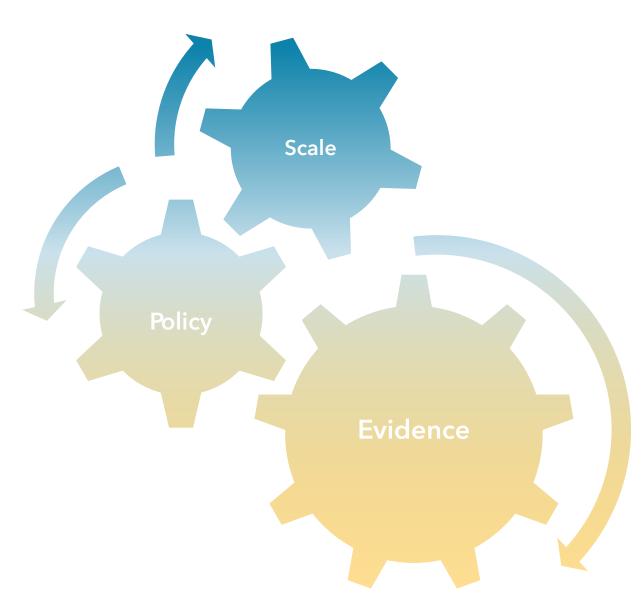
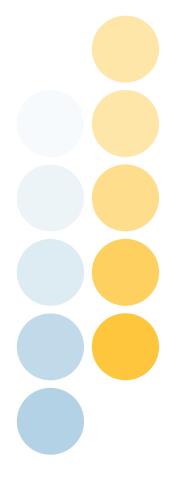
# PEI Impact Evaluation Workshop

**Moving Economic Inclusion to scale** 









# Is Mobile Money Changing Rural Africa?

**Evidence From A Field Experiment** 



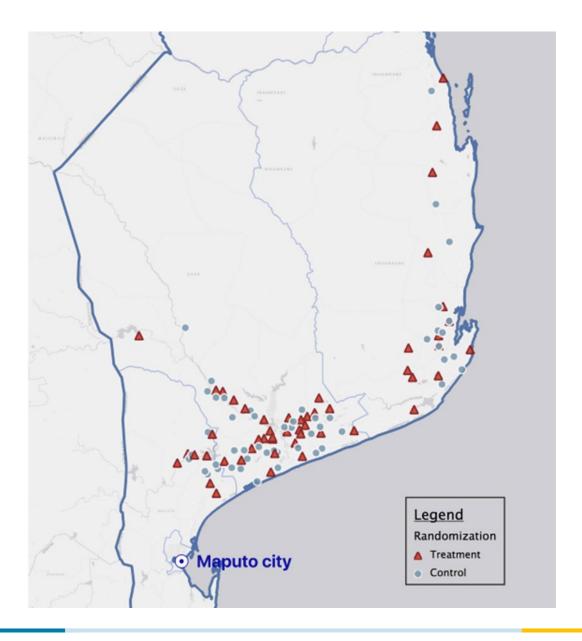


# **Our Contribution**

- What is the economic impact of introducing access to mobile money in rural locations?
  - First RCT evaluating the effects of introducing mobile money in rural areas without any supply of formal financial services
  - Main outcomes of interest at the household level:
    - Adoption
    - Remittances and Savings
    - Consumption and Vulnerability (esp. food security)
    - Agricultural and Business Investment
- What is the mechanism underlying the economic effects of the intervention?
  - Migration out of rural areas









## Randomized Intervention

# Part 1: Agent recruitment and training

- Recruitment
  - Local vendors with full shelves (proxy for liquidity);
  - Required licence to operate as vendors;
  - Needed bank account.
- Agent training (June-July 2012)
  - Contract signed by Carteira Móvel;
  - Materials handed-out (agent poster, other posters, agent cell phone);
  - Briefing: community theatre and meeting; self-registration; cash-in; purchase in shop; other mKesh operations.





# Part 2: Community theatre and meeting

- mKesh jingle played from mKesh agent shop
- Theatre play after canvassing the location with the help of local authorities
  - Script including mentions of:
    - mKesh Safety (based on the mKesh PIN)
    - Savings using mKesh
    - Transfers using mKesh
    - Self-registration in mKesh
- Community meeting after theatre with overview of the service, open for questions









