

Timeline

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Study Type

Descriptive / Surveillance

Article Link

<https://www.povertyactionlab.org/project/assessing-covid-19-related-economic-sh...>

Research Implemented by IPA

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Assessing COVID-19-related Economic Shock, Health Knowledge, and Access to Social Protection Schemes among Poor Women in Rural Bihar

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Abstract

In India, COVID-19 and the resulting national lockdown has led to a public health and economic crisis. Safe behaviors such as frequent handwashing and physical distancing are an important means for stopping the transmission of the virus. In response to the pandemic-induced economic shock to households, the Government of India and state governments in the country have announced various social protection schemes to help poor households withstand the adverse effects of the lockdown.

This descriptive study assesses the economic shock, health knowledge, and access to social protection schemes among a sample of poor women in rural Bihar (n=1,010). The survey was conducted telephonically with women who were part of the Bihar Rural Livelihoods' Promotion Society (BRLPS) or JEEViKA's SHG network or the Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana (SJY), a livelihoods scheme targeting ultra-poor households.

Project Outcomes of Interest

Health knowledge and awareness; Access to social protection schemes; Food security and nutrition

Partners

Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS)

Key Findings

Results forthcoming

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

Project Data Collection Mode

- CATI (Computer-assisted telephone interviewing)

Link to Data Collection Instruments

https://www.povertyactionlab.org/sites/default/files/sa-covid19_phone-survey-%20JEEViKA-SJY-beneficiaries-Bihar.pdf

Implementing Organization

J-PAL South Asia

Results Status

No Results Yet