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Northwestern on COVID's Impact in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

Northwestern University expands on results from [a paper in February 2021](#) on the economic impact of COVID-19 in nine lower- and middle-income countries. Overall, findings showed the pandemic took a significant toll on key livelihood outcomes—including food security, employment, and domestic violence—across several LMICs and that the economic shock will have long-term consequences. [Dean Karlan](#) and [Chris Udry](#) discuss the challenges of developing the phone surveys used in the study and how this data can be used to determine a path forward. For example, [emergency cash transfers in Togo](#) were found to be an effective short-term solution.

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