# Measuring the impact of microfinance on poor rural women in Mongolia 

A randomised field experiment on group-lending versus individual lending

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## 1. Introduction

This report provides an in-depth description of the first wave of household data collected for a randomised field experiment to measure the impact of microcredit on poverty reduction among poor rural women in Mongolia. The experiment consists of two 'treatments': a group lending product with group responsibility (so-called 'joint liability') and an individual loan product. In a previous report (Attanasio et al, 2008) we detailed the background information to the project, the partner institutions involved, the randomisation methodology, loan products, and outcome variables of interest. ${ }^{1}$ In this report, we analyse the data collected from the first wave (the baseline). We provide descriptive statistics relating to our sample along a wide range of dimensions such as education choices, assets, savings, debt, income, enterprises, consumption and transfers. The analysis of this population is of interest in its own right and gives a first snapshot of the target population which is not available from existing data sources. We show formal comparisons of these characteristics between treatment and control groups, an important test of how well the randomisation actually worked, and thus a crucial pre-requisite against which the program will be evaluated in around a year's time.

Ultimately, the results of this randomised impact assessment will not only yield information on whether microcredit is able to alleviate poverty, but also on what type of microcredit is best suited to this task in terms of the profitability and sustainability of the microfinance provider involved. XacBank, the participating bank in the experiment, aims to learn whether the provision of microcredit to poor and remote clients can be a profitable - and thus sustainable - line of business and, if so, what the most appropriate lending methodology/the best microfinance product is. The results will also be of relevance to other microfinance providers, to the donor community and to IFIs. Ultimately, the results can support EBRD to further refine its microfinance strategy in Mongolia and other early transition countries (ETCs).

[^0]The remainder of this report is structured as follows. Section 2 provides a summary of some background information on the project. Section 3 then provides an in-depth description of the baseline data in individual treatment, group treatment and control soums. Finally, section 4 concludes.

## 2. Background to the project

This section contains information on some background aspects of the program. We refer the reader to the methodology report (Attanasio et al, 2008) for a more complete description.

### 2.1 Description of the project

The project consists of an experimental set up in which some households will gain access to group loans ('treatment 1 '), some households will receive individual loans ('treatment $2^{\prime}$ ) and some households will not receive any loans for the period of approximately one year ('control group'). In the group loan program, the group is liable ('joint liability') whereas in the individual loan program the individual is liable. ${ }^{2}$ The purpose of the loans is to provide finance for working capital or fixed assets for women's microentrepreneurial activities. A more detailed description of the loan products is contained in Attanasio et al, 2008.

The ongoing experiment is taking place in 40 soums across the following five aimags in Mongolia: Uvs, Khovsgol, Bulgan, Arkhangai and Hentii. Of these 40 soums, there are 15 individual loan treatment soums, 15 group loan treatment groups, and 10 control soums. An essential element of the experimental design is that the allocation of the two treatments (group lending and individual lending) over the participants is done in a random fashion (a so-called controlled randomised trial). Randomisation has taken place across soums, so only chance decides whether a soum is assigned to the group treatment, the individual treatment or the control. So in a group treatment soum, all the participating households will only have access to the group lending product, in the individual treatment

[^1]soums only to the individual loan product, and in the control soums households they will not have access to either XacBank loan product for the period of one year.

The decision to randomise the program across soums was taken because first, it is administratively and politically much easier to manage the randomisation across soums, and second, the loans in a soum could have effects on individuals living in that soum who do not receive them (spillover effects), invalidating the comparison between treatment and controls.

The focus of the study is ultimately on how the provision of microcredit affects household poverty. The key outcome variables relate to consumption (food and nonfood), the income of household members, the labour supply of household members, financial and other assets, children's education and the financial impact of unexpected adverse events. We are also specifically interested in household enterprises, including turnover and profits.

### 2.2 Data

A key component of the project is to collect detailed individual- and household-level data both before the program starts and after it finishes. A total of 1,148 individuals across 40 soums were interviewed before the program started. The data from this 'baseline survey', conducted in March 2008, is the topic of this report. We will return to the field around September 2009 (though the precise date is yet to be confirmed) to collect the same type of data from the same households. Having access to this rich panel data (i.e. data for the same households at two or more points in time) combined with the randomised nature of the experiment, will put us in an excellent position to estimate impacts of this program on poverty, enterprises, and other dimensions of behaviour, after the next survey.

The baseline survey was conducted with respondents at a central location, and interviews lasted approximately one hour. This survey was conducted before the individual knew whether or not she would receive a loan, thus ensuring that responses are not in any way dependent on whether the respondent even knows whether or not she will receive a loan.

### 2.3 Target population

Participating households are mostly located in or near the centres of their respective soums. The soum centres are on average 1 kilometre in diameter. The women are thus mostly chosen from the sedentary, not the nomadic population. Initially, potential participants were chosen from the very poor part of population and belonged to vulnerable groups mainly living on various state benefits. However, the data collection time (March) coincided with the livestock birthing season which starts at the end of February and lasts until the end April, and which provides one of the few employment opportunities for poor people living in rural areas. For this reason, there was a high number of missing respondents during the survey. Interview replacement individuals were incorporated where possible. Although the replacements are still poor, they are relatively better off than the initial respondents we had planned to interview, and many are already operators of small and micro businesses such as sewing shops, small scale cropping farms, traders, bakeries, furniture repairing shop, ice-cream shops, etc. Moreover, many already have some form of loan.

This was not part of the original design plan, and it means that our sample includes not only the poorest women who have no access to banking, but also more entrepreneurial women, many of whom who do indeed already have access to loans. Ultimately, we will therefore be considering the effects of microfinance provision on this relatively more entrepreneurial, yet still poor, sample of individuals. As one important intended use of the loans is for setting up and funding enterprises, this may in fact turn out to be the more interesting target population to consider, as they already show entrepreneurial initiative whereas the very poorest households are less likely to set up enterprises and more likely to use loans to fund short-term consumption needs. In any case we will be able to investigate whether there are heterogeneous effects of the program on both types of individual.

## 3. Comparison between treatment and control units

The evaluation methodology will be based on the comparison of outcomes between soums in which the program operates and soums where the program does not operate. The potential impact of microfinance on poverty will be estimated by comparing the outcomes of individuals receiving loans with those not receiving loans. We will estimate the effects separately for each of the two treatments. In other words, we will compare the outcomes of individuals living in individual treatment soums with those living in control soums. Separately, we will compare the outcomes of individuals living in group treatment soums with those living in control soums.

In order to be able to attribute any effects to the microfinance program, it is imperative that the two groups being compared are similar. Randomisation is the gold-standard in this respect, as if conducted properly, it ensures that treatment and control individuals are, on average, statistically the same in terms of observable and unobservable characteristics. In other words, randomisation removes selection bias (i.e. pre-existing differences between the treatment and control groups, such as different levels of education, that might make one household more likely to repay a loan than another). In theory, this should ensure that when we compare the outcomes of treatment and control individuals the only difference is due to the receipt of the loan and not due to any unobserved differences between them. It allows one to obtain unbiased effects of the treatment (provision of loans) on poverty.

However, it is important to check just how successful randomisation has been. This is done by comparing treatment and control individuals along a range of dimensions before the program started. Such dimensions include outcome variables such as consumption, enterprise, assets and savings, as well as background characteristics that cannot be changed by the program such as age, sex, adult education, and so on. This is what we formally test in this report. We present tables showing the average values of different variables for control, individual treatment, and group treatment households. We then conduct two-way comparisons between control and individual treatment households, and control and group treatment households (as ultimately these will be the comparisons
made in the impact evaluation), to see if any observed differences between the means are statistically significant at conventional levels. ${ }^{3}$

Whilst this descriptive analysis gives a flavour of what our sample looks like, more importantly it provides a formal statistical comparison between treatment and control units. As discussed already, testing that treatment and control groups that are very similar is very important for the impact evaluation that will follow in just over one year's time.

Before proceeding, note that in all of the tables that follow, we use the following format. We show the means of the variables for control soums, individual treatment soums, and group treatment soums in columns (1) through (3), respectively. We then show two-way comparisons between treatment and control areas in columns (4) and (5): column (4) shows the p -value of the test of statistical differences between control and individual treatment means, and column (5) shows the p-value of the test of the statistical differences between control and group treatment means. The null hypothesis being tested in column (4), for example, is that the mean of the variable in control soums is equal to the mean of the variable in individual treatment soums. A p-value below 0.05 leads us to reject this null hypothesis. Where this is the case, the p-value is highlighted in bold in the table. Note that throughout, the tests account for clustering of the standard errors at the soum level.

### 3.1 Overview of the sample

In total, 1,148 households were surveyed in the first round of data collection. Of these, 299 live in control soums, 438 in individual treatment soums, and 411 in group treatment soums. There are 10 control soums, and 15 of each of the treatment soums. One person acted as respondent in each household, and answered a range of questions relating to household-level information as well as basic information about each individual in the household. In 1,124 households this respondent is female.

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### 3.2 Individual characteristics

In this section, we take a first look at some characteristics of our sample of individuals, such as age, education levels and so on. As discussed already, we show these separately for each of the three soum types (control, individual treatment, group treatment), and we then test how alike the control and individual treatment soums are, and the control and group treatment soums.

We see from Table 1 that just over half of all individuals in our sample are female, and the average age of individuals is around 24 . Neither of these is statistically different across treatment and control groups, as indicated by the p-values in the last two columns of the table.

Table 1 Characteristics of whole sample

|  | (1) <br> Control | $\mathbf{( 2 )}$ <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Female (\%) | 55 |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Age | 54 | 54 | 0.55 | 0.52 |  |

We next compare some household characteristics across treatment and control groups: religion, ethnicity and number of children (below age 16) in a household, shown in Table 2. Over two thirds of our sample is Buddhist. The majority of our sample is of Halh ethnic origin, with the next most common ethnicities being Bayaad and Dorvod. The average number of children below the age of 16 per household is just under 2. ${ }^{4}$ Again, there are no statistical differences across either of the treatment and control areas, as shown in columns (4) and (5) of the table.

Table 2 Characteristics of households

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Buddhism (\%) | 73.99 | 64.79 | 72.93 | 0.194 | 0.85 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Halh (\%) | 68.36 | 70.42 | 75.86 | 0.907 | 0.668 |
| Dorvod (\%) | 8.58 | 9.3 | 8.94 | 0.947 | 0.975 |
| Bayaad (\%) | 12.01 | 0.05 | 12.02 | 0.205 | 0.999 |
| Number of children <16 | 1.73 | 1.8 | 1.76 | 0.689 | 0.871 |

[^3]In the remaining tables, we show characteristics of female adults, male adults and children. Female adults in our sample are 33 years old on average, and around two fifths of them are married. Literacy rates are very high and average years of education is over 9 . A similar picture emerges for male adults in our sample, though they are more likely to be married (around half are married) and have slightly less years of education, at just below 9 .

Table 3 Characteristics of female adults (aged 16+)

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 33.7 | 33.86 | 33.14 | 0.829 | 0.356 |
| Age | 38.73 | 43.52 | 43.73 | 0.344 | 0.333 |
| Married (\%) | 97.58 | 97.09 | 97.48 | 0.613 | 0.911 |
| Literate (\%) | 9.47 | 9.41 | 9.74 | 0.833 | 0.354 |

Table 4 Characteristics of male adults (aged 16+)

|  | $\mathbf{( 1 )}$ <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | $\mathbf{( 3 )}$ <br> Group | $\mathbf{( 4 )}$ <br> p-value | $\mathbf{( 5 )}$ <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Age | 32.95 | 32.27 | 32.31 | 0.49 | 0.485 |
| Married (\%) | 51.62 | 50.91 | 53.71 | 0.889 | 0.658 |
| Literate (\%) | 97.5 | 97.84 | 97.75 | 0.681 | 0.792 |
| Years of education | 8.7 | 8.66 | 8.99 | 0.898 | 0.385 |

Finally, we take a look at gender, age and education of children aged 5-15, shown in Table 5. Around half of these children are female. Literacy rates are high, and attendance at school is also very high. Average years of education amongst children of this age are just below 4. Again, we observe no statistically significant differences across treatment and control areas.

Table 5 Characteristics of children aged 5-15

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Female (\%) | 49.15 | 51.1 | 49.74 | 0.642 | 0.874 |
| Age | 10.33 | 10.6 | 10.51 | 0.25 | 0.374 |
| Literate (\%) | 91.26 | 89.06 | 91.52 | 0.329 | 0.901 |
| Currently attending school (\%) | 96.36 | 94.9 | 94.97 | 0.386 | 0.257 |
| Years of education | 3.48 | 3.77 | 3.75 | 0.238 | 0.189 |

Taken together, this first look at the sample is very encouraging: comparing treatment (whether individual or group) and control soums we see that none of the characteristics are statistically different from each other at conventional levels. In the remainder of this report, we provide a more in-depth look at our sample of households, and compare them across treatment and control areas along a much wider range of characteristics.