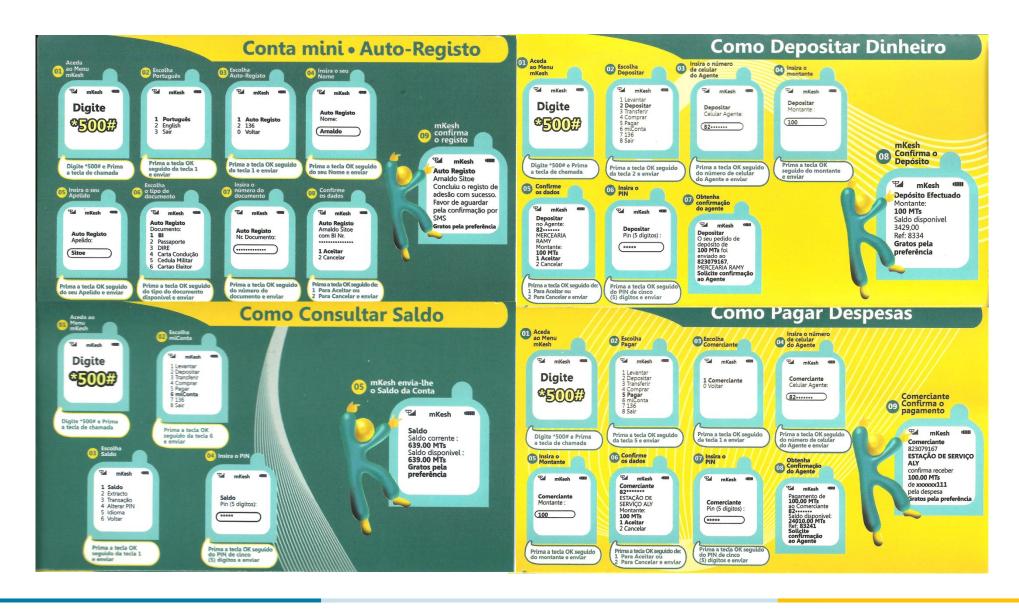




#### Part 3: Individual treatment

- Based on leaflet which was distributed to households
- Actual self-registration
  - Following menu, needed name and document (e.g., ID) number
- Actual cash-in
  - At the local agent shop
  - 76 MT given to each treated individual
- Actual balance checking
- Actual purchase
  - At the local agent shop
  - Value of purchase had to be 20 MT (involving 1 MT fee)
- Description of:
  - Cash-out (involving a 5 MT fee if remaining 50 MT withdrawn)
  - Transfer







Operations done as part of individual treatment: self-registration, cash-in, checking balance, buying from agent



Tipos de Transacções		Montantes em Meticais				
	20-100	101-1.000	1.001-5.000	5.001-10.000	10.001-25.000	
Levantamento no Agente <sup>2</sup>	5	8	12	50	50	
Transferência		5				
Compra de Senha		25				
Saldo <sup>3</sup>		1				
Alterar PIN		1				
Extracto <sup>4</sup>		2				
Pagamento ao Comerciante		1				
Levantamento de Senha		Grátis				
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# Measurement

### Administrative records from Carteira Movel

- Data on actual usage of mKesh by baseline survey respondents;
- Include details on type of transaction and value of transaction, for each transaction 15,971 transactions between July 2012 and June 2015 – trial transactions are excluded from our analysis;

## Weather shocks georeferenced data

 Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index (SPEI): rainfall weather-station data adjusted for other weather conditions to allow precise measurement of drought and flood conditions;

# Survey data

- Consumption and shocks, vulnerability, remittances, savings, agricultural and business investment;
- Three rounds as a panel of households: 2012, 2013, 2014;

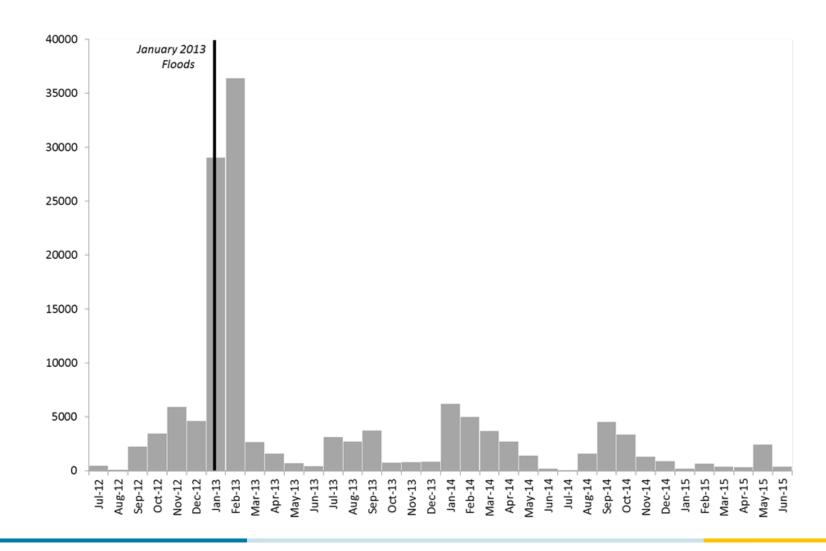


# **Main results**





## **Evolution of total value of monthly mobile money transfers received (in meticais)**





# Main results

• Increased migrant remittances received by households with access to mobile money in rural areas – especially when affected by negative shocks (large flood and illness, death or job loss in the family)

# Consumption and vulnerability

- *Insurance effect:* expenditure increased in presence of negative shocks
- Vulnerability decreased: lower incidence of hunger episodes, improved access to school supplies (increased over time)

# Agricultural and Business Investment

- Negative effect on agricultural activity and investment (deepening over time)
- No significant impact on business investment

# Migration

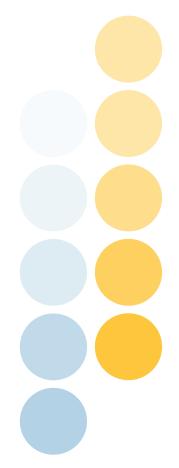
Migration out of rural areas – building up over time!





# **Summary**

- Experimental introduction of mobile money in rural areas of Southern Mozambique achieved **high levels of adoption** (76% did at least one transaction in the first year, 85% in the three years after)
- Mobile money reduced transaction costs of immediate long-distance transfers
- ⇒ improved long-distance insurance to (aggregate and idiosyncratic) shocks through migrant remittances
- ⇒ increased migration out of rural areas
- Agricultural activity and investment in rural areas decreased with the introduction of mobile money.
- Spatial occupational change as a result of mobile money availability!



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# Thank you!

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