

Health care financing incidence analysis of Africa's health system: The experience of Ghana, South Africa and Tanzania

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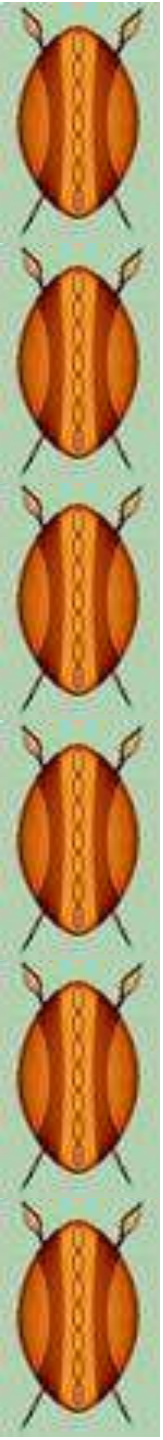


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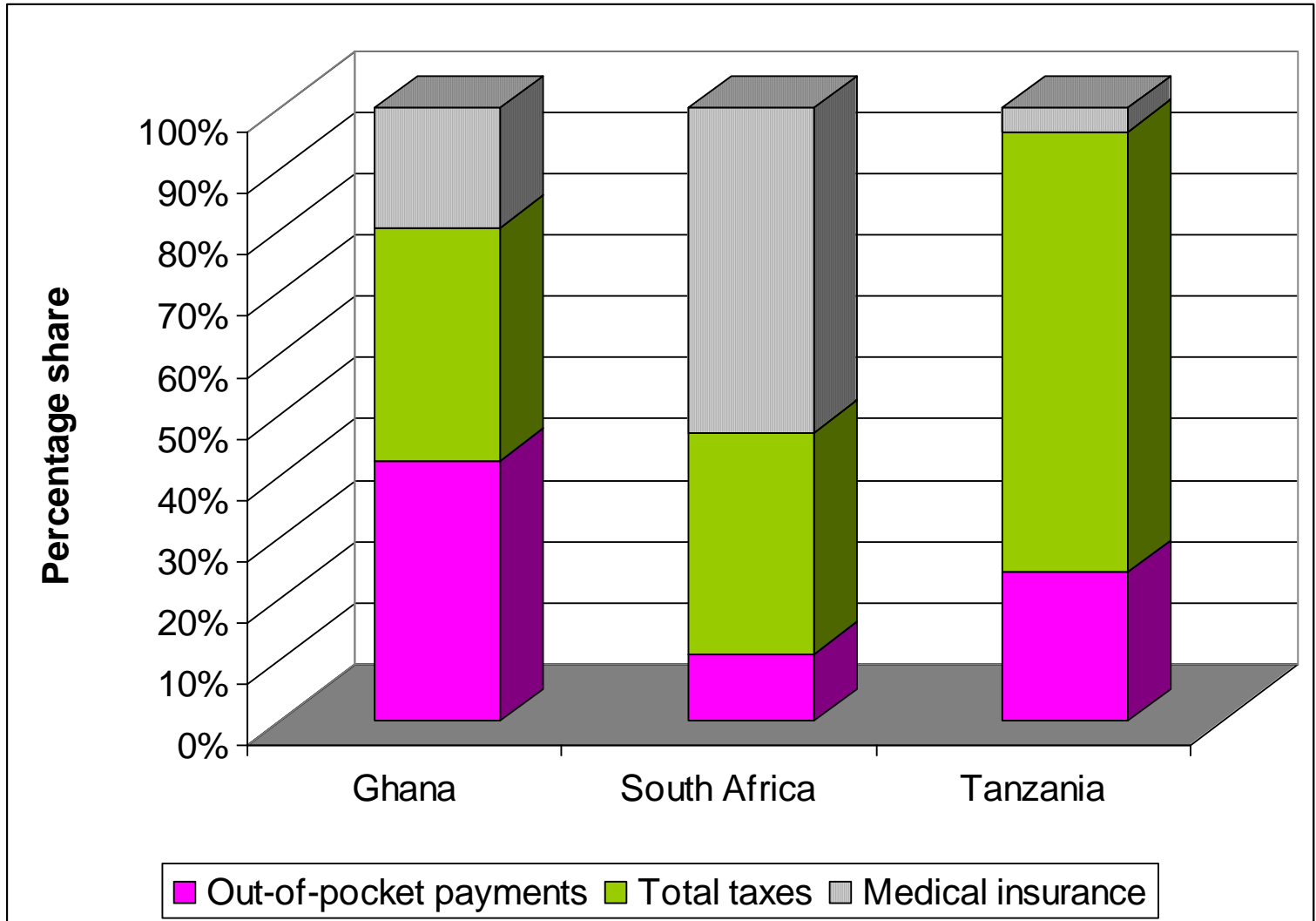




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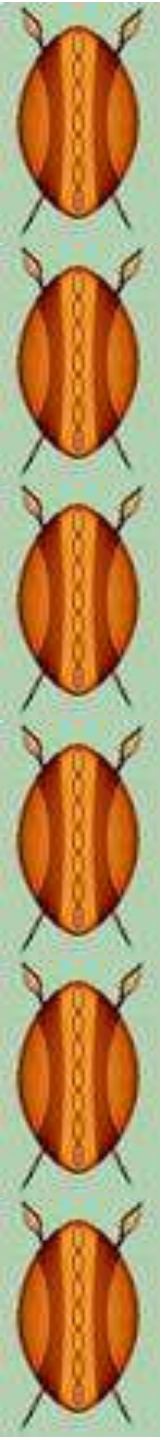
- Health care financing strategies have recently gained priority in the international health policy debate
- Who pays for health care?
- To what extent is payment towards health care related to ATP or SES?
- Financing is regarded as equitable if contribution to funding health care are according to ability to pay

Composition of health care payment in Ghana, South Africa and Tanzania



Objective

- The objective was to evaluate the incidence of health care financing in three African countries: Ghana, Tanzania and South Africa





Methods (I)

Ability to pay or Living standard measure
or socio-economic measure

- Per capita Household consumption expenditure ranked in quintiles

Health care financing mechanisms:

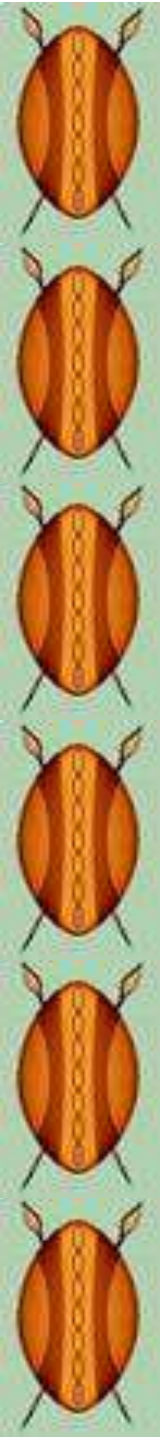
- Direct and indirect taxes
- OOP
- Health insurance

Actual revenue data for the same period from
the MOF or other sources used to triangulate