### 3.3 Characteristics of household dwellings

In this section we describe the characteristics of the dwellings that our sample resides in. Again, we show average values in all control, individual treatment and group treatment soums, along with p-values for differences between the means. These are shown in Table 6 below.

Table 6 Characteristics relating to household dwellings

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) Group | (4) $p$-value | (5) $p$-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Owns (\%) | 92.98 | 92.92 | 94.65 | 0.975 | 0.345 |
| Value of dwelling (tugrik) | 1,432,045 | 1,515,424 | 1,574,228 | 0.705 | 0.547 |
| Owns fence (\%) | 67.22 | 73.97 | 74.15 | 0.276 | 0.376 |
| Years living in dwelling | 14.25 | 13.26 | 14.76 | 0.269 | 0.629 |
| Ger (\%) | 65.55 | 60.96 | 62.77 | 0.482 | 0.736 |
| House (\%) | 30.77 | 36.99 | 30.66 | 0.357 | 0.989 |
| Electricity (\%) | 94.98 | 77.63 | 94.4 | 0.043 | 0.793 |
| Owns other dwelling (conditional |  |  |  |  |  |
| on current dwelling a ger) (\%) | 47.18 | 39.7 | 49.61 | 0.444 | 0.797 |
| Owns other ger (\%) | 6.45 | 4.72 | 7.03 | 0.645 | 0.903 |
| Owns house (\%) | 69.89 | 78.3 | 79.69 | 0.381 | 0.219 |
| Other ger and house (\%) | 11.83 | 7.55 | 7.81 | 0.388 | 0.302 |
| DK other dwelling type (\%) | 11.83 | 9.43 | 5.47 | 0.797 | 0.401 |
| Owns other dwelling (conditional |  |  |  |  |  |
| on current dwelling a house) (\%) | 58.7 | 49.38 | 49.21 | 0.222 | 0.211 |
| Owns ger (\%) | 62.96 | 75 | 69.35 | 0.245 | 0.502 |
| Owns other house (\%) | 14.81 | 13.75 | 12.9 | 0.877 | 0.766 |
| Other house and ger (\%) | 18.52 | 10 | 17.74 | 0.170 | 0.906 |
| DK other dwelling type (\%) | 3.7 | 1.25 | 0 | 0.389 | 0.155 |

We see that the vast majority, over $90 \%$, of households own the dwelling in which they are currently living. The percentage of households owning the fence that surrounds their dwelling, which is an indicator of well-being, is around $70 \%$. The average household has lived in this dwelling for around 14 years. Around two thirds currently live in a ger, and one third in a house. The majority of households use electricity for lighting, though note that this percentage is smaller in individual treatment soums compared to control soums,
and this difference is significant at the 5\% level. Finally, around one half of households own another dwelling. We see that amongst those currently living in a ger and that have a secondary dwelling, upwards of $70 \%$ of these other dwellings are houses. Of those currently living in a house and that have a secondary dwelling, around $70 \%$ of these other dwellings are gers.

With the exception of electricity, the availability of which is quite a bit lower in individual treatment areas, treatment and control areas look very similar along dimensions relating to dwelling.

### 3.4 Household consumption

Our consumption data are very detailed and include information both on expenditure and on consumption of various commodities (which may not have been purchased). In the case of food consumption, we have information both on quantities and values.

### 3.4.1 Food consumption in the past week

We start off by describing consumption of food in the past week amongst our sample of households. Table 7 below shows a list of food goods in the left hand column. It then shows the proportion of households reporting positive consumption of that good in the past week, in columns (1) through (3).

Table 7 Percentage of households reporting positive consumption of various foods in the past week

|  | $(\mathbf{1})$ <br> Control | $\mathbf{( 2 )}$ <br> Individual | $\mathbf{( 3 )}$ <br> Group | $\mathbf{( 4 )}$ <br> p-value | $\mathbf{( 5 )}$ <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Milk | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | I v C | G v C |
| Mutter | 76.59 | 76.94 | 71.53 | 0.955 | 0.398 |
| Other dairy | 26.42 | 32.65 | 29.76 | 0.368 | 0.574 |
| Eggs | 51.84 | 59.82 | 44.53 | 0.387 | 0.399 |
| Red meat | 6.02 | 7.31 | 8.03 | 0.719 | 0.596 |
| Chicken | 99.33 | 99.31 | 100 | 0.975 | 0.133 |
| Fish | 0 | 0 | 0.24 | n/a | 0.319 |
| Bread | 1.00 | 1.60 | 0.73 | 0.536 | 0.732 |
| Flour | 54.18 | 61.64 | 52.07 | 0.243 | 0.76 |
| Rice | 100 | 99.54 | 99.03 | 0.147 | 0.032 |
| Vegetables | 80.54 | 82.42 | 80.73 | 0.67 | 0.964 |
| Fruit | 62.88 | 59.36 | 59.12 | 0.583 | 0.616 |
| Chocolate | 15.72 | 13.7 | 13.87 | 0.588 | 0.692 |
| Non alcoholic drinks | 32.14 | 44.06 | 43.55 | 0.784 | 0.822 |
| Alcoholic drinks | 34.45 | 36.3 | 34.31 | 0.668 | 0.976 |

The most widely consumed items are red meat and flour, consumed in the past week by practically all households in our sample. Milk, rice and vegetables are also widely consumed, whereas chicken, fish and eggs have been rarely consumed by the average household in the past week. We note that consumption of food goods is very similar across individual treatment areas and control areas (column (4)) and across group treatment areas and control areas (column (5)).

We next show the quantity of goods consumed, in Table 8 below. Flour, red meat, milk, rice and vegetables are consumed in large quantities. Again, we note that these are very similar across treatment and control areas.

Table 8 Quantity of goods consumed in the past week

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Milk (millilitres) | 3352 | 3961 | 3233 | 0.315 | 0.858 |
| Butter (grams) | 225 | 289 | 214 | 0.446 | 0.801 |
| Other dairy (grams) | 823 | 1054 | 713 | 0.293 | 0.58 |
| Eggs (units) | 34 | 2 | 1 | 0.326 | 0.312 |
| Red meat (grams) | 5409 | 5234 | 5029 | 0.781 | 0.543 |
| Chicken (grams) | 0 | 0 | 5 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 0.319 |
| Fish (grams) | 22 | 34 | 12 | 0.581 | 0.566 |
| Bread (grams) | 921 | 1012 | 937 | 0.684 | 0.944 |
| Flour (grams) | 7111 | 7970 | 7445 | 0.127 | 0.494 |
| Rice (grams) | 2061 | 1872 | 1835 | 0.377 | 0.326 |
| Vegetables (grams) | 2194 | 2040 | 1956 | 0.573 | 0.452 |
| Fruit (grams) | 272 | 214 | 224 | 0.49 | 0.602 |
| Chocolate (grams) | 414 | 426 | 404 | 0.922 | 0.928 |
| Non alcoholic drinks (millilitres) | 781 | 803 | 743 | 0.872 | 0.803 |
| Alcoholic drinks (millilitres) | 109 | 134 | 159 | 0.41 | 0.398 |

Notes: Households that report consuming none of a particular good are assigned the value zero for that good.

We also obtained information on the quantity of goods purchased in the past week, shown in Table 9 below. Again, we detect no statistical differences across either of our treatment groups, and the controls. Comparing Table 8 and Table 9 we see that for practically all goods, the average amount purchased of a product is less than the average amount consumed. This is either due to consumption from storage (red meat and vegetables), or self-production (bread), or a combination of both (dairy products). Note that more rice and flour, both which can easily be stored, have been purchased more than they have been consumed across all soum types.

Table 9 Quantity of goods purchased in the past week

|  | (1) <br> Control | $\mathbf{( 2 )}$ <br> Individual | $\mathbf{( 3 )}$ <br> Group | $\mathbf{( 4 )}$ <br> p-value | $\mathbf{( 5 )}$ <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Milk (millilitres) | 1872 | 1340 | 1530 | 0.249 | 0.483 |
| Butter (grams) | 144 | 146 | 180 | 0.975 | 0.488 |
| Other dairy (grams) | 130 | 177 | 253 | 0.449 | 0.211 |
| Eggs (units) | 34 | 1 | 0 | 0.327 | 0.313 |
| Red meat (grams) | 1256 | 821 | 2687 | 0.351 | 0.325 |
| Chicken (grams) | 0 | 0 | 5 | n/a | 0.319 |
| Fish (grams) | 3 | 36 | 11 | 0.079 | 0.487 |
| Bread (grams) | 673 | 655 | 675 | 0.907 | 0.989 |
| Flour (grams) | 14057 | 10622 | 12524 | 0.629 | 0.833 |
| Rice (grams) | 2219 | 2613 | 2749 | 0.709 | 0.56 |
| Vegetables (grams) | 1943 | 1934 | 1812 | 0.981 | 0.654 |
| Fruit (grams) | 234 | 201 | 223 | 0.689 | 0.91 |
| Chocolate (grams) | 437 | 403 | 378 | 0.809 | 0.684 |
| Non alcoholic drinks (millilitres) | 676 | 738 | 774 | 0.637 | 0.514 |
| Alcoholic drinks (millilitres) | 94 | 119 | 148 | 0.4 | 0.34 |

Notes: Households that report purchasing none of a particular good are assigned the value zero for that good.

Finally, we show the expenditure on goods purchased in Table 10 below. The bulk of the expenditure is on red meat and flour. None of the expenditure values are significantly different across treatment and control units.

Table 10 Value of goods purchased in the past week

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | tugrik | tugrik | tugrik |  |  |
| I v v C |  |  |  |  |  |
| Milk | 2760 | 1999 | 2154 | 0.432 | 0.525 |
| Butter | 496 | 415 | 525 | 0.553 | 0.835 |
| Other dairy | 316 | 443 | 639 | 0.459 | 0.215 |
| Eggs | 87 | 89 | 108 | 0.968 | 0.703 |
| Red meat | 18343 | 15739 | 27368 | 0.684 | 0.515 |
| Chicken | 0 | 0 | 12 | n/a | 0.319 |
| Fish | 3 | 42 | 6 | 0.078 | 0.65 |
| Bread | 1146 | 1502 | 1080 | 0.449 | 0.814 |
| Flour | 24333 | 21336 | 19551 | 0.613 | 0.43 |
| Rice | 2310 | 2464 | 2520 | 0.872 | 0.803 |
| Vegetables | 1196 | 1170 | 1239 | 0.885 | 0.846 |
| Fruit | 302 | 268 | 286 | 0.754 | 0.891 |
| Chocolate | 1396 | 1165 | 1103 | 0.498 | 0.407 |
| Non alcoholic drinks | 590 | 636 | 650 | 0.673 | 0.619 |
| Alcoholic drinks | 527 | 689 | 804 | 0.367 | 0.351 |

[^4]Note the exchange rate at the time of writing is 1 US $\$=1,151.29$ Mongolian tugrik.

### 3.4.2 Consumption of other non-durables in the past month

In this section we take a look at consumption of non-durables in the past month. We start off by showing the percentage of households reporting positive consumption of a list of different durables in the past month, in Table 11 below. We see that fuel has been consumed by practically the whole sample. Around half of the sample reports positive consumption of recreation, transport services, and loan repayments/interest. Cigarettes are also widely consumed, and note that smoking appears to be significantly lower in control areas than in individual treatment areas (and also than in group treatment areas at the $10 \%$ level of significance). None of the others are significantly different across treatment and control areas, though we note that non-fuel combustibles are more widely consumed in individual treatment than in control areas, and this difference is marginally statistically significant.

Table 11 Percentage of households reporting positive consumption in the past month

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | $\mathbf{( 3 )}$ <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Fuel | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |  |  |
| Other combustibles | 99.33 | 99.77 | 96.11 | 0.373 | 0.378 |
| Cigarettes | 27.42 | 38.58 | 35.04 | 0.061 | 0.149 |
| Felt for ger | 37.46 | 47.95 | 45.74 | 0.05 | 0.103 |
| Transport services | 0.67 | 1.14 | 0.73 | 0.446 | 0.917 |
| Magazines, newspapers etc. | 25.17 | 40.64 | 44.28 | 0.115 | 0.35 |
| Recreation | 49.83 | 26.71 | 20.92 | 0.754 | 0.442 |
| Dwelling rent | 2.68 | 1.6 | 48.66 | 0.7 | 0.865 |
| Loan repayments and interest | 42.14 | 48.63 | 44.77 | 0.35 | 0.722 |

We next show expenditures by the household on these items in the past month. The bulk of the expenditure is going on fuel, transport services, and loan repayments/interest. None of these expenditures are statistically different across treatment and control areas at conventional levels, though expenditure on cigarettes is quite a bit higher in group treatment than in control areas, and this difference is significant at the 10 per cent level. We note also that loan repayments are higher in individual treatment areas, with the difference between control areas statistically significant at the 10 per cent level.

