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ABSTRACT

The Malawi Rural Livelihood Survey (MRLS) is a panel survey of households, interviewed 4 times from November 2012-2013. The survey was designed in order to conduct a randomized control study of Malawi's large-scale public works program (PWP) which operates under the Malawi Social Action Fund (MASAF).

KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Among the 28 districts which were included in the PWP at the time of this study, the MRLS was conducted in 12 districts which were randomly selected across the three strata of the country's three geographic regions to ensure that the study was representative of the country's population.

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

In order to have pre-program baseline data that predated the vetting of communities for the PWP, the national Integrated Household Survey (IHS3) collected in 2010/2011 by Malawi's National Statistics Office was used as the basis for the MRLS. Within the 12 selected districts, the list of PWP-eligible (pre-screened) communities from the District Council and Traditional Authorities was compared with the 786 enumeration areas (EAs) in the IHS3. The sampling frame for the MRLS was the subset of IHS3 enumeration areas (EAs) in the 12 selected districts which were also in pre-selected communities for the PWP. This resulted in a total of 182 villages (EAs) out of the 786 EAs in the IHS3 to be included in the MRLS. In each community, the MRLS would re-survey the 16 randomly surveyed households in the IHS3.

Deviations from Sample Design

In practice, of the 182 EAs selected for the MRLS, 23 EAs were incorrectly identified as IHS3 EAs. These non-IHS3 EAs then have no 2010/2011 data and as a result, a new household listing was conducted in these EAs in order to randomly select 16 households in each EA.

The final target sample for the MRLS was 2,912 households (16 households in 182 communities). This includes replacement households drawn at random when required. Households in EAs that were covered by the IHS3-panel survey in the fall 2013 were excluded from Round 4 field work (resulting in a smaller sample in Round 4). One can merge in those data from the IHS3 panel data (publicly available).

The 182 villages in the MRLS sample were randomly divided into five categories with regards to the PWP (four with PWP treatment and one with no PWP). Within each PWP treatment village, a random sample of households was offered an opportunity to work in the public works program. The details of this are described in Beegle, Galasso, and Goldberg (2017), "Direct and Indirect Effects of Malawi's Public Works Program on Food Security." *Journal of Development Economics* 128: 1-23.

Questionnaires

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Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2013	2013	After the first cycle of the PWP and during the lean season

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

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Data Processing

No content available

Data Appraisal

No content available

Documentation

Questionnaires

Household Questionnaire

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Country Malawi
Language English
Filename mrls_r2_household_qx.pdf

Community Questionnaire

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Country Malawi
Language English
Filename mrls_r2_community_qx.pdf

Technical documents

Rural Livelihoods Survey (RLS), 2012/2013 Round 2 - Enumerator Manual

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Other materials

Malawi Rural Livelihood Survey 2012/2013 - Basic Information Document

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