-Corporate tax

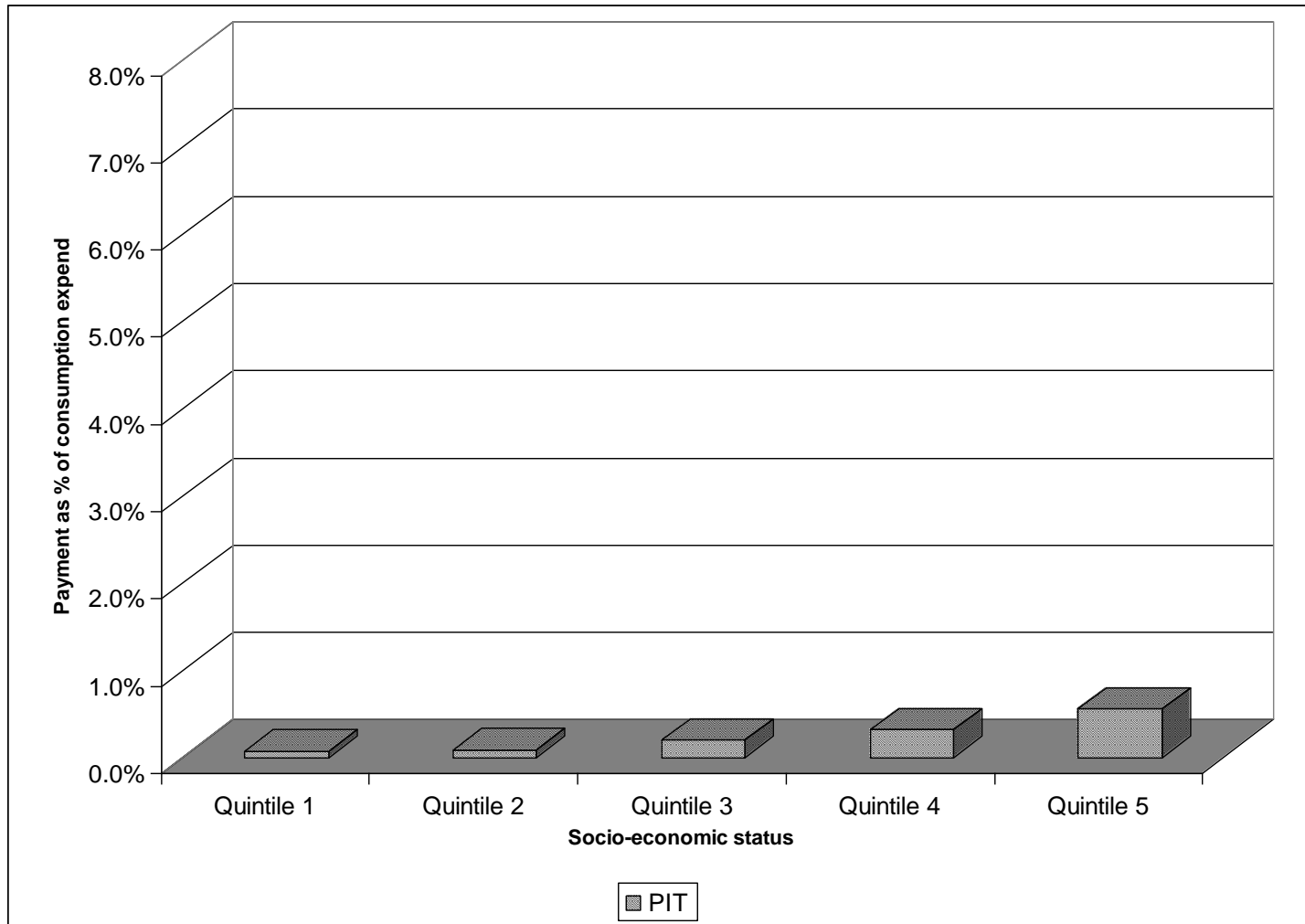
Methods (II): Data source

	Ghana	S. Africa	Tanzania
Name of survey	GLSS	IES	HBS
Year of survey	2005/2006	2005/2006	2000/2001
No. of households	8,687	21,144	22,178
No of individuals	36,488	84,978	108,672
Sample as a % of total population	0.17	0.18	0.3
Organisation	Ghana Statistical Services	Statistics South Africa	National Bureau of Statistics

