# Template README and Guidance

## Overview

Example: The code in this replication package constructs the analysis file from author-collected data using Stata. One master script runs all of the code to generate the data and tables for the figures and tables in the paper. The replicator should expect the code to run for about 15 minutes.

## Data Availability and Provenance Statements

### Statement about Rights

I certify that the author(s) of the manuscript have legitimate access to and permission to use the data used in this manuscript.

### Summary of Availability

* All data **are** publicly available.

### Details on each Data Source

All data listed below are provided in the folder data/01\_raw

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| **Data Name** | **Data File** |
| Dataset with date of interview | ZeroScoreData\_26\_09\_p1.dta |
| Randomized treatment assignment | TrtList00.dta |
| Baseline characteristics | select1396Final\_sample.dta |
| Survey Wave 4 | round4\_data\_14.12.dta |
| Survey Wave 3 | round3\_data\_21.11.dta |
| Randomized treatment assignment | MobileCredit40GHS\_376list.xls |
| Randomized treatment assignment | MobileCredit40GHS\_376list.dta |
| Randomized treatment assignment | MobileCredit20GHS\_371list\_Wave2.xls |
| Randomized treatment assignment | MobileCredit20GHS\_371list\_Wave2.dta |
| Randomized treatment assignment | MobileCredit20GHS\_371list\_Wave1.xls |
| Randomized treatment assignment | MobileCredit20GHS\_371list\_Wave1.dta |
| Survey Wave 1 | impact10.102020Final.dta |
| Survey Wave 2 | impact\_covid\_roundFINAL.dta |

### Software Requirements

* Stata (code was last run with version 18)
  + esttab
  + outreg2
  + rwolf
  + leebounds
  + pdslasso
  + coefplot
  + coeflabels

### Controlled Randomness

* A random seed is set in almost all analysis scripts for certain procedures such as rwolf.

### Memory, Runtime, Storage Requirements

INSTRUCTIONS: Memory and compute-time requirements may also be relevant or even critical. Some example text follows. It may be useful to break this out by Table/Figure/section of processing. For instance, some estimation routines might run for weeks, but data prep and creating figures might only take a few minutes. You should also describe how much storage is required in addition to the space visible in the typical repository, for instance, because data will be unzipped, data downloaded, or temporary files written.

#### Summary

Approximate time needed to reproduce the analyses on a standard (CURRENT YEAR) desktop machine:

* 10-60 minutes

Approximate storage space needed:

* 25 MB - 250 MB

#### Details

The code was last run on an Apple M1 Pro with 16 GB RAM and plenty of empty hard drive space.

## Description of programs/code

* Programs in folder Code will import, combine, and analyze all datasets referenced above. The file Code/00\_master.do will run them all.
* All scripts are named to match tables and figures in the paper and appendix.

## Instructions to Replicators

* Ensure Data/01\_raw contains all datasets listed above.
* Edit Code/00\_master.do to adjust the default path
* Run Code/00\_master.do to run all steps in sequence.

## Description of output

Some figures and tables are not code-generated. Instead, originals are provided in the original\_figures folder.

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