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## Three Essays on Social Safety Nets in Developing Countries

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### SUMMARY OF THESIS

This thesis provides three empirical essays on the design and evaluation of social safety nets in developing countries. It presents novel evidence showing that: (i) non-random errors in consumption can lead to a bias in Proxy Means Testing estimates of absolute poverty; (ii) cash transfers can ease liquidity constraints and risk bearing, thereby increasing risky migrations; (iii) cash-for-work activities do not always have measurable productive effects. Hopefully, these pieces will contribute to improve

our understanding of social safety nets, and, ultimately, to design more effective public policies to fight poverty and vulnerability.

### KEYWORDS

Social Protection; Cash Transfers; Targeting; Illegal Migration; Comoros; Mayotte

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