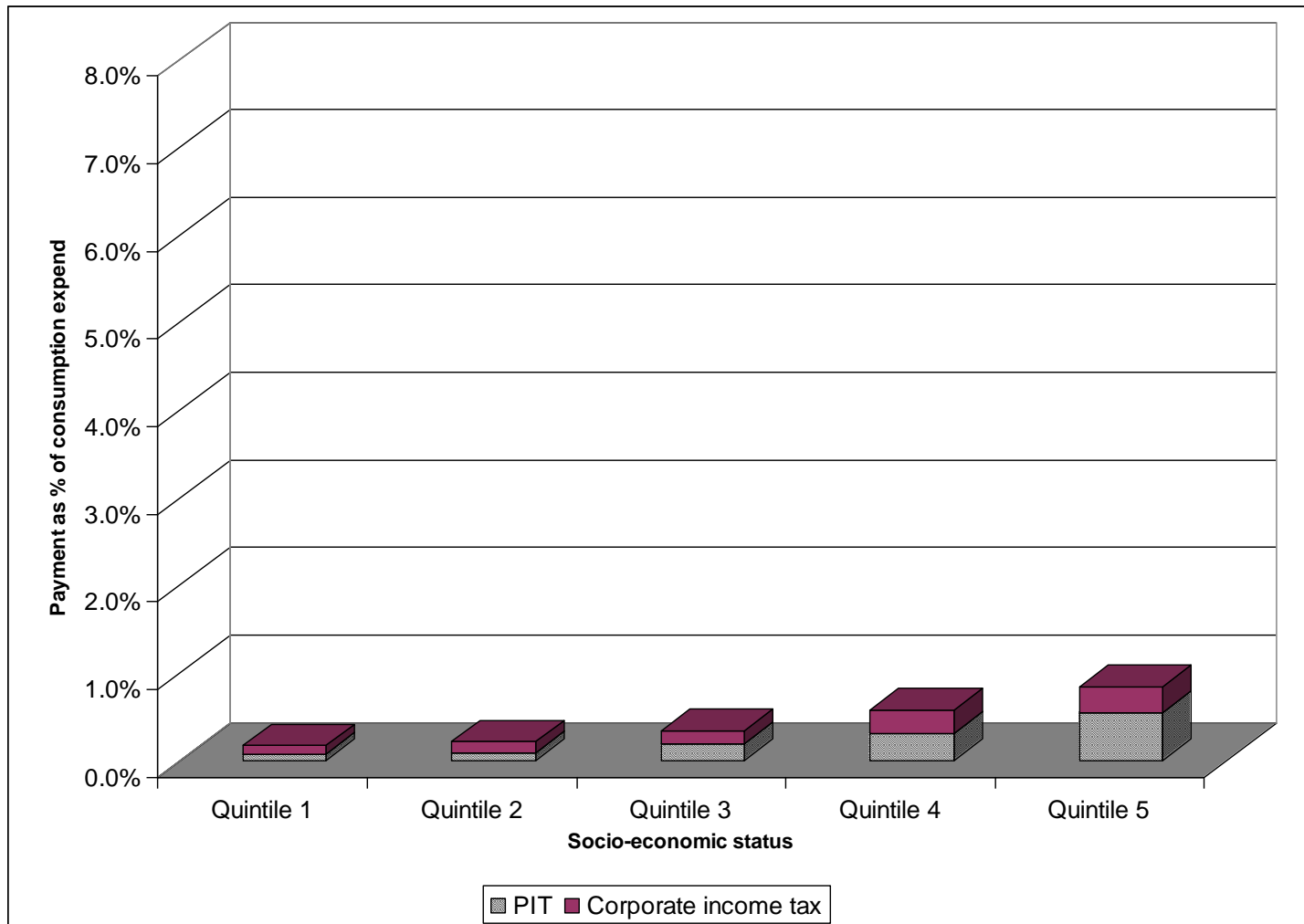


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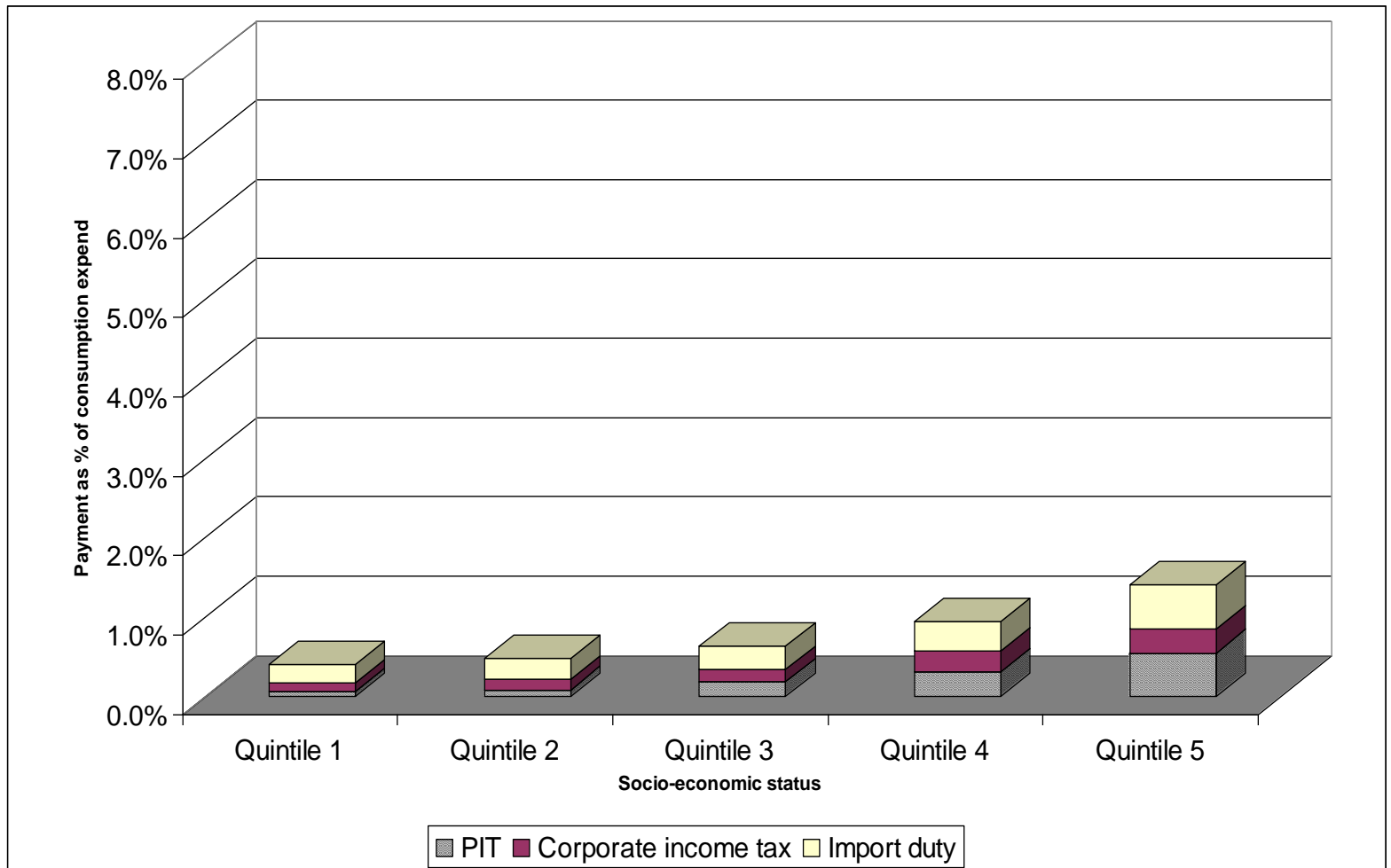
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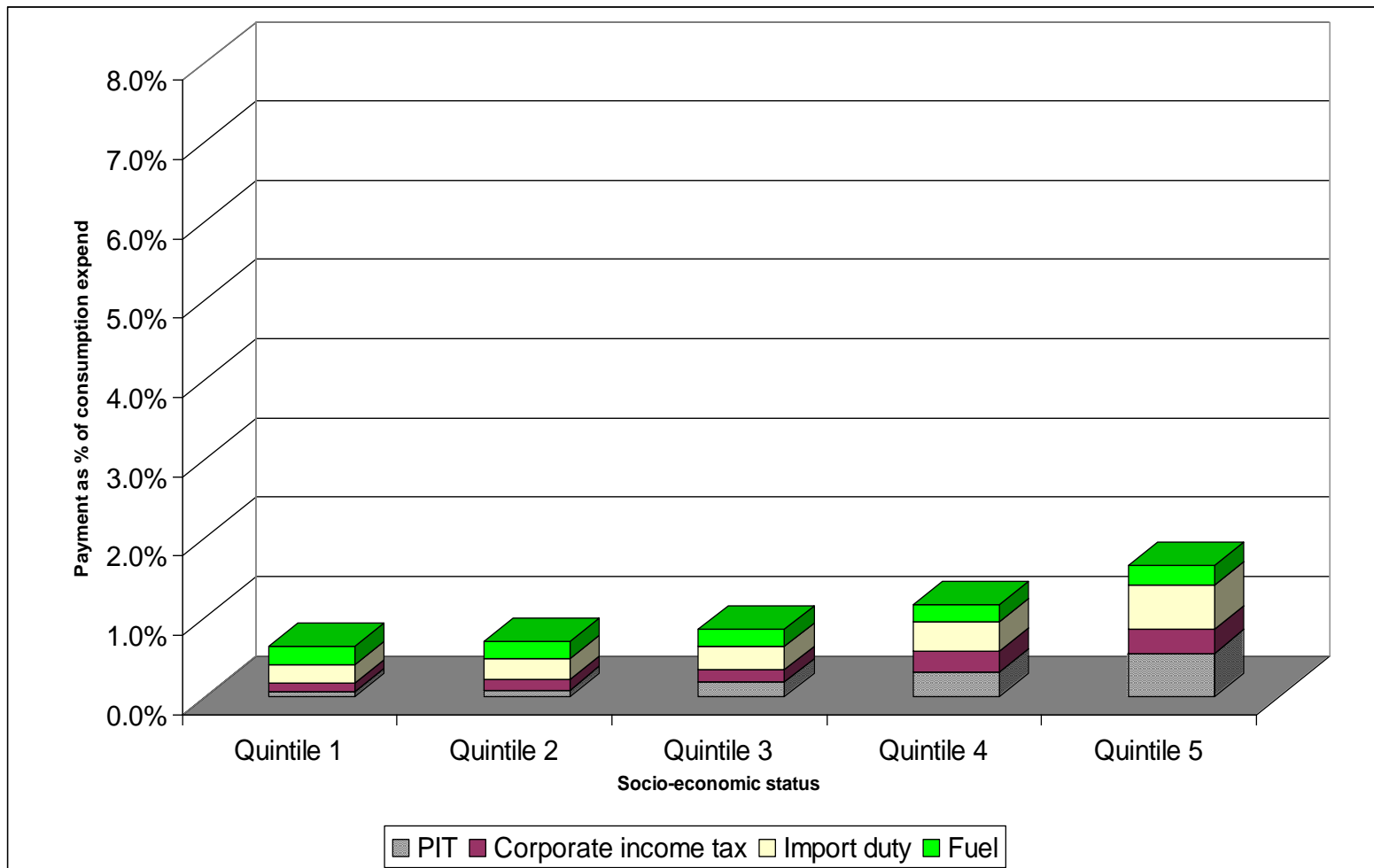
