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## Inequality of Opportunity in Asia and the Pacific: The case of birth registration in Fiji

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## **Abstract**

This paper explores inequality in birth registration in Fiji by using Classification and Regression Tree methodology using the child recode from Fiji's recent Multiple Indicator and Cluster Survey (2021). The findings suggest that birth registration can be as low as 59 per cent among furthest behind children, while on average 87 per cent of children have their birth registered in Fiji. Children under 1 year of age and living in poorer households are left behind. There is also evidence for disadvantage among i-Taukei community. Finally, the paper also finds some evidence for the positive impact of the Parenthood Assistance Payment Programme especially for poorer households.