Some extra background:

**Bryan, Kevin ”What randomisation can and cannot do: The 2019 Nobel Prize.”** [**https://voxeu.org/article/whatrandomisation-can-and-cannot-do-2019-nobel-prize**](https://voxeu.org/article/whatrandomisation-can-and-cannot-do-2019-nobel-prize)

• **Piper, Kelsey”A charity just admitted that its program wasn’t working. That’s a big deal.”**

[**https://www.vox.com/2018/11/29/18114585/poverty-charity-randomized-controlled-trial-evidenceaction**](https://www.vox.com/2018/11/29/18114585/poverty-charity-randomized-controlled-trial-evidenceaction)

• Look at the other articles and work related to this project: <https://faculty.som.yale.edu/mushfiqmobarak/the-effect-of-seasonal-migration-on-households-during-food-shortages-in-bangladesh/>

RCT discussion questions:

* What is the research question?
* What research design(s) do the authors use to answer the research question?
* p.1672: “Estimating the returns to migration is the subject of a very large literature, but one that has been hampered by difficult selection issues” -What are some of these selection issues?
* p. 1686: Why are there both OLS and IV estimates in this table? How should you interpret them?
* p. 1689 “None of the results discussed above are sensitive to changes in baseline control variables” Is this surprising? Why/ why not?
* p. 1718: “The scale of the experiment does not permit us to analyze potential adverse general equilibrium effects in destination labor markets if the government were to contemplate scaling up such a program”. What are the authors talking about here?
* Are you convinced that the effects identified are causal? Why, why not?