Table 12 Value of items purchased in the past month

|  | $\mathbf{( 1 )}$ <br> Control | $\mathbf{( 2 )}$ <br> Individual | $\mathbf{( 3 )}$ <br> Group | $\mathbf{( 4 )}$ <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
|  | tugrik | tugrik | tugrik |  |  |
| Fuel | 22827 | 18880 | 23304 | 0.422 | 0.931 |
| Other combustibles | 7315 | 11669 | 10299 | 0.151 | 0.219 |
| Cigarettes | 2713 | 3292 | 3829 | 0.208 | 0.086 |
| Felt for ger | 1678 | 106 | 146 | 0.343 | 0.356 |
| Transport services | 23738 | 15526 | 16756 | 0.131 | 0.266 |
| Magazines, newspapers etc | 991 | 1432 | 1018 | 0.175 | 0.931 |
| Recreation | 1366 | 1344 | 1619 | 0.961 | 0.632 |
| Dwelling rent | 755 | 205 | 743 | 0.295 | 0.987 |
| Loan repayments and interest | 31723 | 45110 | 40576 | 0.07 | 0.293 |

Notes: Households that report purchasing none of a particular good are assigned the value zero for that good. Note the exchange rate at the time of writing is 1 US $\$=1,151.29$ Mongolian tugrik.

### 3.4.3 Consumption of durables in the past year

We next show household consumption of durables in the past year. Again, we first show the percentage of households reporting positive consumption of goods in Table 13 below. Practically all households have purchased some adult clothes/shoes in the past year. Over four fifths have consumed children's clothes/shoes and have incurred school expenses. The next most commonly consumed items are household textiles, household appliances, and furniture and other flooring.

Table 13 Percentage of households reporting positive consumption in the past year

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | $(\mathbf{3 )}$ <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
|  | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |  |  |
| Adult clothes/shoes | 96.98 | 98.63 | 98.78 | 0.101 | 0.075 |
| Children's clothes/shoes | 87.58 | 88.33 | 84.67 | 0.806 | 0.326 |
| School expenses | 84.56 | 84.4 | 83.94 | 0.966 | 0.875 |
| Furniture, carpets etc | 39.93 | 43.02 | 44.53 | 0.585 | 0.452 |
| Repairs (home, vehicle etc) | 32.21 | 28.38 | 29.2 | 0.459 | 0.539 |
| Household appliances | 46.64 | 45.54 | 46.72 | 0.751 | 0.987 |
| Household textiles | 51.01 | 55.61 | 52.8 | 0.493 | 0.799 |
| Books | 26.85 | 26.77 | 25.06 | 0.985 | 0.652 |
| Vehicles | 10.74 | 15.1 | 13.38 | 0.198 | 0.409 |

We note that consumption of these goods is very similar across treatment and control areas. Though a higher percentage of households report positive consumption of adult clothes/shoes in both types of treatment than in control areas, we note that the differences
are only marginally significant, and moreover the percentages are very similar across the different types of areas, at between 97 per cent and 99 per cent.

In Table 14 we show household expenditure on these items in the past year. The highest expenditures are on adult clothes/shoes and school expenses (note expenditure on adult clothes/shoes is not statistically different across treatment and control areas). Households also spend large sums on vehicles, children's clothes/shoes, and household appliances. None of these expenditures are statistically different across treatment and control areas.

Table 14 Value of item purchased in the past year

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Adult clothes/shoes | 178,000 | 202,071 | 202,902 | 0.309 | 0.287 |
| Children's clothes/shoes | 112,418 | 116,709 | 104,169 | 0.711 | 0.356 |
| School expenses | 221,120 | 183,132 | 216,955 | 0.433 | 0.934 |
| Furniture, carpets etc | 41,740 | 48,269 | 52,124 | 0.578 | 0.377 |
| Repairs (home, vehicle etc) | 46,882 | 33,068 | 42,177 | 0.368 | 0.775 |
| Household appliances | 81,408 | 81,272 | 96,055 | 0.989 | 0.491 |
| Household textiles | 25,612 | 28,148 | 31,603 | 0.685 | 0.33 |
| Books | 5,562 | 5,837 | 3,742 | 0.893 | 0.292 |
| Vehicles | 123,013 | 249,108 | 234,303 | 0.116 | 0.129 |

Notes: Households that report purchasing none of a particular good are assigned the value zero for that good. Note the exchange rate at the time of writing is 1 US $\$=1,151.29$ Mongolian tugrik.

### 3.5 Household enterprises

A very important aspect of this project is to understand the types of enterprises that households are engaged in, and from the follow-up survey, to see whether the loans affect the range and profitability of these activities. In the baseline survey, we obtained detailed information on up to four household enterprises. The four enterprises are joint enterprise (i.e. those owned and run by a couple; we obtained information on up to two), respondent's own enterprise, and partner's own enterprise. In this section we take a look at the data relating to these enterprises.

We start off by showing the proportion of households with different enterprise types, in Table 15 below. We see that just under two thirds of the sample owns at least one enterprise. Amongst households that own at least one enterprise, just under two fifths of
have a joint enterprise, around two thirds have a respondent-owned enterprise, and in just under one fifth of households the partner of the respondents has his own enterprise. Note the percentage of households having a joint or partner enterprise may include respondents who are in fact not married or co-habiting. When we condition on households in which the respondent is married/co-habiting, we see that just over one half report owning a joint enterprise, and around one quarter report that their partner owns an enterprise.

Finally, in terms of the number of enterprises that households own and run, we see that around two fifths of our sample have none (as seen already), around one half have one enterprise, around one tenth have two, and a very small proportion have more than two.

None of these variables are statistically different from each other across treatment and control areas. The fact that the samples look remarkably similar at baseline is reassuring as it is a key dimension on which we will measure the impacts of loans.

Table 15 Enterprise ownership
$\left.\begin{array}{lccc|cc}\hline & \begin{array}{c}\text { (1) } \\ \text { Control }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (2) } \\ \text { Individual }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (3) } \\ \text { Group }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (4) } \\ \text { p-value }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (5) } \\ \text { p-value }\end{array} \\ \hline & \% & \% & \% & \text { I v C } \\ \text { G v C }\end{array}\right)$

Notes: *Approximately $84 \%$ of the sample of respondents who own at least one enterprise is not married/co-habiting.

### 3.5.1 Main joint enterprise

We now take a more in-depth look at the main joint enterprise of the household, shown in Table 16 and Table 17 below. Note that this analysis pertains to the main joint enterprise of those 267 households that report owning and running a joint enterprise.

Table 16 shows that amongst households with a joint enterprise, the average number owned is just over one, the enterprise has been in existence for just under 9 years, in just over half of them the main activity is farming, and almost all of them fully own the joint enterprise. The average number of hours worked per week on the enterprise by nonhouseholders in the peak (off-peak) season is between 30 and 47 (12 and 25). ${ }^{5}$ The peak season lasts around 3 months on average. We also asked respondents to what purpose they would put a loan from XacBank, were they to receive one. Just over $70 \%$ of respondents with a joint enterprise state that they would use at least part of the loan for this joint enterprise. Amongst this 70 per cent of respondents, the majority would use the loan to purchase inputs. We note again that none of these characteristics are statistically different across treatment and control areas.

Table 16 Characteristics of main joint enterprise

|  | (1) Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) Group | (4) p-value | (5) $p$-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Number of joint enterprises | 1.08 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 0.073 | 0.187 |
| Years in existence | 8.86 | 8.98 | 8.72 | 0.928 | 0.925 |
| Main activity farming (\%) | 54.84 | 61.9 | 51.58 | 0.501 | 0.741 |
| Fully own enterprise (\%) | 90.48 | 95.33 | 92.78 | 0.544 | 0.777 |
| Hours worked per week by non |  |  |  |  |  |
| householders in peak season | 28.81 | 34.62 | 47.23 | 0.761 | 0.366 |
| Hours worked per week by non |  |  |  |  |  |
| householders in off-peak season | 12.32 | 16.77 | 25.44 | 0.565 | 0.125 |
| Length of peak season (months) | 3.3 | 3 | 3.43 | 0.399 | 0.726 |
| Would use at least part of loan from XacBank for enterprise (\%) | 84.13 | 80.37 | 84.54 | 0.525 | 0.94 |
| Percentage of loan from XacBank that would be used for enterprise (\%) | 70.66 | 70.47 | 72.07 | 0.974 | 0.78 |
| Would use loan to buy machinery/tools (\%) | 13.21 | 16.47 | 13.41 | 0.615 | 0.972 |
| Would use loan to buy goods for resale (\%) | 5.66 | 7.06 | 10.98 | 0.704 | 0.302 |
| Would use loan to buy inputs (\%) | 60.38 | 50.59 | 45.12 | 0.445 | 0.162 |
| Would use loan for other purpose (\%) | 20.75 | 25.88 | 30.49 | 0.637 | 0.311 |

[^5]In Table 17 we show the expenses and revenues of this main joint enterprise, again for those households that report owning a joint enterprise. The largest expenditures are on raw materials and interest plus down-payments on loans. Large expenditures are also incurred on transport, articles for resale, employee wages, and machinery and other assets (though marginally significantly lower in control areas). Expenditure on maintenance and repairs is significantly lower amongst those living in individual treatment areas compared to those in control areas, and expenditure on raw materials is marginally statistically lower in individual treatment than in control areas.

Table 17 Main joint enterprise: expenses and revenue

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | $\mathbf{( 4 )}$ <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Expenses | tugrik | tugrik | tugrik |  |  |
| Employee wages | 38387 | 47865 | 73247 | 0.751 | 0.324 |
| Raw materials | 487130 | 229095 | 413461 | 0.079 | 0.654 |
| Articles for resale | 52419 | 51651 | 201579 | 0.983 | 0.073 |
| Machinery, tools, other assets | 16885 | 65660 | 80657 | 0.065 | 0.011 |
| Rental of buildings, equipment etc | 7778 | 4864 | 8113 | 0.593 | 0.952 |
| Maintenance and repairs | 68581 | 11434 | 40814 | 0.034 | 0.4 |
| Transport | 75880 | 63467 | 69160 | 0.648 | 0.8 |
| Fuel etc | 39370 | 33535 | 43491 | 0.727 | 0.809 |
| Taxes | 18663 | 14180 | 14269 | 0.527 | 0.494 |
| Interest/loan deposits | 141919 | 184432 | 98294 | 0.558 | 0.511 |
| Other | 3226 | 25318 | 6427 | 0.380 | 0.489 |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash payment for goods/services | 1766520 | 1201293 | 1461812 | 0.220 | 0.511 |
| In-kind payment for goods/services | 77081 | 20514 | 99990 | 0.106 | 0.592 |
| Sale of business assets | 84762 | 17196 | 130095 | 0.302 | 0.619 |
| Rental of business assets | 0 | 234 | 0 | 0.332 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Other | 0 | 94 | 0 | 0.297 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Notes: Top $1 \%$ of expenses and revenue have been trimmed. |  |  |  |  |  |

Note, as only 36 households report owning a secondary joint enterprise, we do not repeat the analysis for these, as sample sizes would be too small as to allow for any robust comparison across treatment and controls. However summary statistics of the data are contained in Appendix B.

### 3.5.2 Female own enterprise

In this section we describe the enterprise of female respondents, i.e. that she is solely responsible for running. ${ }^{6}$ A total of 411 female respondents report that they run their own enterprise, so the descriptive statistics that follow relate to those enterprises.

We see from
Table 18 that the enterprises have been in existence for an average of just over 8 years. Just over half of the enterprises are involved in sewing or a shop. Almost all of these enterprises are owned entirely by the female. Non-householders work on these enterprises on average, between 35 and 55 hours in total in the peak season, and between around 20 and 30 in the off-peak season. The length of the peak season is around 3 months. Around 90 per cent of females report that were they to receive a loan from XacBank, they would use at least part of it on this enterprise. Around three quarters of the loan amount would be used for the enterprise. The majority, around three fifths, of respondents would use the loan to buy inputs for the enterprise. None of these characteristics are statistically different across treatment and control respondents.