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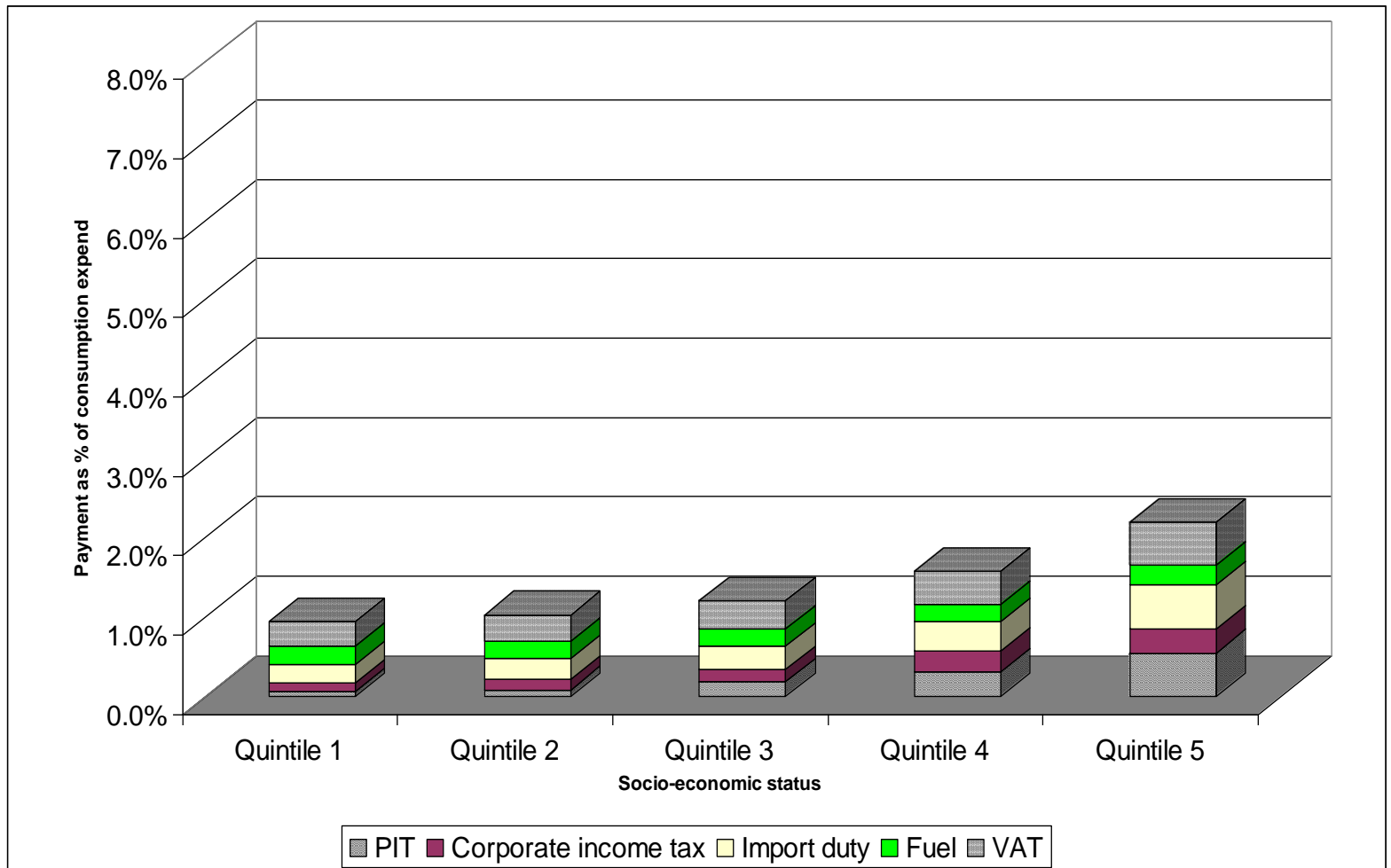
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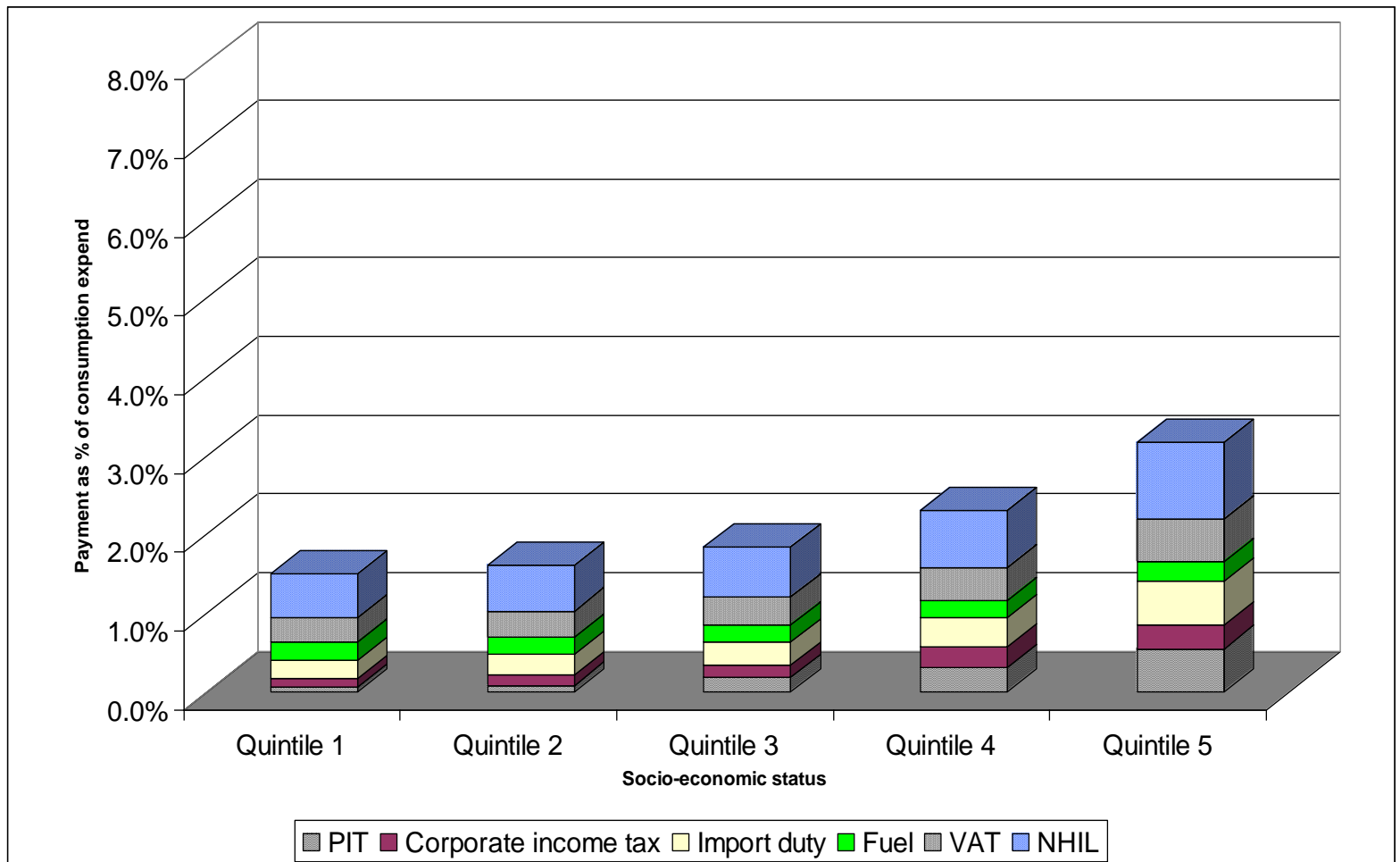
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