

Tanzania



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More Evidence

In Tanzania, we have continued our global tradition of rigorous, applicable research by building foundational research capacity and conducting evaluations in areas of pressing national concern. Examples of our work below offer promising insights into everyday issues that affect the lives of Tanzanians.

EDUCATION

Grants for student enrollment plus teacher performance bonuses led to better learning outcomes. Student learning levels across East Africa remain extremely low, despite more than a decade of major reforms and significant new investments in public education. Researchers evaluated the impact of sending grants directly to schools and paying teachers a performance-based bonus. They found that when delivered

together, grants and bonuses led to improved student learning outcomes.

SOCIAL PROTECTION

Can a youth training and support program reduce unemployment?

Youth account for 60 percent of the unemployed in Africa. One approach to increasing employment among youth is to provide training and mentoring for young people to help them find jobs or start new businesses. IPA is evaluating the impact of a training and mentorship program with a robust long-term support component on Tanzanian youth's income, employment, entrepreneurial activities, and self-confidence.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Can upfront incentives to save improve financial behavior?

Commitment savings accounts reward

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RESEARCH PROJECTS
4 Completed, 12 In Progress

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users for reaching savings goals and penalize them for withdrawing early. Changing the design of these accounts to pay a year of interest up-front may encourage more people to take advantage of them. Researchers are studying the effect of an "instant bonus" savings account on savings levels, personal well-being, empowerment and agency among young women.

Learn more about **IPA Tanzania** and find a full list of our studies here: www.povertyactionlab.org/country/0208

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