

Replication Package for ‘Rural Labor and Long Recall Loss’

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Overview

This replication package contains all the necessary materials to reproduce the results from the study on rural labor supply and COVID-19 perceptions and impacts in rural Malawi. The study is based on four quarterly phone surveys drawn from a sample of respondents who had previously participated in a multi-topic in-person survey in several regions of rural Malawi.

Replication Instructions

To replicate the results, please follow the steps below:

1. Ensure that four datasets are included in the `root/dta/` folder:

- `merged_data_attrit.dta`
- `merged_long_data.dta`
- `merged_long_data_attrit.dta`
- `merged_wide_data.dta`

2. Set the root file directory on line 3 of `master.do`.

3. Run `master.do`, which will sequentially call:

- `cleaning.do`
- `summarystatistics1.do`
- `summarystatistics2.do`
- `summarystatistics3.do`
- `results1.do`
- `results2.do`
- `results3.do`

4. These scripts will generate the tables and figures in the Excel file `tables_seasonality_paper.xlsx`, where each tab corresponds to a different main paper or appendix table.

Note: The two panels of Figure 2 are created manually from the Excel tables contained in the tabs `table_quarterly1` and `table_quarterly2`.

Data Availability Statement

All data are publicly available and contained in the reproducibility package.

This dataset explores (1) labor supply and (2) perceptions and impacts of COVID-19 via four quarterly phone surveys in rural Malawi. The sample was randomly selected from respondents who provided cell phone numbers in a previous multi-topic, in-person survey conducted in several regions of rural Malawi.

The original data and its documentation are available at:

<https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/NQYOIX>

The data contained in the two datasets marked “attrit” contains additional observations from the initial sample frame that were not reached for interview, only for the purposes of analyzing attrition. These data are not included in the publicly available referenced above but are included in the reproducibility package.

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