Table 18 Characteristics of female's own enterprise

|  | (1) Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) Group | (4) $p$-value | (5) $p$-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Years in existence | 8.07 | 8.3 | 8.59 | 0.845 | 0.513 |
| Main activity sewing/shop (\%) | 53.57 | 55 | 55.4 | 0.834 | 0.811 |
| Fully own enterprise (\%) | 89.29 | 91.88 | 94.24 | 0.467 | 0.119 |
| Hours worked per week by non |  |  |  |  |  |
| householders in peak season | 40.92 | 54.09 | 35.11 | 0.4 | 0.74 |
| Hours worked per week by non |  |  |  |  |  |
| householders in off-peak season | 24.6 | 28.6 | 21.67 | 0.593 | 0.729 |
| Length of peak season (months) | 3.12 | 2.63 | 3.2 | 0.098 | 0.794 |
| Would use at least part of loan from Xac bank on enterprise (\%) | 91.07 | 91.88 | 90.65 | 0.781 | 0.9 |
| Percentage of loan from Xac bank |  |  |  |  |  |
| that would be used on enterprise (\%) | 74.41 | 73.48 | 73.1 | 0.855 | 0.754 |
| Would use loan to buy machinery/tools (\%) | 15.69 | 19.73 | 13.71 | 0.42 | 0.707 |
| Would use loan to buy goods for resale (\%) | 9.8 | 12.93 | 16.94 | 0.486 | 0.159 |
| Would use loan to buy inputs (\%) | 57.84 | 59.18 | 58.06 | 0.833 | 0.975 |
| Would use loan for other purpose (\%) | 16.67 | 8.16 | 11.29 | 0.061 | 0.279 |

[^6]We next show the expenses and revenues of this enterprise. The largest expenditures are on raw materials, articles for resale, and interest/loan deposits. Transport also takes up a significant portion of the budget. With the exception of employee wages, which are statistically lower in both types of treatment area compared to control area, expenditures are similar across treatment and control areas.

The largest revenues are cash payments for goods/services. In-kind payments for goods/services, and sale of business assets also bring in revenue. Note that in-kind payments are statistically lower in individual treatment areas compared to control areas.

Table 19 Female's own enterprise: expenses and revenue

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Expenses | tugrik | tugrik | tugrik |  |  |
| Employee wages | 55968 | 13038 | 22077 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 4 1}$ |
| Raw materials | 385190 | 253571 | 338843 | 0.217 | 0.707 |
| Articles for resale | 154337 | 125774 | 240148 | 0.616 | 0.355 |
| Machinery, tools, other assets | 13954 | 10604 | 12518 | 0.428 | 0.786 |
| Rental of buildings, equipment etc | 3850 | 6731 | 4196 | 0.469 | 0.931 |
| Maintenance and repairs | 8951 | 6874 | 7363 | 0.581 | 0.688 |
| Transport | 73754 | 45019 | 62137 | 0.12 | 0.651 |
| Fuel etc | 17424 | 10899 | 11093 | 0.316 | 0.333 |
| Taxes | 11237 | 6760 | 8620 | 0.119 | 0.409 |
| Interest/loan deposits | 136071 | 114750 | 112635 | 0.608 | 0.639 |
| Other | 945 | 0 | 489 | 0.152 | 0.553 |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash payment for goods/services | 939901 | 1078238 | 1287004 | 0.439 | 0.16 |
| In-kind payment for goods/services | 80796 | 28854 | 42406 | 0.037 | 0.225 |
| Sale of business assets | 26818 | 14519 | 33732 | 0.503 | 0.775 |
| Rental of business assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |

Notes: Top $1 \%$ of expenses and revenue have been trimmed.

### 3.5.3 Partner enterprise

In this section we describe the enterprises of the partners of the female respondents analysed in the previous section. Note that just 118 respondents report that their partner has his own enterprise, so sample sizes in each of the three groups below are very low.

Table 20 below, we see that the enterprise has been in existence for around 7 years, the most commonly reported main activity is $\mathrm{craft}^{7}$, and almost all are fully owned by the partner. Similar to the previous sections, non household members tend to work more in the peak than in the off-peak season, and the peak season lasts between 2 and 3 months. Around half of partners would use a loan from Xac Bank on the enterprise, and of these, they would use half of that loan on the enterprise. Over one half of respondents report that they would use it to buy inputs, though a considerable proportion report that they would use it to buy machinery/tools. Throughout, none of the variables are statistically different from each other across treatment and control respondents.

Table 20 Characteristics of partner's enterprise

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 6.43 | 7.03 | 6.86 | 0.747 | 0.776 |
| I v C |  |  |  |  |  |
| Years in existence | 20 | 34.78 | 18.18 | 0.165 | 0.834 |
| Main activity craft (\%) | 93.33 | 91.3 | 93.18 | 0.792 | 0.985 |
| Fully own enterprise (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hours worked per week by non | 48.86 | 30 | 60.5 | 0.502 | 0.7 |
| householders in peak season |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hours worked per week by non | 29 | 42.4 | 20.56 | 0.479 | 0.612 |
| householders in off-peak season | 2.69 | 2.6 | 2.27 | 0.907 | 0.537 |
| Length of peak season (months) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Would use at least part of loan | 53.33 | 67.39 | 47.73 | 0.26 | 0.597 |
| from Xac bank on enterprise (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percentage of loan from Xac bank | 51.25 | 50.32 | 50 | 0.936 | 0.91 |
| that would be used on enterprise (\%) | 37.5 | 25.81 | 25 | 0.36 | 0.376 |
| Would use loan to buy machinery/tools (\%) | 6.25 | 6.45 | 15 | 0.976 | 0.353 |
| Would use loan to buy goods for resale (\%) | 56.25 | 54.84 | 50 | 0.93 | 0.72 |
| Would use loan to buy inputs (\%) | 0 | 12.9 | 10 | 0.075 | 0.275 |
| Would use loan for other purpose (\%) | 0 |  |  |  |  |

We next show the expenses and revenues associated with these enterprises, in Table 21 below. There is a good deal of variation in expenditures and revenues across treatment and control areas, likely reflecting the low sample sizes. However, we note that none of these differences are statistically different from each other at conventional levels of significance.

[^7]Table 21 Partner's enterprise: expenses and revenue

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Expenses | tugrik | tugrik | tugrik |  |  |
| Employee wages | 21552 | 27511 | 25000 | 0.843 | 0.892 |
| Raw materials | 79854 | 145049 | 96648 | 0.157 | 0.603 |
| Articles for resale | 46552 | 163043 | 115385 | 0.267 | 0.443 |
| Machinery, tools, other assets | 14793 | 72652 | 166829 | 0.107 | 0.109 |
| Rental of buildings, equipment etc | 172 | 0 | 0 | 0.222 | 0.223 |
| Maintenance and repairs | 11638 | 14091 | 39024 | 0.788 | 0.135 |
| Transport | 21793 | 45636 | 35986 | 0.182 | 0.361 |
| Fuel etc | 82047 | 131255 | 153685 | 0.369 | 0.201 |
| Taxes | 8775 | 5868 | 12840 | 0.461 | 0.489 |
| Interest/loan deposits | 28500 | 32842 | 108244 | 0.869 | 0.146 |
| Other | 0 | 2174 | 0 | 0.296 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash payment for goods/services | 958259 | 1054547 | 1172538 | 0.773 | 0.531 |
| In-kind payment for goods/services | 92593 | 41957 | 18537 | 0.437 | 0.228 |
| Sale of business assets | 5385 | 0 | 4651 | 0.228 | 0.91 |
| Rental of business assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |

Notes: Top $1 \%$ of expenses and revenue have been trimmed.

### 3.6 Debts

In this section we take a look at outstanding debts that the household has, as well as debts paid off in the past five years. For outstanding debts, we elicited detailed information from respondents on up to three loans that their household may currently have. In Table 22 we show the proportion of households with outstanding debts. Around two fifths of respondents currently have no outstanding debt, around one half have one loan, around one tenth have two loans, and the remainder have three loans. These numbers show that, contrary to what we expected, penetration of microfinance products in rural areas is currently quite high already. The proportion of households with two outstanding loans is significantly higher in the treatment soums than in the control soums.

Table 22 Number of outstanding loans

|  | $\mathbf{( 1 )}$ <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | I v C | G v C |
|  | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |  |  |
| No outstanding loan | 44.15 | 32.88 | 38.44 | 0.071 | 0.378 |
| One outstanding loan | 46.49 | 51.37 | 46.47 | 0.25 | 0.997 |
| Two outstanding loans | 6.35 | 12.56 | 12.41 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 2}$ | 0.033 |
| Three outstanding loans | 3.01 | 3.2 | 2.68 | 0.914 | 0.845 |

In Table 23 we show detailed information on the first of these debts, for households that have at least one outstanding debt. First of all, the original value of the loan is just under 1 million tugrik in treatment areas, and just under 700,000 tugrik in control areas. Note that these differences in original debt levels are statistically significant. Most (between $70 \%$ and $80 \%$ ) of the debt is for private use. This is an important finding, since it shows that, while microfinance in rural Mongolian areas has advanced in recent years, by far the most of these loans are used for consumption purposes rather than income-generating purposes. The focus of this study is on the latter, and not the former type of loans.

Table 23 Characteristics of the main loan

|  | $(1)$ Control | (2) Individual | $\begin{gathered} \text { (3) } \\ \text { Group } \end{gathered}$ | (4) $p$-value | (5) p-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | IvC | G v C |
| Original value of loan (tugrik) | 637,766 | 996,761 | 901,887 | 0.025 | 0.036 |
| \% of loan for private use | 71.54 | 72.87 | 78.26 | 0.78 | 0.133 |
| \% of loan for business use | 28.46 | 27.13 | 21.74 | 0.78 | 0.133 |
| Monthly interest rate | 2.182 | 2.041 | 2.262 | 0.425 | 0.704 |
| \% of households that do not know (DK) |  |  |  |  |  |
| interest rate | 11.38 | 9.184 | 10.28 | 0.596 | 0.807 |
| Loan was taken out in 2007 (\%) | 62.28 | 55.59 | 58.1 | 0.358 | 0.528 |
| Loan was taken out in 2008 (\%) | 35.93 | 40.34 | 38.34 | 0.482 | 0.68 |
| Outstanding balance on loan (tugrik) | 423,729 | 687,131 | 663,912 | 0.026 | 0.011 |
| \% of households that DK outstanding | 7.186 | 5.442 | 6.324 | 0.6 | 0.811 |
| Loan owed to a bank (\%) | 83.23 | 83.67 | 83 | 0.934 | 0.969 |
| Loan owed to Khan Bank (\%) | 56.29 | 61.69 | 59.92 | 0.329 | 0.554 |
| Loan owed to Mongol Post Bank (\%) | 13.77 | 9.83 | 12.3 | 0.464 | 0.81 |
| Loan owed to Xac Bank (\%) | 13.17 | 10.51 | 8.73 | 0.597 | 0.401 |
| Pledged collateral to secure loan (\%) | 74.25 | 78.64 | 74.31 | 0.503 | 0.993 |
| Value of collateral to secure loan (tugrik) | 3,000,255 | 2,826,700 | 2,669,638 | 0.817 | 0.666 |
| \% of households that DK value of collateral to secure loan | 24.19 | 21.12 | 26.6 | 0.646 | 0.731 |

The monthly interest rate on this debt is just over 2\% (though around 10\% of households do not know the monthly interest rate). In around two thirds of households the loan was taken out in 2007, and in most of the remainder it was taken out in 2008. This reflects the fact that competition for rural customers has increased only very recently, mainly between Khan Bank, XacBank and Mongol Postbank, with Khan Bank having by far the largest share of the market: we see from Table 23 that just over one half of those with an outstanding debt owe it to Khan Bank, around one tenth owe it to Mongol Post Bank, and around one tenth to Xac Bank (the remainder owe it to someone else other than a bank).

Households still have to repay on average around two thirds of the loan. Over four fifths of the loans are from a bank. Around three quarters of households have pledged collateral to secure the loan, the value of which is very high at between three to five times the value of the loan (note that around one quarter of households do not know the value of the collateral to secure the loan).

In Table 24 we show detailed information on the second of these debts, for households that have at least two outstanding debts ( 125 households in total). ${ }^{8}$ The original value of the loan is around 400,000 tugrik, substantially lower than the first loan. Again, most of the debt is for private use. The monthly interest rate on this debt is slightly lower than for the first loan, at just under 2 per cent, most likely reflecting that only around two thirds of these second loans are from a bank. Compared to the first loan, slightly more households report than the loan was taken out in 2007 as opposed to 2008 . Between 60 per cent and 85 per cent of the debt is still outstanding. Approximately two thirds is owed to a bank, of which Khan Bank is by far the most common lender, followed by Mongol Post Bank and then Xac Bank. Between two fifths and two thirds of households have pledged collateral to secure the loan, the value of which is very high at between around three and five times the value of the loan.

