

INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION | COUNTRY PROGRAM BRIEF

Liberia



In recent decades, trillions of dollars have been spent on programs designed to reduce global poverty, but clear evidence on what programs succeed is rare, and when evidence does exist, decision-makers often do not know about it. Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) is a research and policy non-profit that designs and provides effective solutions to global poverty problems. IPA brings together researchers and decision-makers to design, rigorously evaluate, and refine these solutions and their applications, ensuring that the evidence created is used to improve the lives of the world's poor. Since our founding in 2002, IPA has worked with over 400 leading academics to conduct over 330 evaluations in 52 countries. This research has informed hundreds of successful programs that now impact millions of individuals worldwide. In addition to designing and conducting rigorous evaluations, we have a variety of other partnership modes, from consulting with organizations on their monitoring and evaluation work through our Right Fit Evidence Initiative to supporting governments with evidence generation and use through our Building Labs.

More Evidence

In Liberia, we have continued our global tradition of rigorous, applicable research by building foundational research capacity and generating evidence to reduce poverty and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Examples of our key research findings are below:

The Girl Empower program in Liberia led to sustained improvements in child marriage and sexual and reproductive health. IPA Liberia partnered with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), the Population Council, and the World Bank's Development Research Group to evaluate the Girl Empower program in Liberia. The program was designed to help girls in emergency situations make healthy life choices, reduce their risk of sexual abuse, and improve school attendance rates.

Evaluating a large unconditional cash transfer program implemented by GiveDirectly. A body of research supports cash transfers as a way to improve the lives of vulnerable and poor populations. IPA Liberia partnered with GiveDirectly and USAID to evaluate the impact of an unconditional cash transfer and market access program. When COVID-19 hit, researchers [expanded the study to capture the initial direct and indirect impacts the pandemic is having on the livelihoods of rural households](#). Results of the evaluation are forthcoming.

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RESEARCH STUDIES

15 completed, 4 in progress

KEY PARTNERS

Fund-and-Aid Culture Organization (FAO), International Growth Center (IGC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Mines and Energy, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Bank

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