

Timeline

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Study Type

Randomized Evaluation

Article Link

<https://www.socialscisceregistry.org/trials/5874>

Research Implemented by IPA

Yes

Community Health Care and COVID-19 Pandemic: Experimental Evidence from Uganda

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Abstract

We plan to do three things. First, by collecting novel data using phone surveys we will document both the extent of (self-reported) incidence of COVID-19 and the extent to which respondents adjust their health seeking behavior in response to the pandemic. This will allow us to estimate a more comprehensive measure of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic in rural Africa that embraces morbidity and mortality from all conditions. Second, by exploiting the unique framework provided by an ongoing RCT, we will test whether an innovative Community Health Worker program is effective in reducing this shift away from effective preventive and curative treatments, and possible misconceptions about COVID-19, cushioning the overall impact of the current pandemic. Finally, we will implement a field experiment, focusing on households in the treatment group of the larger trial, where we will test how different phone messages regarding COVID-19 and the importance of preventive and curative care more generally influence households health behavior and outcomes. The messages will have different behavioral framings and we will be able to look at both demand (households) and supply (health workers) constraints.

Project Outcomes of Interest

Prevalence of COVID-19 symptoms; non-COVID related health seeking behavior; all-cause mortality; health workers' activity levels; health knowledge; household interactions with health workers

Impact Goals

- Keep children safe, healthy, and learning
- Reduce COVID-19 transmission rates

Project Data Collection Mode

- CATI (Computer-assisted telephone interviewing)

Link to Pre-Registration

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Results Status

No Results Yet