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New GCAN Research: Responding to Covid-19

Phone surveys to understand the impact of Covid-19 on poor rural women in Ghana, Nepal, Nigeria and Senegal

To better understand the impact of Covid-19 on poor rural women, the GCAN project is conducting high-frequency, panel phone surveys of rural women and men in 4 Feed-the-Future focus countries. The survey focuses on monitoring selected key impacts, such as mobility, income and employment, food and water insecurity, dietary diversity, migration/remittances, time use and conflict and will include USAID mission requested additional questions, such as the reach of national relief programs. In total 10,000 interviews will be conducted until the end of 2020. Data are directly made available to RFS and key national government stakeholders to support them in their programming. Data will also be shared through slide decks and fact sheets and a research paper on the impact of COVID-19 on rural women will be developed.

Mapping COVID-19 Hotspots in Feed-the-Future Countries with a Focus on Poor Rural Women

To support the strategic planning of BFR during the Covid-19 pandemic in Feed the Future countries, the GCAN team is developing a series of COVID-19 hotspot maps that identify clusters of COVID-19 risk factors. For this, a location-specific composite Covid-19 risk index will be developed by analyzing biomarker indicators from the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), multi-disciplinary datasets from other surveys, and secondary data sources. The analysis will focus on 4 Feed-the-Future focus countries: Bangladesh, Ghana, Kenya, and Senegal.

Recent GCAN presentations

Presentations on gender and phone surveys during Covid-19

Two recent presentations by GCAN team member Elizabeth Bryan highlight gender-Covid-19 linkages as well as potential challenges to reaching women over the phone. Watch the presentation on “Gendered Impacts of Covid-19 in Developing Countries” to the Big Data Platform Community of Practice on socio-economic data (SED-CoP) at a webinar on [“Harmonization of COVID-19 Phone Surveys in CGIAR”](#) that took place on May 19, 2020.

Another presentation--to the Gender+FNS+Covid Working Group Meeting on June 10, 2020--further describes this ongoing research.

Slides are available [here](#).



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