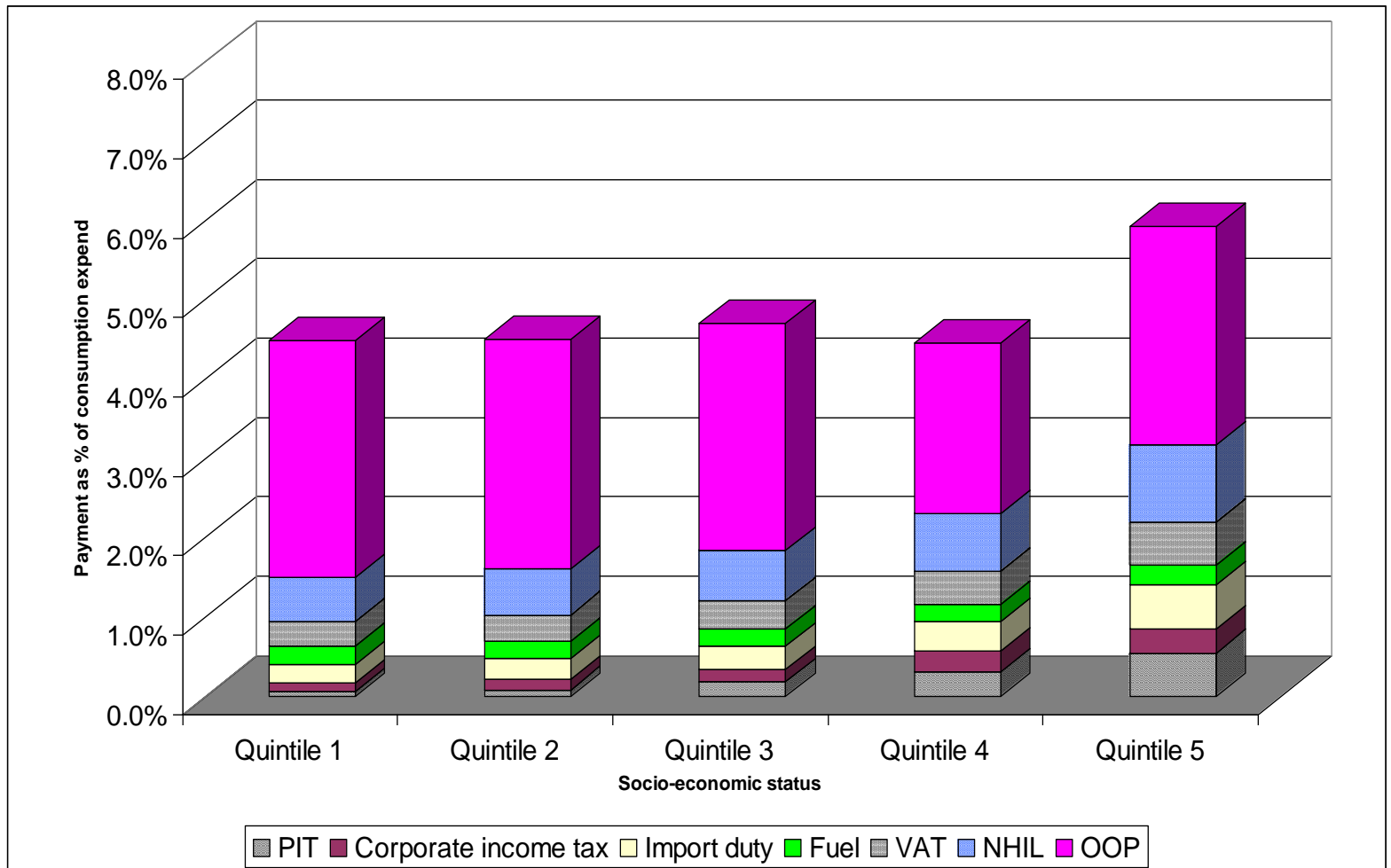
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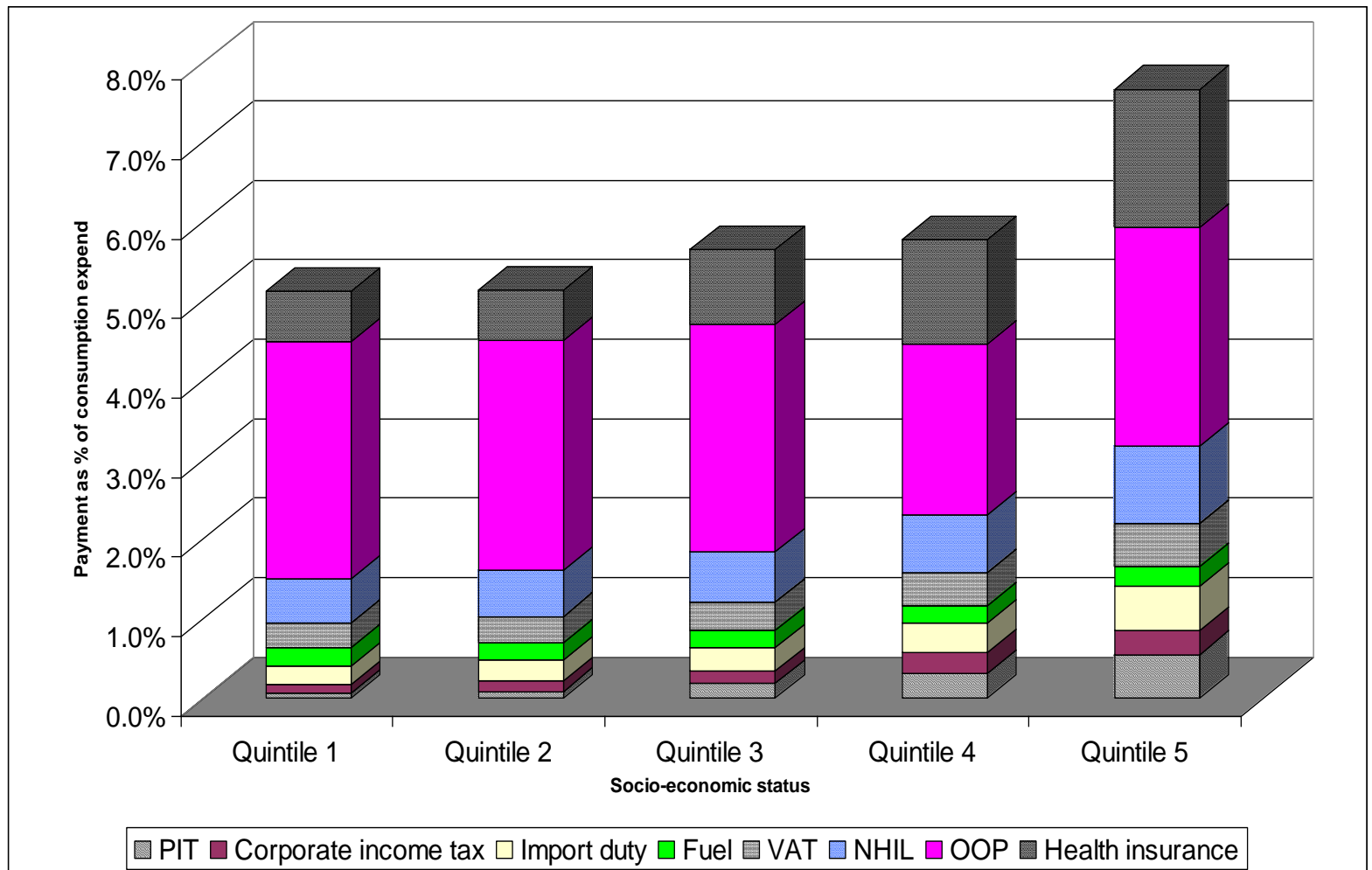
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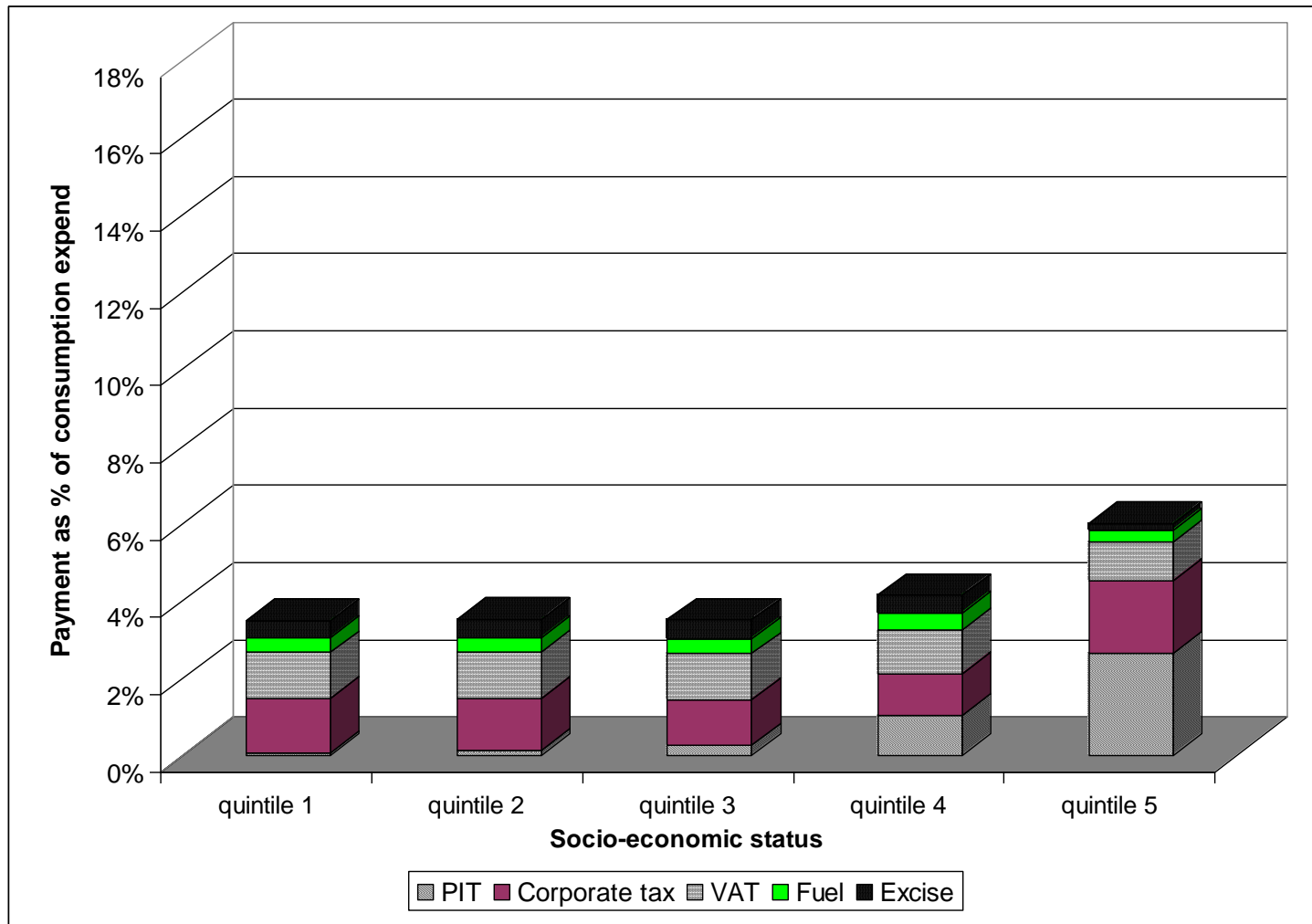
