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TRANSFORM DEVELOPMENT

DISCUSSANT FEEDBACK

Dominican Republic

CURRENT IE

- Unclear which treatment arm results refer to, unless all arms have similar impacts?
- Why is size of treatment groups so different? This affects ability to compare with control and cv only
- Do test data show courses are effective at increasing knowledge and skills?

FUTURE IE

- Impacts on formality suggest sorting into different types of employers
- Future IE can study if sorting comes from labor supply side (more apps to formal employers) or from labor demand side (higher perceived quality of candidate)
- Internship vs Training approach similar to Alfonsi et al 2020
- Travel Internship and Migration (Interventions 5 and 6) more innovative and potentially more cost effective

DISCUSSANT FEEDBACK

Liberia

DESIGN-RELATED COMMENTS

- Magnitude of impacts & spillovers depends on relative size of grant (as % of revenues, profits)
- Likely high heterogeneity across sectors (firm size, investment type, geographic clustering, etc.): pooling estimates across sectors feasible? Is sample size sufficient to study heterogeneity across sectors?
- Treatment status of market is endogenous if entrepreneur enters a new market after receiving grant – exclude non-compliers (those who invest in other markets)?

CLARIFICATIONS/ASSUMPTIONS

- Assume macro- = micro-community?
- Assume lottery is public: how to guarantee existence of control markets?
- Assume treatment status of individual: grant + orientation vs nothing
- Assume treatment status of market: at least one treated individual
- Assume 200 businesses surveyed per macro-community: how large are communities? Tricky to measure spillovers in large community.

DISCUSSANT FEEDBACK

Ecuador

DESIGN-RELATED COMMENTS

- Will the govt share the individual-level data on the poverty measure? Data source not cited.
- Baseline should be run on a sample including future beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries
- What type of training and coaching will this be? Technical skills/soft skills/business training?
- Risk two treatment groups will not be comparable if different providers

CLARIFICATIONS

- Is the poverty measure a value collected in 2018?
- Is this a Diff-in-Diff design in researchers' intention?
- If so, why is control group only made of people who applied later or in waitlist?
- If placement in waitlist happens for specific reasons, unclear groups are comparable

Thank you!

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