

Readme for the survey data of
**Targeted Unconditional Framed Cash Transfers
for Early Childhood Health and Nutrition
Outcomes**

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Abstract

This package contains survey data and documentation for “Targeted Unconditional Framed Cash Transfers for Early Childhood Health and Nutrition Outcomes,” by Karthik Muralidharan, Paul Niehaus, Sandip Sukhtankar, and Jeffrey Weaver. It contains data collected from 8 districts in Jharkhand, India in year 2 and year 3 of the project as well as the survey instruments used to collect it.

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1 Top-folder structure

- *codebook.xlsx* – Contains variable-level metadata, including full value labels.
- **Data** – Contains the survey data. Described in more detail in section 2
- *Readme.pdf*
- **Survey Instruments** – Contains the survey instruments used to collect the follow-up data.

2 Dataset information, availability, and provenance

This package contains data from year 2 and year 3 of a study conducted in Jharkhand, India on unconditional framed cash transfers to mothers and the developmental health outcomes of their children (originally, 0 to 24 months). Data collection for year 2 began in February of 2020 but was significantly disrupted due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and thus involves a mix of data collected in person and over the phone. Since data collection for some districts was stalled, the data for some children is collected when they are 24+ months old.

The team conducted year 2 and year 3 surveys on over 4,000 respondents registered in over 900 Anganwadi centers that were in one of four study arms:

- Monthly maternal cash transfer for two years, starting after registration closes
- Monthly maternal cash transfer for one year, starting after registration closes
- Monthly maternal cash transfer for one year, starting one year after the first round of transfers began for treatment groups 1 and 2
- A control group

Several variables have been masked for respondent privacy. Information on whether households responded for these variables remains intact, but the values have been replaced.

3 Dataset list

The datasets listed below are included in the package; each dataset contains variables that are minimally cleaned and that have names/labels that list all (or most) of the associated survey questions.

- p1p2y3 endline field PUBLIC.dta – Endline field data of Phase I and Phase II districts in Year 3, including anthropometric data; corresponds to the ‘p1p2y3 endline field’ instrument
- p1y2 endline field anthro PUBLIC.dta – Anthropometric data of Phase I Districts in Year 2; corresponds to the ‘p1y2 endline field anthro’ instrument
- p1y2 endline field hh PUBLIC.dta – Household data (household relations, items, etc.) of Phase I Districts in Year 2; corresponds to the ‘p1y2 endline field hh’ instrument
- p1y2 endline phone PUBLIC.dta – Data on respondent and child consumption, activity, and disease of Phase I districts in Year 2, collected over the phone; corresponds to the ‘p1y2 endline phone’ instrument
- p2y2 endline phone PUBLIC.dta – Data on respondent and child consumption, activity, and disease of Phase II districts in Year 2, collected over the phone; corresponds to the ‘p2y2 endline phone r1’ and the ‘p2y2 endline phone r2’ instruments