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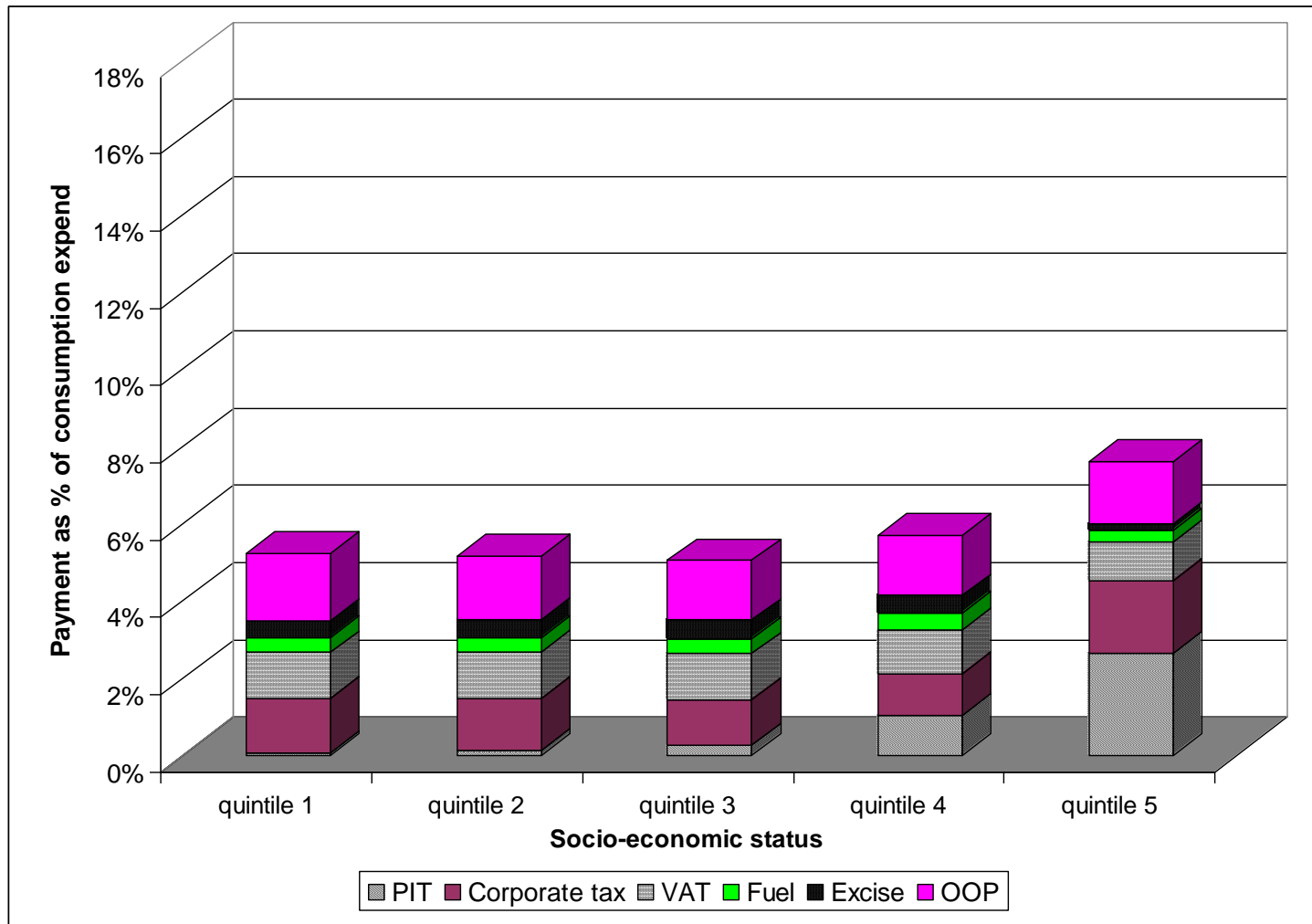
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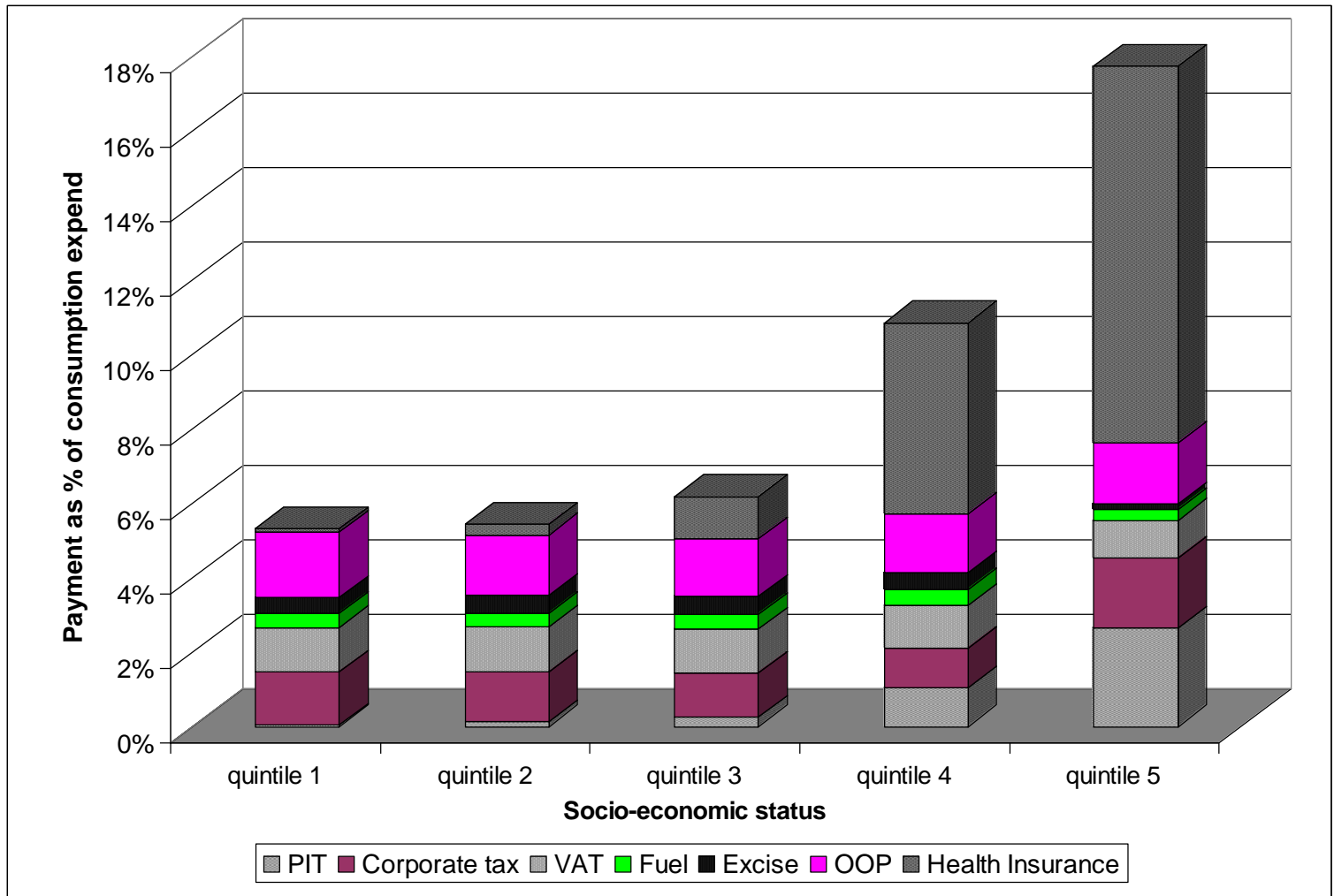
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