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Ishita Ghai is a health policy researcher that applies causal inference methods to understand how health behaviors are shaped through individual and group factors in low-resource settings. She mainly studies these empirical questions in the context of randomized controlled trials, or through evaluations leveraging exogenous shocks using quasi-experimental techniques. She has managed several pilot and large randomized controlled trials across sub-Saharan Africa studying the short and long-term effects of health interventions on health outcomes for women, children, and people living with HIV/AIDS. At Stanford, she will advance work on medicine policy specifically focused on the effects of the shingles vaccine on dementia risk among older populations.

She completed her doctoral studies in policy analysis (economics concentration) at the RAND School of Public Policy, and holds an MBA from the University of California, Davis, an Ed.M. in international education policy from Harvard University, and a B.Tech in bioinformatics from VIT University.