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Overview:

This is a replication project of Goldberg. J. (2016) paper, “Kwacha Gonna Do? Experimental Evidence About Labor Supply In Rural Malawi.”

The files in this repository are:

1. Data File:

There are two main data files:

- “collapsed.dta,” is contains individual level variables from the survey data and constructed variables collapsed to the village-week level, and is used for most of the analysis.
- “labor_supply_data_for_bs.dta”, is a legacy of a previous bootstrapping procedure over individual level data

The working directory should be set to the “replication” folder. All file paths are defined relative to the working directory.

2. Final Draft.do:

The do-file contains the code for all the relevant tables and graphs.

Additionally, from the first regression, we created a predictor using labor and wage data, yielding predicted labor force participation. Elasticities at different participation levels were calculated using a new variable in line with the formula presented in the paper.

The paper also presents a counterfactual where all participants work at 140MK. In order to confirm the counterfactual presented, the observations are restricted to only participants at 30MK and 140MK. The resultant regression $\beta=0.174$, is line with the finding in the paper.

3. Read-Me.pdf:

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