Share Rooms Good Quality Floors	0.44	0.18 (0.02)***	-0.01 -0.03	0.19 (0.02)***	-0.01 -0.03
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.00		0.00	
Share Rooms Good Quality Walls	0.35	0.20 (0.02)***	-0.06 (0.04)*	0.20 (0.02)***	-0.06 (0.04)*
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.00		0.00	
Share Rooms Good Quality Roof	0.43	0.17 (0.02)***	-0.02 -0.03	0.17 (0.02)***	-0.01 -0.04
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.00		0.00	
Share Rooms with Windows	0.36	0.18 (0.02)***	-0.02 -0.03	0.18 (0.02)***	-0.02 -0.03
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.00		0.00	

Note: \*Significant at 10%. \*\*Significant at 5%. \*\*\*Significant at 1%.

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# Housing Adaptation

Figure 14: Housing Adaptation



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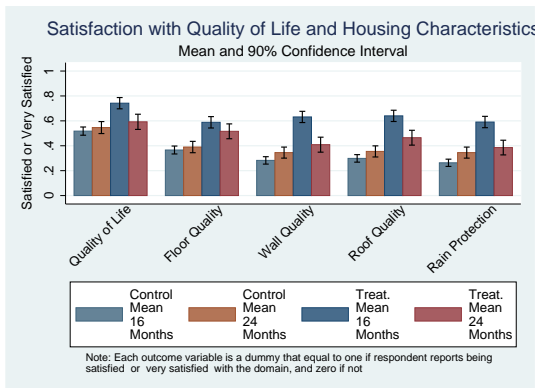


# Urban slums Richer than Rural slums

Dependent Variable	Mean Urban Slums	Mean Rural Slums	Diff.
Aspire to Upgrade within the slum	0.13 (0.33)	0.15 (0.36)	-0.02 (0.02)
Monthly Income Per Capita (USD)	63.23 (76.62)	44.39 (44.10)	18.84*** (2.79)
Share of Rooms with Good Quality Walls	0.22 (0.36)	0.18 (0.30)	0.04*** (0.01)
Share of Rooms with Good Quality Floors	0.40 (0.43)	0.42 (0.42)	-0.02 (0.02)
Share of Rooms with Good Quality Roofs	0.33 (0.42)	0.33 (0.41)	0.00 (0.02)
Share of Rooms with Windows	0.46 (0.40)	0.22 (0.32)	0.24*** (0.01)
Satisfaction with Quality of Life	0.25 (0.44)	0.29 (0.45)	-0.04** (0.02)

# Happiness Adaptation

Figure 15: Happiness Adaptation



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# Housing Expectations $\neq$ Housing Aspirations

“Thinking in the next 5 years, What do you expect to happen?”

Expectation (Dep. Var.)	F-Up Treat. Mean	Control $\gamma_1$	Control $\times$ Phase I $\gamma_2$
(1) We'll have stayed and kept same conditions	0.63 (0.49)	-0.03 (0.04)	0.08 (0.07)
p-value ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.38	
(2) We'll have Stayed and Upgraded within slum	0.09 (0.29)	0.03 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.04)
p-value ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.68	
(3) We'll have Moved to other slum	0.02 (0.15)	0.01 (0.01)	-0.02 (0.02)
p-value ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.41	
(4) We'll have Moved and Upgraded out of a slum	0.27 (0.44)	0.00 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.06)
p-value ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.33	

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# Income and Labor

Dep Var	F-Up Treat. Mean	Control	Control $\times$ Phase I
		$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$
Assets Value Per Capita (USD)	74.89 (163.24)	2.19 (12.30)	-25.84 (20.31)
p-value ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.15	
Monthly Income Per Capita (USD)	77.40 (115.15)	-1.99 (9.65)	20.86 (19.51)
p-value ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.26	
Hours worked last week by Household's Head	40.78 (19.23)	-0.05 (2.00)	-0.50 (3.04)
p-value ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.81	
Hours worked last week by Spouse	36.97 (20.08)	3.26 (2.92)	-5.49 (4.42)
p-value ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.50	

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# Housing Investment

Dep. Var.	Follow-Up Treat. Mean	Control × Phase I	
		$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$
If invested on housing quality during the last 12 months	0.40 (0.49)	0.05 (0.04)	-0.03 (0.08)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.75	
Amount invested on housing during the last 12 months (USD)	68.29 (226.71)	-10.30 (12.53)	-15.62 (28.53)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.31	
If invested on access to water during the last 12 months	0.09 (0.28)	-0.02 (0.03)	0.02 (0.05)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.96	
If have access to water in terrain	0.81 (0.39)	-0.03 (0.03)	0.05 (0.05)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.49	
If invested on sanitation during the last 12 months	0.08 (0.27)	-0.01 (0.03)	0.03 (0.05)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.64	
If have access to own bathroom	0.69 (0.46)	-0.02 (0.04)	0.03 (0.06)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.75	

# Aspiration Effects by Income Status - Only Urban

**Table 5:** Adaptation across Income Status - Only Urban

Aspiration (Dep. Var)	High Income Status ( $> p50(= \$39)$ )			Low Income Status ( $\leq p50(= \$39)$ )		
	F-Up Treat. Mean	Control	Control $\times$ Phase I	F-Up Treat. Mean	Control	Control $\times$ Phase I
		$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$		$\gamma_1$	$\gamma_2$
Stay and Keep same conditions	0.33	-0.03 (0.05)	-0.05 (0.08)	0.36	0.06 (0.06)	-0.12 (0.09)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.19			0.39	
Stay and Upgrade	0.16	0.11** (0.04)	-0.08 (0.07)	0.16	0.06 (0.06)	-0.15** (0.07)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.59			0.07	
Move other slum	0.01	0.03 (0.02)	0.00 (0.03)	0.02	-0.02 (0.02)	0.04 (0.03)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.13			0.36	
Move and Upgrade	0.49	-0.11** (0.05)	0.13* (0.08)	0.46	-0.10* (0.06)	0.23** (0.09)
<i>p-value</i> ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$ )		0.75			0.09	
Slum F.E		Yes			Yes	
Baseline covariates		Yes			Yes	

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