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VERSION 2: 15 August 2024

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On August 15, 2024, a new version of "LIPW2019_Dataset.dta" was uploaded to Dataverse: "LIPW2019_Dataset_v2.dta". There are two changes compared to "LIPW2019_Dataset.dta:

1. In total, 84 observations were deleted because they were duplicates (same interview appearing twice in the dataset). The number of observations dropped from 13,975 to 13,891. This change was made in January 2022.
2. Treatment data have been added to the dataset so that it can serve as replication data. This was done on 3 June 2024.

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VERSION 1: 9 August 2021

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The LIPW program took place across 26 neighborhoods in the five big cities of Eastern Congo: Goma, Bukavu, Beni, Butembo, and Bunia.

In total, 13,975 individuals were registered before the 26 lotteries took place in 2016 and 2017. At the time of registration, we collected basic information (gender, age, etc.) from these individuals.

In addition, the dataset includes information from the household survey conducted between June and November in 2019 (after the conclusion of all LIPW program activities). A random 3,205 individuals, out of the 13,975 registered individuals, were targeted for the survey.

Additional, updated versions of the datasets may be posted later.

The PIs can only provide limited support to users.

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Survey:

- The file "LIPW2019_Survey.xlsx", contains two sheets:
  - "survey" contains the survey (in English, French and Swahili)
  - "codebook" contains the codebook (in English, French and Swahili)
- The survey consists out of the following sections:
  - Coversheet:
    - A1: Coversheet
  - Household:
    - B1: Household characteristics
    - B2: Household assets
    - B3: Household consumption and expenditures
    - B4: Household economic difficulties

- Welfare:
  - C1: Employment and income generating activity
  - C2: Debts and savings
  - C3: Work perspective
  - C4: Migration
  - C5: Children schooling and work
- Mental Health:
  - D1: Cantril's ladder and emotional measures
  - D2: Patience index
  - D3: Self-esteem and psychological well-being
  - D4: Trauma
- Services:
  - E1: Access to infrastructure and basic services
  - E2: Access to health care
- STEP program:
  - F1: STEP program
- Community:
  - G1: Associate life and civic engagement
  - G2: Relationship with the chief
  - G3: Citizen engagement in neighborhood
  - G4: Attitudes
- Social:
  - H1: Antisocial behavior
  - H2: GBV
  - H3: Victimization
  - H4: Conflict
  - H5: Violent activity
- Tax:
  - I2: Tax
  - I3: Collective action
- Ebola:
  - J1: Ebola (Goma and Bukavu only)
- Conclusion:
  - J2: Conclusion

- Some questions (like the section related to Ebola) were posed only in Goma and Bukavu. Information is available in the column, “Location” in the “survey” and “codebook” tabs.

Data information:

- The unit of observation: Individual
- Identifier: hhid (ID of the respondent)
- Data collected during the registration and as part of the lottery is indicated by “lott_”
- Some project information was obtained from the implementer and/or field teams. Related variables are indicated by “proj_”
- Variables related to data collected as part of the 2019 survey start with the section indicator: e.g. “a1_”
- Generic value labels that are similar across variables:
  - -10: Other
  - -9: Don't know
  - -8: Not applicable

- -7: Refused to respond

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We left out some data purposefully from these datasets:

- Anything that can identify the village, household or the individual (names, phone numbers, GPS locations, etc.). Identifiable data are available from the neighborhood level and up.
- Treatment assignment. We will make these available later.

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