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The study findings indicated high burden of out-of-pocket payments on the households. The main recommendation should be suggesting some approaches to reduce this high out-of-pocket burden. Health insurance or tax-based financing often recommended for reduction of such payments. Author can think about recommending such kind of interventions for this group of population. Micro-insurance and community-based health insurance were implemented for poor people by several NGOs (e.g. Sajida Foundation, Grameen bank, icddr,b and BRAC). Discussion on that with proper citation in background will provide support for this recommendation. Government of Bangladesh is piloting Shasthyo Suroksha Karmasuchi (SSK) for reducing out-of-pocket payment among the poor population with an aim to nationwide scale-up. Some discussion on this will also be interesting for the reader.

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