Table 24 Characteristics of the second loan

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| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | p-value |
| Original value of loan (tugrik) |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| \% of loan for private use | 360171 | 441174 | 393242 | 0.547 | 0.781 |
| \% of loan for business use | 91.38 | 85.8 | 86.37 | $\mathbf{0 . 3 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 4 4}$ |
| Monthly interest rate | $\mathbf{8 . 6 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 . 2}$ | 13.63 | $\mathbf{0 . 3 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 4 4}$ |
| \% of households that DK interest rate | 1.468 | 1.28 | 1.857 | 0.559 | 0.413 |
| Loan was taken out in 2007 (\%) | 21.43 | 11.59 | 9.677 | 0.171 | 0.165 |
| Loan was taken out in 2008 (\%) | 60.71 | 53.62 | 49.18 | 0.575 | 0.345 |
| Outstanding balance on loan (tugrik) | 39.29 | 46.38 | 49.18 | 0.575 | 0.427 |
| \% of households that DK outstanding | 218772 | 371575 | 293503 | 0.252 | 0.385 |
| balance | 10.71 | 0 | 3.226 | 0.038 | 0.172 |
| Loan owed to a bank (\%) | 71.43 | 60.87 | 61.29 | 0.364 | 0.485 |
| $\quad$ Loan owed to Khan Bank (\%) | 55.17 | 52.17 | 40.0 | 0.839 | 0.354 |
| Loan owed to Mongol Post Bank (\%) | 13.79 | 5.79 | 15.0 | 0.452 | 0.92 |
| $\quad$ Loan owed to XacBank (\%) | 3.45 | 2.89 | 8.33 | 0.894 | 0.295 |
| Pledged collateral to secure loan (\%) | 65.52 | 39.13 | 51.61 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 2 5}$ | 0.223 |
| Value of collateral to secure loan (tugrik) | $1,297,733$ | $2,449,000$ | $1,176,880$ | 0.208 | 0.845 |
| \% of households that DK value of |  |  |  |  |  |
| collateral to secure loan | 21.05 | 33.33 | 21.88 | 0.532 | 0.966 |

[^8]Note that with the exception of the percentage of households that pledged collateral to secure the loan, which is significantly lower in individual treatment than in control areas, none of the other variables are significantly different across treatment and controls.

Finally, in Table 25 we show the proportion of households with other debts, by now fully repaid, in the past five years. Just under one half of all households had a loan in the past five years that has by now been repaid; just under 20 per cent had one such loan; between 10 per cent and 16 per cent had two such loans; between 8 per cent and 12 per cent had three such loans; and the remainder had four or more such loans. None of these are statistically different across treatment and control households. The total value of the other loans (for those households that had at least one other loan) is around 2 million tugrik.

Table 25 Other debts in past 5 years that have been fully repaid

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | $(\mathbf{3})$ <br> Group | $\mathbf{( 4 )}$ <br> p-value <br> I v C | $\mathbf{( 5 )}$ <br> p-value <br> G v C |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |  |  |
|  | 47.16 | 47.72 | 50.36 | 0.933 | 0.665 |
| No other loans in past 5 years | 17.06 | 17.35 | 16.79 | 0.934 | 0.943 |
| 1 other loan in past 5 years | 16.05 | 10.27 | 11.19 | 0.084 | 0.176 |
| 2 other loans in past 5 years | 8.7 | 12.33 | 9.00 | 0.214 | 0.909 |
| 3 other loans in past 5 years | 11.04 | 12.33 | 12.65 | 0.56 | 0.582 |
| 4+ other loans in past 5 years |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total value of loans in past 5 years <br> (tugrik) | $1,730,032$ | $2,034,445$ | $1,952,422$ | 0.455 | 0.614 |

### 3.7 Savings

In this section we examine the savings of female respondents (we thus again drop the 24 male respondents), those of her spouse/partner, and their joint savings. These are shown in Table 26 below. Interestingly, where respondents have savings, they are mostly their own savings. Less than $3 \%$ of married/cohabiting respondents report having joint savings with their spouse/partner. The average value of savings for those who report having positive savings is between 130,000 tugrik (group treatment) and 206,000 tugrik (individual treatment). The majority (between 63 per cent and 85 per cent) of savings are for education. None of these variables are significantly different across treatment and control areas.

Table 26 Percentage with savings, and savings values, for married/cohabiting respondents

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Respondent alone (\%) | 31.03 | 41.87 | 37 | 0.136 | 0.431 |
| Respondent \& spouse/ partner jointly (\%) | 0.57 | 2.42 | 1.47 | 0.07 | 0.299 |
| Spouse/partner alone (\%) | 4.02 | 1.73 | 1.83 | 0.122 | 0.144 |
| Value of respondent savings (tugrik) | 165,980 | 206,278 | 132,444 | 0.551 | 0.435 |
| Value of respondent savings for education <br> (tugrik) | 140,598 | 130,094 | 96,455 | 0.736 | 0.065 |

Notes: conditional on married/cohabiting. Last 2 rows conditional on married/cohabiting and on having positive savings

We repeat the above exercise in
Table 27 , but for single respondents. Around one third of them report having positive savings. The average value of the savings is between around 140,000 and 175,000 tugrik. Interestingly, a large proportion of savings of single respondents are for education.

Table 27 Percentage with savings, and savings values, for single/non-cohabiting respondents

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | I v C | G v C |
| Respondent alone (\%) | 28.93 | 35.92 | 30.4 | 0.217 | 0.748 |
| Value of respondent savings (tugrik) | 174,706 | 143,800 | 140,286 | 0.562 | 0.559 |
| Value of respondent savings for <br> education (tugrik) | 98,382 | 111,362 | 93,639 | 0.688 | 0.9 |

Notes: conditional on not married/not cohabiting; values conditional on having positive savings

### 3.8 Household adverse events

We obtained detailed information on adverse events in the household in the past year, which we summarise in Table 28 below. These adverse events, or shocks, are likely to result in a reduction in income for the household. One hypothesis that will be interesting to test after the follow-up survey is whether households with loans are better cushioned against shocks compared to households without loans.

We see from Table 28 that around 6 per cent of households report the death of at least one household member in the past year. Though low, this figure is by no means negligible and results in an important income loss for a household. Around one quarter of households report a serious illness of a household member, whilst almost three quarters report that a household member had to visit a doctor/health centre/hospital. Job loss is rare. The proportion of households reporting a serious robbery or theft is just under 10 per cent, fairly similar to the proportion reporting a natural disaster. Frequency of a bad
harvest or other loss is slightly lower, at around $5 \%$ on average. In no cases are these proportions significantly different across treatment and control households.

Table 28 Percentage of households reporting a shock in the past year

|  | $\mathbf{( 1 )}$ <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\%$ |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
|  | 6.02 | 6.39 | 5.12 | 0.843 | 0.583 |
| Death of household member | 6.2 | 23.08 | 26.83 | 0.753 | 0.987 |
| Serious illness of household member | 26.76 |  |  |  |  |
| Visit to a doctor/health centre/hospital |  |  |  |  |  |
| of household member | 69.57 | 71.23 | 74.63 | 0.77 | 0.311 |
| Job loss of household member | 1.67 | 0.91 | 2.2 | 0.361 | 0.608 |
| Serious robbery/theft | 9.36 | 9.82 | 8.78 | 0.829 | 0.774 |
| Natural disaster | 12.71 | 6.16 | 8.78 | 0.275 | 0.558 |
| Bad harvest | 5.35 | 9.36 | 4.15 | 0.298 | 0.56 |
| Other loss | 4.35 | 5.02 | 5.61 | 0.731 | 0.529 |

To get some more insight into the monetary cost associated with these shocks, in Table 29 we show how much the visits to the doctor/hospital cost, for those who reported having to make a visit in the past year. We show this for up to three visits. The average cost of the first visit is between 20,000 tugrik and 35,000 tugrik, whilst the other two visits are substantially cheaper than this.

Table 29 Cost of shock if doctor

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
|  | tugrik | tugrik | tugrik |  |  |
| Cost of $1^{\text {st }}$ visit to doctor/hospital | 26178 | 35186 | 20517 | 0.393 | 0.501 |
| Cost of 2 $2^{\text {nd }}$ visit to doctor/hospital | 6033 | 6727 | 5462 | 0.854 | 0.906 |
| Cost of $3^{\text {rd }}$ visit to doctor/hospital | 1500 | 4582 | 1583 | 0.458 | 0.956 |

To gain some insight into the importance of a natural disaster, in Table 30 we show the average number of animals lost due to the natural disaster. They are not insubstantial: between 3 and 7 sheep were lost, between 5 and 10 goats (marginally significantly higher in control than in group areas), and between 1 and 2 cows. Again, none of these are significantly different across treatment and control units.

Table 30 Number of animals lost if natural disaster

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Sheep | 7.03 | 4.38 | 3 | 0.32 | 0.132 |
| Goats | 9.59 | 5.04 | 4.94 | 0.085 | 0.057 |
| Cows | 1.14 | 1.78 | 2 | 0.437 | 0.422 |
| Yaks | 0 | 0.11 | 0.03 | 0.119 | 0.369 |
| Horses | 0.65 | 2.44 | 0.39 | 0.273 | 0.646 |

### 3.9 Purpose of the loan

We asked respondents about their main use of a loan from XacBank, were they to receive one. In Table 31 we show that around one quarter of respondents in individual treatment areas would use it to set up an enterprise, compared to around two fifths in control areas. This difference is statistically significant. Around one third of respondents in group treatment areas would use it to set up an enterprise, again lower than in control areas and marginally significantly different. None of the remainder of the uses of a loan differ across treatment and control areas however: just under one third report that they would use it to fund an existing enterprise owned solely by them; just below one fifths state that they would use it on a joint enterprise, and only around $3 \%$ would use it on their partner's enterprise (note these proportions are all irrespective of whether there is an enterprise or not). On average, less than one in ten households would use it to fund consumption.

Table 31 Purpose of potential XacBank

|  | $\mathbf{( 1 )}$ <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\%$ |  |  | I v C | G v C |
|  | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |  |  |
| Set up own enterprise | 38.8 | 26.77 | 32.93 | 0.002 | 0.06 |
| Fund existing own enterprise | 29.77 | 30.66 | 30 | 0.849 | 0.961 |
| Set up/fund joint enterprise | 17.06 | 19.22 | 17.8 | 0.621 | 0.855 |
| Set up/fund partner enterprise | 2.01 | 3.2 | 2.68 | 0.322 | 0.517 |
| Fund consumption | 6.02 | 10.3 | 9.02 | 0.285 | 0.386 |
| Other | 6.35 | 9.84 | 7.56 | 0.215 | 0.56 |

We asked those respondents who said that they would use the loan on an enterprise, to state how much gross revenue/total sales they would expect to make over the next year if the enterprise turned out to be extremely successful, and if it turned out to be extremely unsuccessful. These are shown in Table 32 below. The average expected revenue in the case of a very successful enterprise is between 2 and 4 million tugrik, whilst that of a
very unsuccessful enterprise is between 1.3 and 2 million tugrik. Comparing these figures to actual revenues reported in Table 17 and Table 21, which are all below 2 million tugrik, suggests that respondents are very optimistic about the future - and such optimism is equally prevalent in treatment and control areas.

Table 32 Expected revenue

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Expected revenue if successful | $3,194,811$ | $3,159,798$ | $3,720,307$ | 0.952 | 0.422 |
| Expected revenue if unsuccessful | $1,806,730$ | $1,553,993$ | $2,001,451$ | 0.505 | 0.609 |

Notes: Figures are conditional on the respondent stating that she would use the loan for an enterprise.

### 3.10 Transfers between non-related people

In this section we describe the transfers received from and given to non-related people in the last 12 months. Note that transfers relate to both monetary and in-kind transfers. We see from Table 33 that around one tenth of households report receiving transfers from non-related persons in the last 12 months. On average, transfers are received from just one other person, and this number is significantly higher in individual treatment than in control areas - though the magnitude of the difference is low (it is also marginally significantly higher in group treatment areas than in control areas, though again the magnitude is low). The average transfer value received ranges from around 155,000 tugrik to around 200,000 tugrik.

