Pilot, Full Study, & Infrastructure and Public Goods Creation  
Proposal Cover Sheet and Narrative, Round III

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| **Principal investigator name** | | **Institutional affiliation** | |
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| **Co-PI(s) and institutional affiliation(s)** | | | |
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| **Implementing partner(s)** | | **Partner contact** (name, email, phone) | |
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| **Co-funder(s)** (if applicable) | | **Funded award** (PI, project title, amount) | |
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| **Have you previously submitted this proposal, or a related proposal, to any IPA or J-PAL program or initiative?** | | | |
| * Yes * No | | If yes, which program or initiative, and when? | |
| **Funding requested** | **$** | **Total co-funded[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **$** |
| **Grant start date** | (yyyy-mm-dd) | **Grant end date** | (yyyy-mm-dd) |
| **Institution to receive grant funds** |  | **Contact for contracting** |  |

# Displaced Livelihoods Initiative Narrative

[*Note: The narrative should not exceed five pages, including the abstract and appendices, but not including the milestones tables. Please use an 11-point Arial font.*]

**Abstract**:

[*150 words max, to be published on the website if the proposal is awarded funding.*]

**Policy problem, academic contribution, and generalizability:**

[*Please provide:*

* *A summary of the policy problem that motivates this research and how the research fits within the list of priorities in the DLI Call for Proposals*
* *The academic contribution you expect the project to make, with a very brief literature review*
* *A description of how this research will lead to generalizable insights, and (for pilots and full studies) why this project goes beyond a specific place-based policy or program evaluation*]

**Research design:**

*Question(s):*

*Treatment and outcomes of interest:* (full studies and pilots only)

[*Please provide a description of the intervention to be evaluated and its theory of change, describing the link between the program and livelihoods-related outcomes.*]

*Target population and sample size:*

*Study or evaluation design:*

[*Please describe your project’s research design. In the case of pilot projects, please describe how this work will inform the development of a future rigorous impact evaluation.*]

*Implementing partner(s):* (full studies and pilots only)

*Power calculations:* (full studies and pilots that intend to randomize only)

[*Please provide all parameters and assumptions needed to replicate your power calculations for the main outcomes and hypotheses tested as part of this study. This could take the form of a commented Stata log file, the inputs used in Optimal Design, or similar. Please feel free to submit this as an added attachment if you prefer, indicating here that you have done so. Please ensure to read the requirements in our* [*Application Instructions*](https://poverty-action.org/publication/application-instructions-displaced-livelihoods-initiative-ipa-call-proposals) *carefully.*]

**Sub-population impact and analysis:**  
[*Will this project contribute to learning about any particular sub-populations, or the challenges they face? Do you expect impacts to vary between different sub-populations, such as by gender, age, displacement status, place or community of origin, duration of displacement, location, host community status, etc.? Do you plan to disaggregate the analysis by these groups? Please ensure to comment on gender.*]

**Policy impact potential and scalability:** (full studies only)  
[*How could your study inform policy or program design or implementation?* *Does the program have scale-up potential?*]

**Cost-effectiveness analysis:** (full studies only)  
[*What is your plan to gather, interpret, and share program implementation cost data? We acknowledge that it can be a challenge to distinguish implementation costs from evaluation costs, and see the value in making a plan during the proposal phase to identify and address the challenges and potential opportunities for effectively determining the full costs of the program/intervention in question. Please briefly comment on the approach that you will take to collect and report costing data for the intervention you are evaluating. Questions to consider:*

* *What is your rough assessment of what the intervention, in its scalable form without associated research costs, is anticipated to cost per beneficiary reached or per benefit achieved?*
* *Which elements will be considered costs of implementation, and which elements will be considered evaluation costs? What types of cost data do you anticipate collecting?*
* *When in the data collection process would you collect each of these types of data, and how?*
* *How will you partner with your implementing partner to understand and report the associated costs in these identified categories?*
* *Report any challenges you anticipate facing in collecting or reporting this data. How would you plan to address these challenges?*]

**Registration and data publication:** (full studies only)  
[*Do you plan to register the project in the AEA registry or similar, produce a pre-analysis plan, and publish data in an open-access, online database at the end of the evaluation? Registration and data publication are required for all supported evaluations, and pre-analysis plans are highly encouraged. Please see IPA’s Guidelines for Data Publication* [*here*](https://www.poverty-action.org/sites/default/files/Guidelines-for-data-publication.pdf)*.*]

**Ethics and risks:**

[*If your study could be considered more than minimal risk (e.g. research participants are a vulnerable population, surveys will include questions on sensitive topics, the partner operates in a risky environment, etc.), please describe any ethical and/or safety-related risks to your project, and detail how you will manage these risks.*]

**Additional evaluation criteria comments:** (optional) [*Is there any additional information related to the evaluation criteria you would like to provide (see application instructions) that is not included above?*]

# Project Milestones

[*Please list each key milestone for the project (e.g. baseline survey design, baseline survey implementation, baseline data analysis, etc.). We generally expect projects to list 8-15 milestones. Please base all milestones on a start date of* ***December 1, 2024,*** *at the earliest. Add lines as needed.]*

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# Policy & Practice Influence Milestones

[*If you are submitting a full study or infrastructure and public goods proposal, please list 4-7 policy and practice influence milestones you expect to achieve during this project. Activities could include:*

* *Sharing baseline data, intermediate results, and/or final results with the implementing partners of the study*
* *Sharing baseline data, intermediate results, and/or final results with the broader community of researchers and practitioners*
* *Providing the implementing partner with monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning assistance*
* *Presenting results in the country where the research is taking place (highly encouraged)*
* *Supporting implementing partners to answer operational questions with the collected data, or to map theories of change*
* *Providing technical support for evidence application or scaling*]

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1. Please indicate the total amount of additional grants for this research, if any. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)