Title: The Impact of Cash in a Crisis: Evidence from Dandora, Kenya during and after Covid-19

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Abstract:
This study will deliver cash grants to microenterprise owners run by women in Dandora, Kenya during the covid-19 outbreak. We will use a randomized controlled trial to study the impact of cash on economic outcomes both during and after the crisis. Along the way we will collect information about expectations, beliefs, and impact of government policy responses on business outcomes.

Data Description:
Data is collected by phone interview on an ongoing basis from early April until the end of August. The study population are entrepreneurs in a dense slum in Nairobi, Kenya called Dandora. We track beliefs about the severity of the outbreak, the effect it will have on their business, and business outcomes, such as sales, pricing, costs, employment and inventories. We will have observations of study participants approximately every two weeks.

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