Table 33 Transfers received from non-related people in the past 12 months

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Received transfers from non-related <br> person(s) in last 12 months (\%) |  |  |  |  | G C |
| G v C |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of non-related people from who <br> received transfers (conditional on receipt) | 1.07 | 1.31 | 1.38 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 2 8}$ | 0.08 |
| Total value of transfers received in last 12 <br> months (tugrik) (conditional on receipt) | 155,052 | 173,889 | 196,241 | 0.727 | 0.727 |

A higher proportion of households have given transfers to non-related people in the past 12 months, at between 12 per cent and 17 per cent, as shown in Table 34. On average, transfers are given to just under two people, and the average value of the transfer given is between 155,000 and 240,000 tugrik. We observe no significant differences in these variables across treatment and control areas. The last row of Table 34 shows that taking
transfers in and transfers out together, the majority of households give more transfers than then receive (households that give or receive nothing are not included).

Table 34 Transfers given to non-related people in the past 12 months

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gave transfers to non-related person(s) in <br> last 12 months (\%) | 16.39 | 12.36 | 17.03 | 0.257 | 0.884 |
| Nr of non-related people to whom gave <br> transfers (conditional on having given) | 1.796 | 1.618 | 1.514 | 0.5 | 0.091 |
| Total value of transfers given in last 12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| months (tugrik) (conditional on having given) <br> \% of households that are net recipients of <br> transfers | 240,837 | 153,155 | 158,221 | 0.173 | 0.212 |

### 3.11 Transfers between relatives

We next show transfers to and from family/relatives in the last 12 months. In Table 35 we show transfers received from relatives. The proportion of households reporting having received transfers from relatives is between around 22 per cent (in individual treatment areas) and 32 per cent (in group treatment areas). Differences are statistically significant between control (at 30 per cent) and individual treatment areas. Note that these proportions are considerably higher than transfers from non-related people, shown in Table 33 above, suggesting that ties and links amongst relatives are stronger than amongst non-relatives. It will be interesting to see if this is affected by the existence of the program in a year's time. Conditional on receipt, the total value of transfers received is between 221,000 tugrik (individual treatment areas) and 350,000 tugrik (group treatment areas). Note again, these values are higher on average than those from nonrelated people. Finally, transfers come fairly equally from the same soum and urban cities.

Table 35 Transfers received from related people in the past 12 months

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value <br> Iv C | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| G v C |  |  |  |  |  |
| Received transfers from related person(s) |  |  |  |  |  |
| in last 12 months (\%) | 30.87 | 22.37 | 31.63 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 2 6}$ | 0.885 |
| Total value of transfers received in last 12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| months (tugrik) (conditional on receipt) | 285,496 | 221,490 | 349,399 | 0.171 | 0.517 |
| Source of transfers: same soum (\%) <br> Source of transfers: Ulaanbaatar, Darhan, <br> Erdenet (\%) | 34.06 | 40.62 | 31.53 | 0.388 | 0.742 |

Looking next at transfers given to relatives in the last 12 months, we see that around four fifths of households report giving transfers to at least one relative in this period. Again, it is worth noting that this proportion is quite a bit higher than the proportion giving transfers to non-related people, as can be seen by comparing with Table 34. Average values of transfers given are also considerably higher, at around 400,000 tugrik. Interestingly, cities are the most common destination for transfers, with around half of the sample reporting this destination. The proportion of households making transfers to relatives in the same soum is around $20 \%$ on the other hand. We also note that none of these variables are significantly different from each other across treatment and control areas. Finally, the last row of the table shows that households are less likely to be net transfer recipients, or in other words the value of transfers out are generally larger than the value of transfers in (conditional on making at least one transfer).

Table 36 Transfers given to related people in the past 12 months

|  | $\begin{gathered} (1) \\ \text { Control } \end{gathered}$ | (2) Individual | $\begin{gathered} \text { (3) } \\ \text { Group } \end{gathered}$ | (4) p-value | (5) $p$-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Gave transfers to related person(s) in last 12 months (\%) | 45.81 | 36.75 | 43.30 | 0.136 | 0.678 |
| Total value of transfers given in last 12 months (tugrik) (conditional on having given) | 404,401 | 380,529 | 423,983 | 0.703 | 0.749 |
| Destination of transfers: same soum (\%) | 20.58 | 22.36 | 16.29 | 0.71 | 0.332 |
| Destination of transfers: Ulaanbaatar, Darhan, Erdenet (\%) | 49.26 | 59.62 | 62.35 | 0.172 | 0.082 |
| \% of households that are net recipients of transfers | 35.51 | 33.80 | 40.24 | 0.821 | 0.524 |

### 3.12 Employment

In this section we take a look at labour supply of individuals aged 16 and above. We distinguish between working for a wage/regular income and self-employment. In Table 37 we show the proportions engaged in wage activity and self-employment. Around one fifth of respondents are employed in wage activity, and around one third in selfemployment. Conditioning on households that report that they have at least one enterprise, we see that participation in self-employment amongst respondents from these households is just over 50 per cent. None of these are significantly different across treatment and control areas.

Table 37 Proportions in wage employment and self-employment

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | (4) <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Iv C | G v C |
| Employed in wage activity | 18.33 | 18.15 | 20.2 | 0.96 | 0.586 |
| Self-employed | 32.37 | 33.41 | 33.46 | 0.783 | 0.76 |
| Self-employed amongst those with an <br> enterprise | 54.11 | 55.57 | 54.73 | 0.728 | 0.889 |

In Table 38 we show information on hours worked, weekly wages (for wage earners), and other benefits received by respondents. First of all, we see that amongst those who work for a wage, the average number of hours worked per week is around 50. Amongst those who work in self-employment, the average number of hours worked per week is around 25. Comparing this with Table 36, this suggests that participation in self-employment is more prevalent at the extensive margin, whereas it is less prevalent at the intensive margin compared to wage employment. The weekly wage for those in wage work is around 30,000 tugrik. ${ }^{9}$ We also obtained information from respondents on benefits received. Just over one quarter of respondents receive some form of benefit (such as child allowances, school subsidies, unemployment benefits, disability allowances etc.). The average value of the benefit received is around 150,000 tugrik. Throughout, we note that none of the variables are significantly different across treatment and control respondents.

Table 38 Labour supply, earnings and benefits

|  | (1) <br> Control | (2) <br> Individual | (3) <br> Group | $\mathbf{( 4 )}$ <br> p-value | (5) <br> p-value |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hours worked in a normal week for wage | 53.97 | 49.6 | 48.78 | 0.351 | 0.256 |
| earners |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hours worked in a normal week for self- <br> employed | 26.84 | 26.72 | 25.66 | 0.967 | 0.655 |
| Weekly earnings for wage earners | 29,002 | 31,330 | 29,941 | 0.438 | 0.752 |
| Receives benefit such as child allowance, <br> school subsidy etc (\%) | 29.49 | 24.72 | 26.37 | 0.072 | 0.208 |
| Value of benefit (conditional on receipt) <br> (tugrik) | 172,835 | 148,692 | 152,645 | 0.387 | 0.525 |

[^9]
## 4. Conclusions

This report provided an in-depth look at the baseline data collected for the Mongolian randomised field experiment on group-lending versus individual lending. It carried out formal tests comparing a wide range of characteristics across individuals living in individual treatment and control soums, and across group treatment and control soums. This is an important exercise because it allows us to see just how successful the randomisation has been: though in principle randomisation ensures that treatment and control units are similar in expectation, baseline data on 'pre-treatment' variables provides the opportunity to check that the randomisation has indeed been conducted appropriately. The results from this exercise are very encouraging: we find very few significant differences in variables across treatment and control units, despite considering a large range of detailed variables. In the few cases where differences do exist, they are generally small and do not provide any evidence of systematic differences between treatment and control units along any particular dimension. We are therefore confident that the randomisation has removed selection bias, which means that we will be able to attribute any differences in outcomes between treatment and control units after the follow-up survey to the existence of the program.

Lastly, new power calculations on the basis of the actual baseline survey data (rather than LiTS data), show that the minimum detectable effects (MDEs) can be expected to be much larger (around 40 per cent) than originally anticipated (around 15 per cent, cf. Appendix A). Increases in expenditures/profits as a result of the availability of microfinance would thus have to be very large in order to be able to detect them with sufficient statistical confidence.

## Appendix A. Power calculations

In this appendix, we use the Mongolian baseline survey data to calculate minimum detectable effects for three outcomes of interest: weekly food expenditure, monthly nondurable expenditure, and total household profit/loss from enterprises (taking all of its enterprises together).

A minimum detectable effect (MDE) is the smallest true treatment effect that a research design can detect with confidence. Formally, it is the smallest true treatment effect that has a specified level of statistical power for a particular level of statistical significance, given a specific statistical test. We follow common convention for calculating minimum detectable effects by setting statistical significance $(\alpha)$ at 0.05 and statistical power (1-B) at $80 \%$. The minimum detectable effect size given our sample design in which we randomise at the soum (cluster) level is given by (see Bloom, 2006 ${ }^{10}$ )

$$
\operatorname{MDE}(\hat{\beta})=M_{J-2} \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{P(1-P) J}+\frac{1-\rho}{P(1-P) J n}}
$$

where
r = intra-cluster correlation
$\mathrm{P} \quad=$ the proportion of the sample that is randomised to treatment
J = total number of clusters
n = average number of individuals per cluster
$\mathrm{M} \quad=\mathrm{t}_{\alpha / 2}+\mathrm{t}_{(1-\mathrm{B})}$, with $\mathrm{j}-2$ degrees of freedom

The above formula gives the minimum detectable effect of an impact estimator as a multiple of its standard error. In Table A1 below we express it as a percentage of the mean value of the outcome of interest, which gives us by what percentage the mean would need to change in order for us to be able to detect it.

[^10]Table 1 shows the MDE for four outcome variables: weekly food expenditure, monthly non-durable expenditure, annual durable expenditure and household annual profit/loss from enterprises. The first two rows of the table show the mean and standard deviation of the variables of interest. The third and fourth rows show the intra-cluster correlation. This is a way of expressing similarity among individuals within clusters (mathematically, it is the between-cluster variability divided by the sum of the within-cluster and between-cluster variabilities). The higher is the intra-cluster correlation, the lower is the power to detect true differences between treatment and control areas. 'Unadjusted' means that covariates are not used to reduce the unexplained variation in the outcome of interest, whereas 'adjusted' means that they have been used (see note 1 to the table). The last row of Table A1 shows the MDE in terms of a percentage of the mean value of the variable of interest. Note that in calculating this, we use the standard deviation of the residual of each of the four outcome measures, after controlling for the variables listed in note 1 to the table.

Table A1

|  | Weekly <br> food <br> expenditure | Monthly <br> non-durable <br> expenditure | Annual <br> durable <br> expenditure | Annual <br> household <br> profit from <br> enterprises |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean (tugrik) | 18,011 | 94,422 | 915,114 | 464,769 |
| Standard deviation <br> (tugrik) | 20,308 | 131,585 | $1,331,494$ | $1,588,867$ |
| Intra-cluster <br> correlation, unadjusted | 0.40 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.05 |
| Intra-cluster <br> correlation, adjusted | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.045 |
| Minimum detectable <br> effect as \% of mean | $\mathbf{4 4 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 8 . 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 . 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 . 8 \%}$ |

Notes to table: 1. To obtain the adjusted intra-cluster correlation, the log of the variable of interest (listed in the top row) is regressed on a set of household characteristics, and the intra-cluster correlation is calculated using the residual from this regression. The regressors include years of education of the respondent, religion of the household ( 1 if Buddhism, 0 otherwise), whether the respondent is married, number of children below the age of 16 in the household, number of male and female adults in the household (aged 16 or above), ethnicity of the household ( 1 if Halh, 0 otherwise), whether the household owns the dwelling, whether the household lives in a ger or a house, whether the dwelling has electricity, and whether the household owns another dwelling. 2. Non-durables include fuel for the stove, other combustibles, cigarettes/ tobacco, felt for ger, transport services, magazines etc, recreation, dwelling rent, and repayment and interest on loans. 3. Durables include clothes and shoes for adults and children, school expenses, furniture and floor coverings for the dwelling, repairs, household appliances, household textiles,
books/music, and vehicles. 4. Annual profit from household enterprises includes the sum of all profits obtained from joint, respondent, and partner enterprises. Note it may be negative. 5. Exchange rate at the time of writing is $\$ \mathrm{US} 1=1,152$ Mongolian tugrik.

We see from Table A1 that total weekly food expenditure would need to increase by around $45 \%$ in order for it to be statistically detectable; monthly non-durable expenditure would need to increase by $38 \%$, and annual durable expenditure by $31 \%$. So the increases in these expenditures would have to be very large in order for us to be able to detect them with confidence. Annual household profit from enterprises would have to increase by just over $40 \%$ in order to be statistically detectable.

