Title: Listening to Young Lives at Work: Impact of the Global Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on young people in Ethiopia, India, Peru and Vietnam

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Abstract
The survey aims to answer questions about impact of the pandemic, policies to contain the spread of the virus, and the subsequent economic slowdown in four developing countries. Building on almost twenty years of the project, the survey will examine impacts on health, labour market, education, food security and mental health of young people in four developing countries. The research questions include:
1. What proportion of the Young Lives Cohorts aged 19 and 25 in Ethiopia, India, Peru, and Vietnam have been affected by COVID-19: through illness (specified symptoms, or test result) of themselves or a family member; through death of a family member; through income (and savings) and job; through food insecurity; through disruption to education plans and aspirations for those who were attending or plan to attend school/university/technical institute; and migration?
2. What behavior changes have occurred since the crisis began and how have they affected wellbeing: for example, effectiveness of lockdown or restrictions on movement and social gathering; positive health behaviors, including access to health services; beliefs about virus spreading and effective behavior; access to information from different sources (e.g. government, friends, social media, radio, etc.)
3. What are the short-term effects of the crisis on individual outcomes: for example health (including mental health); subjective well-being; educational attainment of 19 year olds; employment and earnings; sale of assets; time use and care responsibilities;
4. To what extent the impact of the pandemic has a differential effect by gender, economic sector (essential vs non-essential sectors), area of residence (highly-dense urban vs urban vs rural), living in poverty, possibly contributing to exacerbate existing inequalities;
5. What strategies and policies implemented have a positive impact in mitigating the immediate impact of the pandemic or promoting positive behaviors: for example, access to cash transfers, food donation, credit relief, access to credit, and other forms of economic assistance (from central and municipal governments, NGOs, religious organizations, etc), access to information about testing and/or treatment.

Data Description
Young Lives is a longitudinal survey which began in 2001, with two cohorts, one born around the turn of the century (8,000 children) and one born seven years earlier (4,000 children). The children were surveyed along with their caregivers five times over the past 19 years. Young Lives had planned to undertake a sixth round of quantitative fieldwork in 2020, Peru being the first country to go to the field (June 2020), followed by India (August 2020), Ethiopia (October 2020) and Vietnam (November, 2020).
The survey is now postponed, but this year the project will undertake a Computer-Assisted-Telephone-Survey (CATI) comprising three phone calls:

**Call 1 (June-July 2020):** Main purpose to explain the new arrangement with phone survey this year and in-person survey next year and to gain consent for the main survey. Basic information will be collected including: living arrangements; health of household members; labour and education effects of current emergency/lockdown; Covid-19 knowledge and behaviours.

**Call 2 (September-October 2020):** The main survey is based on a much-shortened version of the planned Round 6 survey, with a focus on labor market participation and skills. New modules are added on the impact of the pandemic on the household’s health and economic situation.

1. Household roster: including information about the health and participation in economic activities of all household members
2. Time-use and care responsibility
3. Education, education history
4. Labor/work (participation, income generating activities) and other activity changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic
5. COVID-19: availability of information, belief, mitigation and coping mechanisms (e.g. money and donated goods; savings and assets; access to digital devices and distance learning); policies implemented by national and local government (including social protection)
6. Economic consequences for the household and individuals (economic shocks that affected the household and responses)
7. Socio-emotional/subjective well-being (including mental health)
8. Food insecurity

**Call 3 (November-December 2020):** Will include a reduced list of questions from call 1/2 to collect some of the time sensitive questions asked during the two previous calls to better understand whether the respondent’s situation has changed in the meanwhile. The timing of the third call should be defined in a way that makes analytical sense (and therefore should be country specific) and provide meaningful information on the young people’s outcomes and wellbeing at crucial time, e.g. before vs after a quarantine period; during COVID peak vs after COVID peak; before vs after a specific education/labor policy is implemented.

The round 6 survey will take place one year later than planned, in 2021. Questionnaires and links to datasets will be posted to the Young Lives website www.younglives.org.uk and updated regularly. Twitter updates from @yloxford.

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