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In the Business of Saving Lives

[Martina Björkman Nyqvist](#), [Jakob Svensson](#), [David Yanagizawa-Drott](#)

In Uganda, an incentivized community health promoter program increased health care access, knowledge, and health-promoting behaviors among households, leading to a 27 percent reduction in child mortality.



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Reducing Pregnancy Among Adolescents

Across a range of programs, interventions that successfully changed the calculus of costs and benefits of unprotected sexual activity and childbirth delayed pregnancy among adolescents. Some programs directly altered costs and benefits while others shifted perceptions of them.



HEALTH, GENDER

Can We Talk in Private (About Family Planning)?

[Nava Ashraf](#), [Erica Field](#)

In contexts in which women have less bargaining power in family planning decisions, providing private access to contraceptives may be an important and effective means of

enabling women to achieve their fertility goals.

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Responding to Risk: HIV Prevention and Male Circumcision

[Rebecca Thornton](#)

In rural Malawi, providing information about voluntary medical male circumcision and HIV transmission risk reduced risky sexual behavior among uncircumcised men, but did not increase take-up of circumcision. A subsequent evaluation of a voucher program in urban Malawi found that providing information and reducing the price of circumcision only slightly increased take-up.



POLITICAL ECONOMY & GOVERNANCE, HEALTH

The Power of Information in Community Monitoring

[Jakob Svensson](#), [Martina Björkman Nyqvist](#)

A community-based monitoring program in Uganda led to large and sustained increases in health care utilization and improvements in child health. The key to success was providing communities with information on the performance of local health care providers.



EDUCATION, HEALTH

After the Transfers Stop

Karen Macours

Cash transfers directed to female caregivers in Nicaragua led to gains in child-development outcomes that persisted beyond the duration of the program.



EDUCATION, HEALTH, POLITICAL ECONOMY & GOVERNANCE

Community Grants for the Next Generation

Benjamin A. Olken

Community block grants improved health and education in Indonesian villages, and adding performance incentives sped up improvements in health.

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