In Attanasio et al (2008) we reported preliminary power calculations for food expenditure and total household annual expenditure based on data from the EBRD Life in Transition Survey (LiTS). The MDEs for food expenditure reported in Attanasio et al (op. cit.) is just over 15 per cent for an assumed intra-cluster correlation of 0.1 , compared to the figure of around 45 per cent obtained here with a similar intra-cluster correlation. The difference between the two sets of calculations is the source of the expenditure data used. Indeed, the values of expenditure are markedly different across surveys: average weekly food expenditure in the LiTS survey is around 7,200 tugrik (converted from monthly to weekly for comparative purposes), whereas in the baseline survey used here it is around 18,000 tugrik. Note that differences in measurement tools in the two surveys may explain some of the difference between them; seasonal effects may also play a role. More importantly, the standard deviation is significantly higher in the baseline survey: whilst it is around one third of mean expenditure in the LiTS survey, it is around 10 per cent higher than mean expenditure in the baseline survey used here. This underlies the discrepancy in the MDEs: as the standard deviation increases, the MDE increases as well (as the MDE is a multiple of the standard deviation).

## Appendix B. Summary of all variables collected in the baseline survey

SECTIONS A, B. HOUSEHOLD ROSTER AND EDUCATION

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| male | 5594 | 0.461 | 0.4985 | 0 | 1 |
| rship | 5595 | 1.798 | 1.596 | 0 | 10 |
| birthdate | 5355 | 30606 | 5744 | 7673 | 39504 |
| age | 5587 | 24.51 | 16.3 | 0 | 99 |
| marital | 5594 | 1.533 | 0.9358 | 1 | 5 |
| religion | 5562 | 1.826 | 1.312 | 1 | 4 |
| ethn | 5587 | 2.351 | 2.549 | 1 | 11 |
| above5 | 5583 | 0.9377 | 0.2418 | 0 | 1 |
| literate | 5229 | 0.9516 | 0.2146 | 0 | 1 |
| hgrade | 5196 | 26.29 | 14.8 | 0 | 71 |
| schllastyr | 5223 | 0.4718 | 0.4992 | 0 | 1 |
| schlnow | 5224 | 0.4594 | 0.4984 | 0 | 1 |
| schlOwhy | 2807 | 3.558 | 2.728 | 1 | 9 |

SECTION C. CHARACTERISTICS OF DWELLING WHERE HOUSEHOLD IS CURRENTLY LIVING

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ownsdwelling | 1147 | 1.126 | 0.4907 | 1 | 4 |
| dwellingvalue | 1025 | 1514874 | 1941222 | 100000 | 25000000 |
| ownsfence | 1147 | 0.7228 | 0.4478 | 0 | 1 |
| yearsliving | 1138 | 14.06 | 10.41 | 0 | 80 |
| monthsliving | 1130 | 1.424 | 2.712 | 0 | 11 |
| dwellingtype | 1148 | 1.415 | 0.5761 | 1 | 4 |
| nrofshells | 720 | 5.407 | 1.027 | 3 | 10 |
| wlayers | 720 | 1.943 | 0.8244 | 1 | 8 |
| rlayers | 721 | 1.831 | 0.5861 | 1 | 3 |
| floor | 719 | 1.853 | 1.381 | 1 | 5 |
| rooms | 426 | 2.155 | 1.174 | 1 | 10 |
| dwellingsize | 411 | 44.82 | 49.12 | 6 | 900 |
| walltype | 427 | 3.393 | 1.561 | 1 | 6 |
| rooftype | 426 | 2.455 | 1.959 | 1 | 6 |
| floor2 | 427 | 1.04 | 0.3437 | 1 | 6 |
| fuel | 1148 | 1.327 | 0.9488 | 1 | 5 |
| otherdwelling | 1147 | 0.4682 | 0.4992 | 0 | 1 |
| otherger | 537 | 0.4302 | 0.5284 | 0 | 2 |

SECTION D. HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION - FOOD CONSUMPTION IN THE PAST WEEK

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| milk1 | 1148 | 0.7491 | 0.4337 | 0 | 1 |
| milk2 | 858 | 4730 | 4928 | 200 | 70000 |
| milk3 | 858 | 2066 | 4266 | 0 | 80000 |
| milk4 | 393 | 3930 | 4528 | 140 | 37500 |
| milk5 | 1148 | 3.965 | 1.487 | 1 | 7 |
| milk6 | 1148 | 2.984 | 0.1243 | 2 | 3 |
| butter1 | 1147 | 0.2999 | 0.4584 | 0 | 1 |
| butter2 | 342 | 821.9 | 743.5 | 100 | 5000 |
| butter3 | 342 | 527.8 | 1059 | 0 | 15000 |
| butter4 | 180 | 2608 | 2996 | 99 | 30000 |
| butter5 | 1148 | 4.729 | 0.8208 | 1 | 7 |
| butter6 | 1148 | 2.975 | 0.157 | 2 | 3 |
| othdair1 | 1148 | 0.5226 | 0.4997 | 0 | 1 |
| othdair2 | 587 | 1684 | 1927 | 50 | 30000 |
| othdair3 | 599 | 367.8 | 1249 | 0 | 10000 |
| othdair4 | 100 | 3194 | 6073 | 150 | 60000 |
| othdair5 | 1148 | 4.301 | 1.18 | 1 | 7 |
| othdair6 | 1148 | 2.997 | 0.05895 | 2 | 3 |
| eggs1 | 1148 | 0.0723 | 0.2591 | 0 | 1 |
| eggs2 | 83 | 133 | 1098 | 1 | 10000 |
| eggs3 | 83 | 131.7 | 1098 | 0 | 10000 |
| eggs4 | 76 | 1428 | 839 | 250 | 3500 |
| eggs5 | 1148 | 4.981 | 0.2601 | 1 | 5 |
| eggs6 | 1148 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| redmeat1 | 1147 | 0.9956 | 0.06591 | 0 | 1 |
| redmeat2 | 1134 | 5229 | 4931 | 500 | 70000 |
| redmeat3 | 1137 | 1610 | 13401 | 0 | 240000 |
| redmeat4 | 132 | 22097 | 47265 | 99 | 350000 |
| redmeat5 | 1148 | 4.134 | 0.8211 | 1 | 8 |
| redmeat6 | 1148 | 2.974 | 0.1596 | 2 | 3 |
| chicken1 | 1148 | 0.000871 | 0.02951 | 0 | 1 |
| chicken2 | 1 | 2000 |  | 2000 | 2000 |
| chicken3 | 1 | 2000 | . | 2000 | 2000 |
| chicken4 | 1 | 5000 |  | 5000 | 5000 |
| chicken5 | 1148 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| chicken6 | 1148 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| fish1 | 1148 | 0.01132 | 0.1059 | 0 | 1 |
| fish2 | 13 | 2019 | 1894 | 300 | 7000 |
| fish3 | 13 | 1635 | 1997 | 0 | 7000 |
| fish4 | 9 | 2444 | 1357 | 500 | 5000 |
| fish5 | 1148 | 4.997 | 0.1446 | 1 | 7 |
| fish6 | 1148 | 2.999 | 0.02951 | 2 | 3 |
| bread1 | 1148 | 0.5627 | 0.4963 | 0 | 1 |
| bread2 | 644 | 1711 | 1654 | 175 | 15000 |
| bread3 | 644 | 1187 | 1343 | 0 | 14000 |
| bread4 | 494 | 2518 | 3655 | 99 | 70000 |
| bread5 | 1148 | 4.491 | 1.32 | 1 | 5 |
| bread6 | 1148 | 2.997 | 0.06597 | 1 | 3 |
| flour1 | 1148 | 0.9948 | 0.07214 | 0 | 1 |
| flour2 | 1135 | 7598 | 5752 | 100 | 100000 |
| flour3 | 1138 | 12264 | 19975 | 0 | 150000 |


| flour4 | 448 | 21714 | 14234 | 0 | 108000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| flour5 | 1148 | 4.381 | 0.5561 | 1 | 5 |
| flour6 | 1148 | 2.756 | 0.4296 | 2 | 3 |
| rice1 | 1146 | 0.8133 | 0.3899 | 0 | 1 |
| rice2 | 932 | 2346 | 1976 | 99 | 40000 |
| rice3 | 933 | 3146 | 5728 | 0 | 40000 |
| rice4 | 716 | 3178 | 4893 | 0 | 30000 |
| rice5 | 1148 | 4.787 | 0.4557 | 1 | 5 |
| rice6 | 1148 | 2.92 | 0.2716 | 2 | 3 |
| vegetab1 | 1148 | 0.6019 | 0.4897 | 0 | 1 |
| vegetab2 | 686 | 3416 | 2873 | 100 | 40000 |
| vegetab3 | 688 | 3150 | 4584 | 0 | 50000 |
| vegetab4 | 540 | 2219 | 2998 | 41 | 40000 |
| vegetab5 | 1148 | 4.809 | 0.6477 | 1 | 7 |
| vegetab6 | 1148 | 2.952 | 0.2177 | 1 | 3 |
| fruit1 | 1148 | 0.1429 | 0.3501 | 0 | 1 |
| fruit2 | 162 | 1648 | 1472 | 200 | 10000 |
| fruit3 | 162 | 1539 | 1454 | 0 | 10000 |
| fruit4 | 152 | 2118 | 1825 | 200 | 15000 |
| fruit5 | 1148 | 4.986 | 0.144 | 3 | 5 |
| fruit6 | 1148 | 2.999 | 0.02951 | 2 | 3 |
| choco1 | 1148 | 0.4338 | 0.4958 | 0 | 1 |
| choco2 | 479 | 978.1 | 939.2 | 80 | 6000 |
| choco3 | 480 | 948.7 | 1179 | 0 | 15000 |
| choco4 | 441 | 2978 | 2925 | 300 | 30000 |
| choco5 | 1148 | 4.907 | 0.433 | 1 | 5 |
| choco6 | 1148 | 2.991 | 0.09296 | 2 | 3 |
| nonalco1 | 1148 | 0.351 | 0.4775 | 0 | 1 |
| nonalco2 | 402 | 2213 | 1964 | 100 | 21000 |
| nonalco3 | 402 | 2096 | 2152 | 0 | 21000 |
| nonalco4 | 382 | 1855 | 1637 | 500 | 14400 |
| nonalco5 | 1148 | 4.96 | 0.3369 | 1 | 5 |
| nonalco6 | 1148 | 2.999 | 0.02951 | 2 | 3 |
| alcohol1 | 1148 | 0.1167 | 0.3212 | 0 | 1 |
| alcohol2 | 134 | 1169 | 873.8 | 200 | 6000 |
| alcohol3 | 134 | 1051 | 887.8 | 0 | 6000 |
| alcohol4 | 121 | 6459 | 4149 | 1000 | 23800 |
| alcohol5 | 1148 | 4.972 | 0.2525 | 1 | 5 |
| alcohol6 | 1148 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

SECTION D. HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION IN THE PAST MONTH

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| fuel7 | 1148 | 0.9834 | 0.1276 | 0 | 1 |
| fuel8 | 1036 | 21850 | 36385 | 0 | 800000 |
| fuel9 | 53 | 25071 | 45919 | 0 | 300000 |
| fuel10 | 21 | 8701 | 8785 | 1420 | 35000 |
| othecom7 | 1148 | 0.3441 | 0.4753 | 0 | 1 |
| othecom8 | 390 | 29443 | 46251 | 600 | 516950 |
| othecom9 | 3 | 8333 | 7638 | 0 | 15000 |
| cigaret7 | 1148 | 0.4443 | 0.4971 | 0 | 1 |
| cigaret8 | 504 | 7552 | 8660 | 300 | 84000 |
| cigaret9 | 60 | 4073 | 3377 | 500 | 15000 |
| cigare10 | 1 | 20000 | . | 20000 | 20000 |
| feltger7 | 1148 | 0.008711 | 0.09296 | 0 | 1 |
| feltger8 | 6 | 101000 | 195611 | 12000 | 500000 |
| feltger9 | 3 | 83333 | 144338 | 0 | 250000 |
| transer7 | 1148 | 0.4425 | 0.4969 | 0 | 1 |
| transer8 | 502 | 41183 | 64421 | 1500 | 800000 |
| transer9 | 22 | 19682 | 26013 | 0 | 120000 |
| transe10 | 2 | 8500 | 4950 | 5000 | 12000 |
| magaz7 | 1147 | 0.2424 | 0.4287 | 0 | 1 |
| magz8 | 268 | 4962 | 6436 | 0 | 60000 |
| magaz9 | 7 | 6771 | 10397 | 100 | 30000 |
| recreat7 | 1148 | 0.4852 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 |
| recreat8 | 462 | 3300 | 6767 | 0 | 125000 |
| recreat9 | 115 | 1051 | 1963 | 0 | 10000 |
| dwellre7 | 1148 | 0.02091 | 0.1431 | 0 | 1 |
| dwellre8 | 22 | 28182 | 26004 | 3500 | 120000 |
| repayme7 | 1148 | 0.4556 | 0.4982 | 0 | 1 |
| repayme8 | 518 | 88257 | 131055 | 0 | 1535000 |

