

**Timeline**

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**Study Type**

Randomized Evaluation

**Research Implemented by IPA**

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# Perceived Risk and Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Crisis in India

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## Abstract

COVID-19 has paralyzed the world over the last few months. With a total of 42,533 confirmed cases and 1,373 deaths as of the 4th of May 2020 (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, 2020) India is currently one of the largest countries under complete lockdown since the 24th of March. This has put many in a very vulnerable state. The adverse effects of such a countrywide lockdown, therefore extend beyond just income shocks and food insecurity as residents are under constant fear of contraction, which may also affect people's mental health and overall wellbeing.

## Project Outcomes of Interest

This proposed project will use detailed data collected from about 3,000 households from Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh over several rounds to address the following questions: (1) examine if awareness about coronavirus symptoms and methods via which COVID-19 gets transmitted to others can improve adherence to social distancing and identify the most effective nodes; (2) examine the short and medium-term effects of lockdown and social distancing; (3) examine who are the most vulnerable in terms of income and food insecurity, changing attitudes, stress and wellbeing, and perceived risk.

## Partners

[Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur](#)

## Impact Goals

- Build resilience and protect the financial health of families and individuals
- Improve social-safety net responses
- Improve women's health, safety, and economic empowerment
- Promote peace and safety, and improve humanitarian response
- Reduce COVID-19 transmission rates

## Project Data Collection Mode

- IVR (Interactive voice response)

## Results Status

No Results Yet