

Question Can provision of free reading glasses for presbyopia correction increase the income of various visually-demanding occupations in Bangladesh?

Findings This individual randomized controlled trial of 824 participants showed that participants in the intervention group were significantly (OR 1.38, 95% CI 1.06, 1.78, P= 0.015) more likely to have greater gains in self-reported income compared with controls 8 months after receiving spectacles.

Meaning Provision of reading glasses has potential as a poverty-alleviation strategy in this setting.

Registry [ClinicalTrial.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov)

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