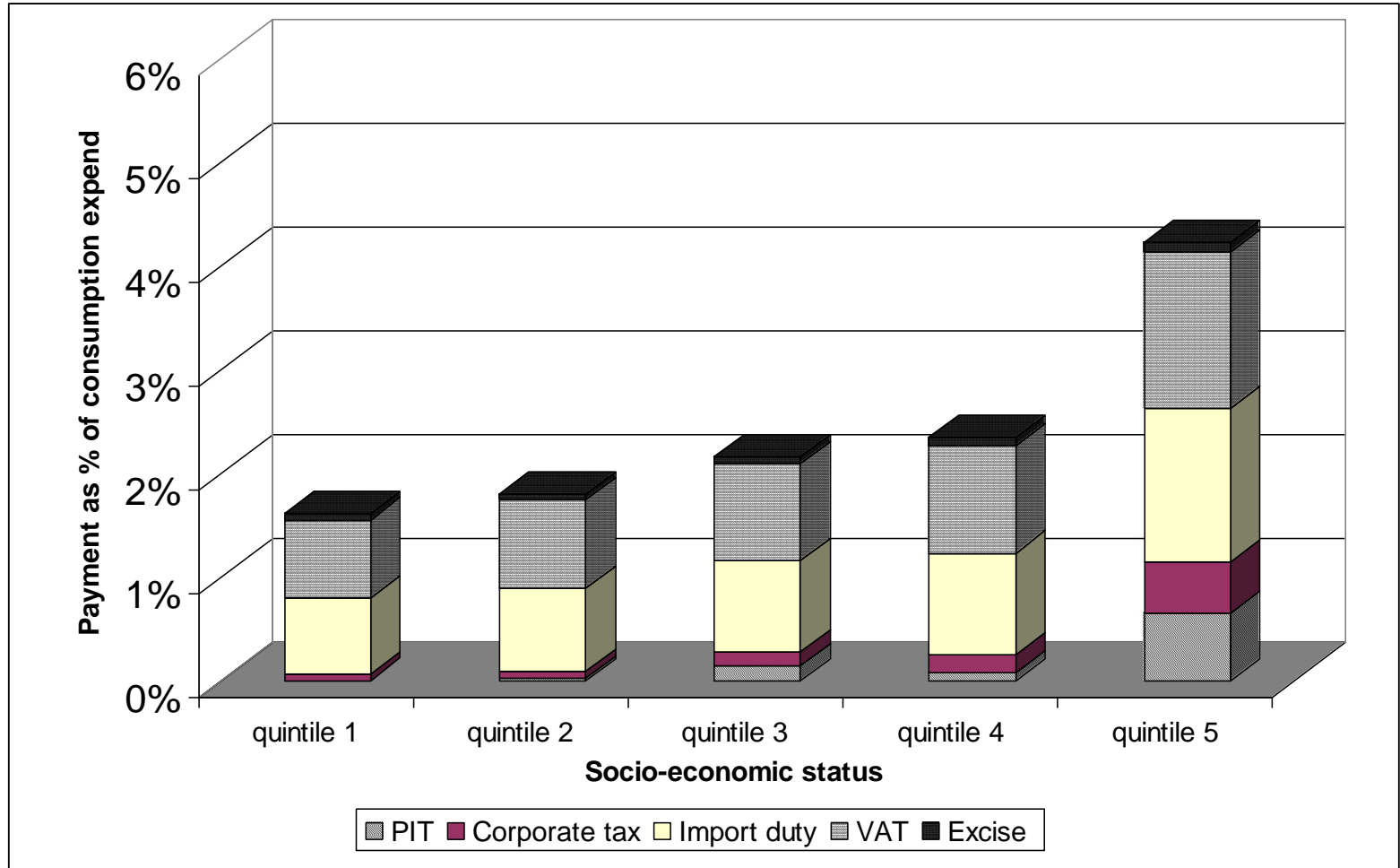
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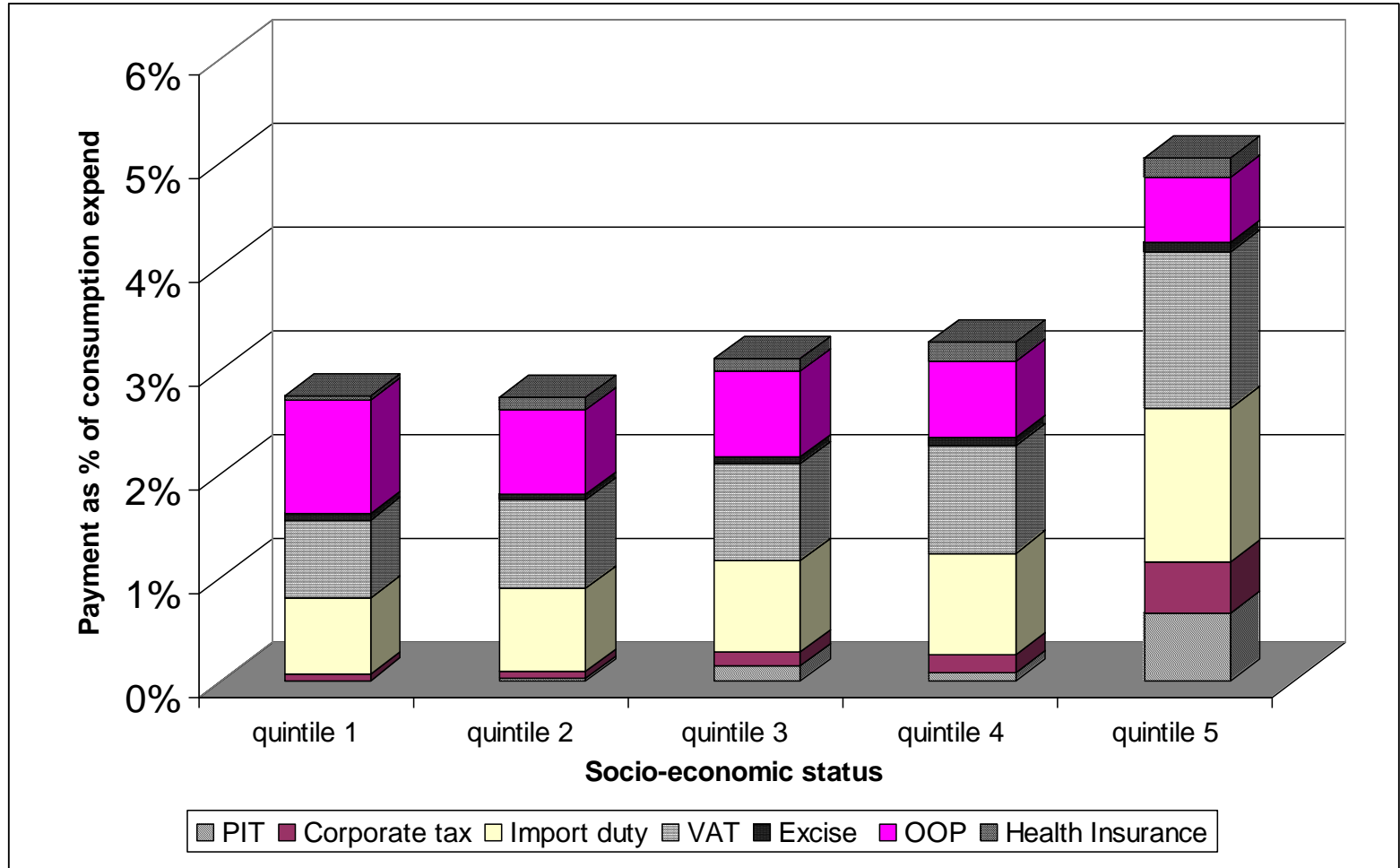
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Tanzania: Burden of health care financing

