

Timeline

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Study Type

Randomized Evaluation

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Yes

Measuring the Impact of COVID-19 on Microfinance Borrowers in Paraguay and Myanmar (Questionnaire)

Abstract

The coronavirus pandemic imposes not only a global health threat but also an economic shutdown in many countries. Such a shock poses a particularly large risk for the poor in developing countries who often have highly vulnerable income sources, limited savings, and a lack of adequate safety nets to fall back on. Self-employment and access to credit might affect the ability of households to mitigate, cope with, and recover from an aggregate shock. In this research, we will conduct telephone surveys with a sample of 2,035 female entrepreneurs in rural Paraguay and 2,711 farmers and business owners in rural Myanmar to provide evidence on whether self-employment and access to credit affect households' resilience to cope with the consequences of COVID-19.

Respondent Population Characteristics

Adults, Rural only, Farmers, Small and medium business owners

Project Data Collection Mode

- CATI (Computer-assisted telephone interviewing)

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Questionnaire File Type

Reader-friendly survey instrument

Questionnaire Language(s)

English

Questionnaire Stage

Data Collection Completed

June 30, 2020