

# ESII COVID-19 research ramp-up questionnaire

To ensure any future J-PAL funded project is following protocols that protect the safety of all research participants and staff during this difficult time, and in line with the steps currently being taken by J-PAL's regional offices for projects under their portfolio, we would like to gather more information on your planned research activities and anticipated disruptions due to COVID-19.

This survey should take no more than 30 minutes to fill out. You will receive an email with a copy of your response.

We thank you for taking time out of a busy and difficult period to respond to these questions. If you have any questions or would like to share additional information not captured by this form, please e-mail ESII manager at [atabacaru@povertyactionlab.org](mailto:atabacaru@povertyactionlab.org).

\* Required

1. Email address \*

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## 1. Proposal details

2. 1a. Name and institutional affiliation of PI(s) (e.g.: Jane Doe (X University)) \*

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3. 1b. Title of proposal \*

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## In-person contact

4. 1c. Does your proposed project require research activities that involve in-person contact? (including any enumerator training, intervention activities, surveys, etc.) \*

If your answer is "no", you will skip to the last section of this survey.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes    Skip to question 5  
☐ No    Skip to question 24  
☐ Maybe; not sure yet    Skip to question 5

## 2. Intervention infrastructure: Intervention activities

5. 2a. What research activities that involve in-person contact are planned? \*

Such activities may include surveyor training, call center set-up, or in-person field work such as focus groups or surveys (including collecting phone numbers for remote follow-up).

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6. 2b. Where will the proposed in-person components of the intervention take place? \*

Please be specific on whether these activities will take place on a national level or in certain regions or areas of the proposed country (and if so, please indicate the regions or areas).

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7. 2c. Governments may deem some regions within the country safe to resume in-person activities while continuing to restrict these activities in others. Is the government in your proposal country currently allowing in-person research activities? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes; government is allowing research activities in the entire country
- ☐ Yes; government is allowing research activities, but only in some regions
- ☐ No; government is not allowing any research activities in the country

8. 2d. Does the government currently allow research activities in the regions where the proposed in-person components of the intervention will take place? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. 2e. If the government is currently allowing research activities in these locations, please elaborate on whether this permission is likely to be stable during the duration of a typical survey or intervention.

Criteria for assessing stability of government permission may include rates of new cases, time period for which new cases have leveled off, and degree to which restrictions have already been relaxed.

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10. 2f. Does the proposed project require staff or surveyors to move between areas where regulations are different? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe; we do not yet know

11. 2g. Will the proposed intervention be able to respect group size restrictions either from the government or from host universities or other partner institutions for any in-person component relating to contact between staff (such as call centers, training activities, device servicing, or survey team travel)? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. 2h. If no to the above question, please elaborate.

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3. Intervention infrastructure:  
Safety measures

Safety measures for in-person activities that require group gatherings of staff with subject contact or direct subject contacts, such as surveying, training, or focus group meetings

13. 3a. In your proposed project, how many subjects in each field team are expected to interact within a period of 12 days (incubation period for 98% of corona-infected patients)? Please elaborate on the measures you will take to make this number as low as possible, and please elaborate on any safety measures put in place to protect against unavoidable in-person contact. \*

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14. 3b. In your proposed project, will you be able to incorporate virus transmission safety measures into surveyor training? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

15. 3c. In your proposed project, have you budgeted for PPE for surveyors, including: \*

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No
<b>Masks</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Soap</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Disinfectant/Hand sanitizer</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. 3d. What protections (HR policies) are in place for field staff who fall ill? \*

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17. 3e. Please describe which measures you will take to reduce in-person contact with subjects (such as collecting phone numbers at baseline for follow-up surveying via phone). \*

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18. 3f. Will your proposed project be run through a J-PAL regional office? \*

If your answer is "yes", you will skip to the last section of this survey.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes Skip to question 24  
☐ No Skip to question 19

#### 4. Research infrastructure and guidance in response to COVID-19

19. 4a. Is the research institution listed under "institute to receive award" currently allowing research activities that involve in-person contact? If not, do you have any information on the conditions when or under which they will decide to resume activities? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes; allowing research activities that involve in-person contact  
☐ No; not allowing research activities that involve in-person contact, and we DO NOT HAVE any information on resuming activities  
☐ No; not allowing research activities that involve in-person contact, but we DO HAVE information on resuming activities (please expand on next question)

20. 4b. If the institute to receive award is not allowing research activities that involve in-person contact but you have additional information on the conditions when or under which they will decide to resume such research activities, please explain here

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21. 4c. Is the research institution in charge of fieldwork operations for your proposed project (e.g. IPA country office, local implementer) allowing research activities that involve in-person contact? If not, do you have any information on the conditions when or under which they will decide to resume such activities? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ The research institution in charge of fieldwork operations for my project is the same as the institute to receive award  
☐ Yes; allowing research activities that involve in-person contact  
☐ No; not allowing research activities that involve in-person contact, and we do not have any information on resuming activities  
☐ No; not allowing research activities that involve in-person contact, but we have information on resuming activities (please expand on next question)

22. 4d. If the research institution in charge of fieldwork operations for your proposed project is not allowing research activities that involve in-person contact but you have additional information on the conditions when or under which they will decide to resume such activities, please explain here.

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23. 4e. Is there a plan in place for informing all important stakeholders, such as funders and research partners (government and policy partners, hospitals, etc.), of the restart of research activities that involve in-person contact? \*

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Resilience to COVID-19

24. 5a. In the event that the research is disrupted by a resurgence of COVID-19, what do you see as the potential financial and human costs of suspending and restarting the project? \*

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25. 5b. Please describe to what extent findings from your intervention may be relevant and generalizable beyond a COVID-19 context. \*

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