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**Study Type**

Qualitative Research

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# Women's Groups and COVID-19: Challenges, Engagement, and Opportunities

## Researchers

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## Abstract

This project is comprised of two parts. First, researchers are conducting an evidence review on how women's groups have functioned under prior economic and health shocks. The evidence synthesis will include both quantitative and qualitative research. The proposed evidence synthesis will consolidate the existing evidence on the ability of women's groups to cope with negative health and economic shocks in order to inform our understanding of how groups may respond to the economic and health consequences of COVID-19. Second, researchers are documenting the effects of COVID-19 on the implementation and functioning of women's groups in different contexts in India, Nigeria, and Uganda. COVID-19 could have strong effects on the way that groups function—both as a result of direct effects of the pandemic and because of the effects of negative economic shocks caused by policy responses to the pandemic. Researchers are working with existing data and in-country partners who are collecting primary data. The researchers also aim to conduct key informant interviews to understand how group functioning has changed; for example, after groups move toward digitally based platforms.

## Project Outcomes of Interest

Income, expenditures, savings and asset ownership of women and other household members; Number of new groups formed; number of cumulative groups existing under a program (to indicate survival of older groups); number of new women mobilized into groups; frequency of group meetings; country and program-specific indicators on program

progress

## Partners

American Institutes for Research

## Impact Goals

- Build resilience and protect the financial health of families and individuals
- Build resilient and adaptable businesses and employment opportunities
- Improve social-safety net responses
- Improve women's health, safety, and economic empowerment

## Results Status

No Results Yet