

## **The Impact of Emergency Job Retention Assistance on Labor Market Outcomes for Informal Firms and Workers in Ghana**

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**Sector(s):** Firms, Labor Markets

**Target group:** Small and medium enterprises Informal workers

**Outcome of interest:** Employment Firm survival and sustainability

**Intervention type:** Cash transfers Conditional cash transfers COVID-19 response Unconditional cash transfers

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A large share of workers in sub-Saharan Africa work in informal firms and lack access to formal unemployment insurance. Researchers are conducting a randomized evaluation to test the impact of providing emergency job retention assistance to firms and workers on firm survival, worker-firm match survival, and labor market outcomes for firm owners and workers in Ghana's informal sector. Research is ongoing; results are forthcoming.