

Timeline

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Study Type

Descriptive / Surveillance

Article Link

<https://www.kenyacovidtracker.org/prices.html>

Research Implemented by IPA

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Tracking Price Dynamics during a Pandemic in Kenya and Uganda

Researchers

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Abstract

This project seeks to generate spatially disaggregated data to track local market outcomes, in particular retail prices, in Kenya and Uganda during the ongoing pandemic, and study the importance of different channels that drive the observed market outcomes. The researchers rely on a quick-response online survey to track product prices and availability of selected essential consumer products across Kenya and Uganda since March 2020. The data are collected with the help of volunteers, mainly university students and affiliates of NGOs, who record information through an online form on their smartphone - either when or after visiting a shop in-person or getting deliveries. Through the survey, the researchers further collect information on product brands, shop and neighbourhood characteristics.

Project Outcomes of Interest

The researchers generate spatially disaggregated high frequency data to track retail prices of consumer goods, in Kenya and Uganda during the ongoing pandemic. The researchers seek to show the impact of the pandemic and the associated containment measures on local retail prices of consumer goods.

Partners

[The Centre for the Study of African Economies \(CSAE\)](#), [The International Growth Centre \(IGC\) Uganda](#)

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
- Promote peace and safety, and improve humanitarian response

Project Data Collection Mode

- Web

Results Status

No Results Yet