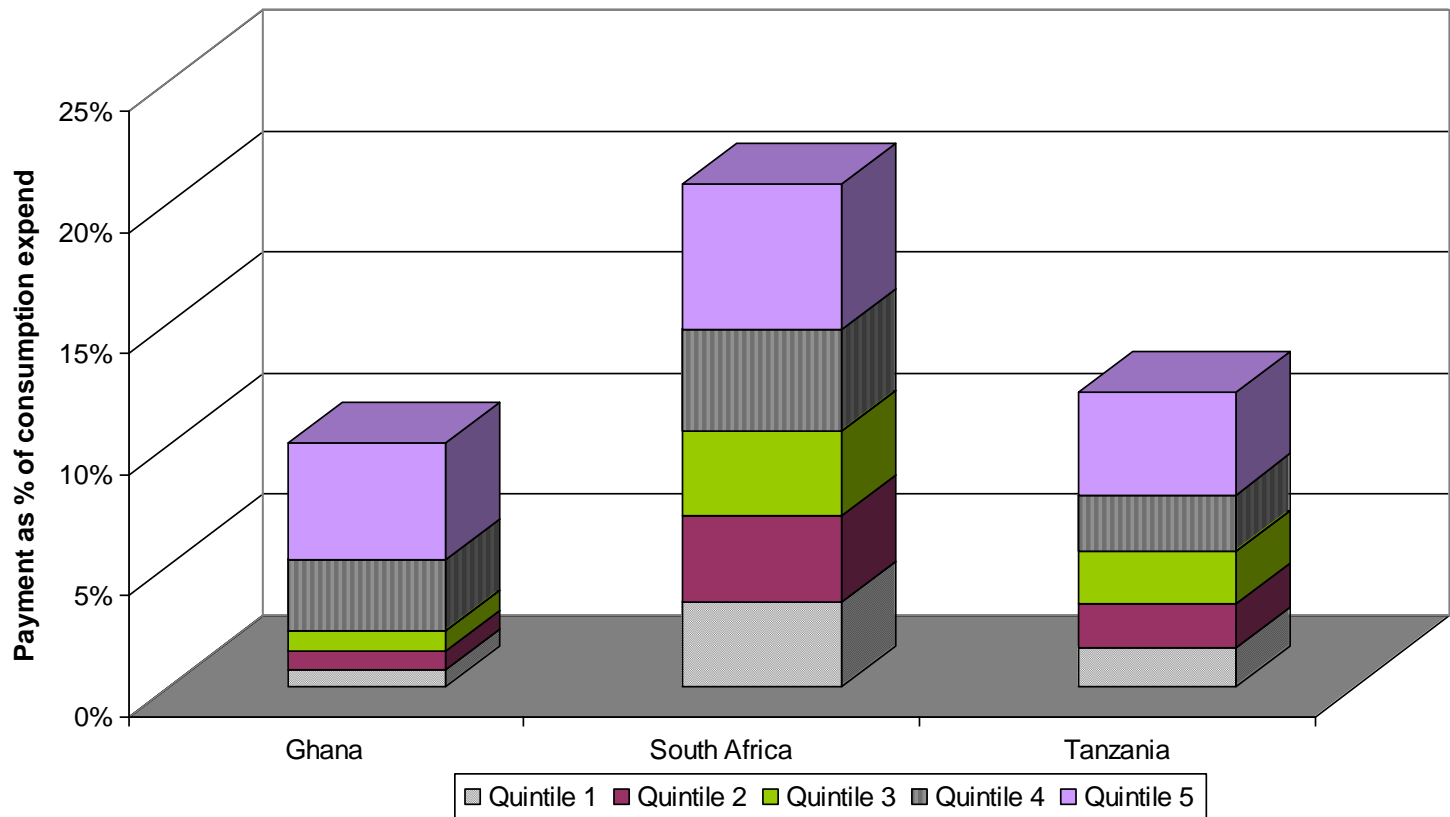


Tanzania: Burden of health care financing

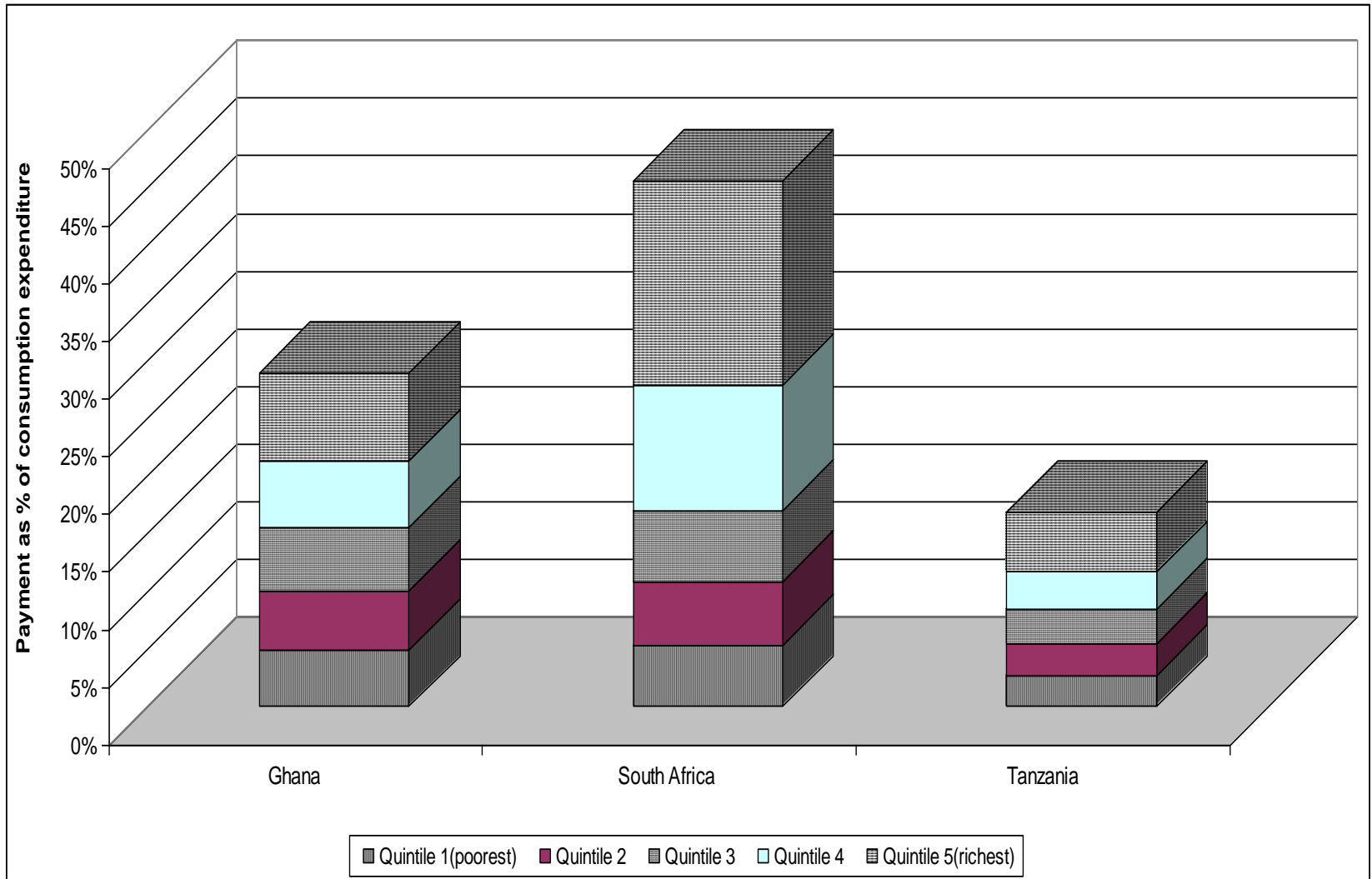


All taxes (health) by consumption expend quintile

All taxes (% of taxes for health: 15% Ghana, 12% S. Africa and 10% Tanzania)



Total health financing by consumption expenditure





Conclusions

- Health care financing overall progressive in all three countries
- There is heavy reliance on OOP in some countries (Ghana and Tanzania)
- Taxes are significant in health system in the three countries
- Health insurance is growing and is progressive but only benefits those who contribute (except Ghana)

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