SECTION D. HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION IN THE PAST YEAR

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cladul11 | 1146 | 0.9825 | 0.131 | 0 | 1 |
| cladul12 | 1090 | 199722 | 220172 | 6500 | 3000000 |
| cladul13 | 215 | 56466 | 74141 | 1 | 700000 |
| cladul15 | 25 | 183400 | 588279 | 18000 | 3000000 |
| clchil11 | 1146 | 0.8682 | 0.3384 | 0 | 1 |
| clchil12 | 972 | 128352 | 142502 | 3000 | 2500000 |
| clchil13 | 184 | 35477 | 34988 | 1000 | 200000 |
| clchil15 | 16 | 66688 | 106198 | 3000 | 450000 |
| schoo11 | 1145 | 0.8428 | 0.3642 | 0 | 1 |
| schoo12 | 949 | 244039 | 466723 | 0 | 7000000 |
| schoo13 | 153 | 75908 | 143258 | 1000 | 1100100 |
| schoo15 | 8 | 85250 | 79914 | 10000 | 200000 |
| furnit11 | 1146 | 0.4276 | 0.4949 | 0 | 1 |
| furnit12 | 479 | 113615 | 146437 | 3000 | 1200000 |
| furnit13 | 11 | 249909 | 367402 | 7000 | 1250000 |
| furnit14 | 5 | 70000 | 74078 | 15000 | 200000 |
| repair11 | 1146 | 0.2967 | 0.457 | 0 | 1 |
| repair12 | 331 | 137032 | 286556 | 0 | 3000000 |
| repair13 | 5 | 24900 | 27264 | 3500 | 70000 |
| repair14 | 3 | 15167 | 8372 | 5500 | 20000 |
| happli11 | 1146 | 0.4625 | 0.4988 | 0 | 1 |
| happli12 | 515 | 190158 | 300337 | 6500 | 5900000 |
| happli13 | 25 | 103680 | 186541 | 11000 | 910000 |
| happli14 | 3 | 213333 | 55076 | 150000 | 250000 |
| textil11 | 1146 | 0.534 | 0.4991 | 0 | 1 |
| textil12 | 604 | 54124 | 59700 | 750 | 600000 |
| textil13 | 31 | 34903 | 39360 | 2500 | 200000 |
| textil14 | 4 | 48000 | 37842 | 10000 | 100000 |
| books11 | 1146 | 0.2618 | 0.4398 | 0 | 1 |
| books12 | 275 | 20448 | 37356 | 1000 | 399000 |
| books13 | 23 | 8891 | 6369 | 0 | 20000 |
| books14 | 2 | 12500 | 10607 | 5000 | 20000 |
| vehicl11 | 1146 | 0.1335 | 0.3403 | 0 | 1 |
| vehicl12 | 147 | 1635905 | 2515423 | 15000 | 20000000.00 |
| vehicl15 | 7 | 676429 | 657436 | 35000 | 2000000 |

SECTION F JOINT ENTERPRISE -1

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| maleresp | 1148 | 0.02091 | 0.1431 | 0 | 1 |
| enterprise | 1148 | 0.5976 | 0.4906 | 0 |  |
| jointent | 687 | 0.9098 | 0.7772 | 0 | 2 |
| nrjointent | 267 | 1.142 | 0.3606 | 1 | 3 |
| years j1 | 267 | 8.697 | 7.182 | 0 | 37 |
| months j1 | 263 | 1.605 | 2.96 | 0 | 11 |
| fullyown j1 | 267 | 0.9326 | 0.2512 | 0 | 1 |
| percown ${ }^{1} 1$ | 18 | 52.22 | 12.63 | 30 | 80 |
| othermown j 1 | 18 | 0.5 | 0.5145 | 0 | 1 |
| permemown_j1 | 9 | 45.56 | 12.36 | 20 | 60 |
| otheroutown j1 | 18 | 0.3333 | 0.4851 | 0 | 1 |
| peroutown $\mathfrak{j} 1$ | 6 | 50 | 16.73 | 20 | 70 |
| empl ${ }^{\text {j1 }}$ | 267 | 2.873 | 1.422 | 1 | 10 |
| hoursnmemb j1 | 264 | 37.82 | 99.17 | 0 | 672 |
| hoursnmemn j1 | 264 | 18.86 | 50.98 | 0 | 420 |
| busyslen j1 | 266 | 3.229 | 2.028 | 0 | 12 |
| exponwag_j1 | 265 | 74049 | 302004 | 0 | 3000000 |
| exponraw_j1 | 259 | 397475 | 848696 | 0 | 6300000 |
| exponres_1 | 262 | 151603 | 705712 | 0 | 6000000 |
| exponmach j1 | 266 | 77683 | 323586 | 0 | 2500000 |
| exponequip_j1 | 267 | 6732 | 36713 | 0 | 300000 |
| exponmain j1 | 267 | 61135 | 330852 | 0 | 3900000 |
| expontransp1 | 267 | 84468 | 239013 | 0 | 2400000 |
| exponfuel_j1 | 266 | 45604 | 130009 | 0 | 1000000 |
| expontax j1 | 262 | 18006 | 42733 | 0 | 500000 |
| exponint j1 | 264 | 177225 | 554294 | 0 | 6000000 |
| exponother_j1 | 267 | 54921 | 506552 | 0 | 6138000 |
| revcash j1 | 257 | 1427526 | 2030077 | 0 | 11000000 |
| revkind_11 | 267 | 86713 | 339110 | 0 | 4000000 |
| revsale_j1 | 267 | 125614 | 690548 | 0 | 8000000 |
| revrent_j1 | 267 | 6528 | 101408 | 0 | 1656000 |
| revother j1 | 266 | 1692 | 19126 | 0 | 240000 |
| useloan j1 | 267 | 0.8277 | 0.3783 | 0 | 1 |
| perloan j1 | 221 | 71.11 | 27.09 | 10 | 100 |
| whatuseloan_j | 220 | 3.323 | 1.585 | 1 | 6 |
| activity j1 | 262 | 4.466 | 4.152 | 1 | 12 |

SECTION F JOINT ENTERPRISE - 2

| years ${ }^{2} 2$ | 37 | 5.405 | 6.866 | 0 | 40 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| months j2 | 36 | 1.694 | 2.936 | 0 | 10 |
| fullyown j2 | 37 | 0.9189 | 0.2767 | 0 | 1 |
| percown j2 | 3 | 60 | 17.32 | 40 | 70 |
| othermown j2 | 3 | 0.6667 | 0.5774 | 0 | 1 |
| permemown ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ | 2 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| otheroutow j2 | 3 | 0.3333 | 0.5774 | 0 | 1 |
| peroutown j2 | 1 | 60 |  | 60 | 60 |
| empl j2 | 37 | 3.865 | 6.25 | 2 | 40 |
| hoursnmemb j2 | 37 | 28.46 | 72.08 | 0 | 336 |
| hoursnmemn j2 | 37 | 21.41 | 41.61 | 0 | 140 |
| busyslen $\mathrm{j}^{2}$ | 37 | 2.595 | 2.254 | 0 | 12 |
| exponwag_j2 | 37 | 39730 | 127290 | 0 | 630000 |
| exponraw j2 | 37 | 343986 | 559745 | 0 | 2250000 |
| exponres j2 | 37 | 378378 | 1401415 | 0 | 6000000 |
| exponmach j2 | 37 | 51405 | 183719 | 0 | 1000000 |
| exponequip_j2 | 37 | 8027 | 35553 | 0 | 192000 |
| exponmain j2 | 37 | 18324 | 55101 | 0 | 250000 |
| expontrans j2 | 37 | 30730 | 71394 | 0 | 300000 |
| exponfuel_j2 | 37 | 19742 | 41887 | 0 | 200000 |
| expontax j2 | 36 | 10289 | 19804 | 0 | 72000 |
| exponint j2 | 37 | 54158 | 175519 | 0 | 712000 |
| exponother j2 | 37 | 27027 | 164399 | 0 | 1000000 |
| revcash j2 | 37 | 1536638 | 2150657 | 20000 | 7200000 |
| revkind_j2 | 36 | 75417 | 197308 | 0 | 1000000 |
| revsale_j2 | 37 | 107297 | 358815 | 0 | 2000000 |
| revrent_j2 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| revother j2 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| useloan j2 | 37 | 0.8108 | 0.3971 | 0 | 1 |
| perloan j2 | 30 | 40.5 | 27.24 | 5 | 100 |
| whatuseloan_j2 | 30 | 2.833 | 1.234 | 1 | 5 |
| activity j2 | 37 | 6.784 | 4.541 | 1 | 12 |

SECTION G OWN ENTERPRISE

| soleent | 686 | 0.6195 | 0.4859 | 0 | 1 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| years_r | 425 | 8.327 | 7.963 | 0 | 50 |
| months_r | 417 | 1.604 | 2.786 | 0 | 11 |
| fullyown_r | 425 | 0.92 | 0.2716 | 0 | 1 |
| percown_r | 34 | 45.51 | 22.34 | 0 | 99 |
| othermown_r | 36 | 0.3333 | 0.4781 | 0 | 1 |
| permemown_r | 12 | 48.33 | 9.374 | 20 | 60 |
| otheroutow_r | 36 | 0.5833 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 |
| peroutown_r | 21 | 60.09 | 23.79 | 20 | 100 |
| empl_r | 425 | 1.616 | 1.168 | 1 | 10 |
| hoursnmemb_r | 143 | 44.37 | 81.73 | 0 | 504 |
| hoursnmemn_r | 144 | 24.59 | 47.44 | 0 | 336 |
| busyslen_r | 421 | 2.962 | 2.17 | 0 | 12 |
| exponwag_r | 425 | 41739 | 173540 | 0 | 1608000 |
| exponraw_r | 419 | 378432 | 899430 | 0 | 6900000 |
| exponres_r | 416 | 219724 | 788640 | 0 | 6000000 |
| exponmach_r | 423 | 33152 | 229137 | 0 | 3800000 |
| exponequip_r | 424 | 9335 | 49307 | 0 | 600000 |
| exponmain_r | 424 | 13293 | 63798 | 0 | 700000 |
| expontrans_r | 423 | 87866 | 363696 | 0 | 4800000 |
| exponfuel_r | 421 | 20392 | 90056 | 0 | 1600000 |
| expontax_r | 422 | 10623 | 33985 | 0 | 500000 |
| exponint_r | 420 | 141259 | 421464 | 0 | 3864000 |
| exponother_r | 425 | 9734 | 147378 | 0 | 3000000 |
| revcash_r | 409 | 1190161 | 1766567 | 0 | 11000000.00 |
| revkind_r | 421 | 69209 | 302037 | 0 | 4500000 |
| revsale_r | 424 | 46932 | 289941 | 0 | 4500000 |
| revrent_r | 424 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| revother_r | 423 | 5508 | 78161 | 0 | 1500000 |
| useloan_r | 425 | 0.9129 | 0.2823 | 0 | 1 |
| perloan_r | 387 | 73.19 | 26.97 | 2 | 1 |
| whatuseloan_r | 386 | 2.782 | 1.212 | 100 |  |
| activity_r | 425 | 6.111 | 3.216 | 6 | 12 |
|  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |

SECTION H SPOUSE/PARTNER ENTERPRISE

| partnent | 510 | 0.2412 | 0.4282 | 0 | 1 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| years_p | 122 | 6.984 | 6.825 | 0 | 30 |
| months_p | 120 | 1.142 | 2.182 | 0 | 9 |
| fullyown_p | 123 | 0.9268 | 0.2615 | 0 | 1 |
| percown_p | 9 | 44.44 | 13.33 | 10 | 50 |
| othermown_p | 10 | 0.4 | 0.5164 | 0 | 1 |
| permemown_p | 4 | 47.5 | 5 | 40 | 50 |
| otheroutow_p | 10 | 0.6 | 0.5164 | 0 | 1 |
| peroutown_p | 6 | 51.67 | 25.63 | 10 | 90 |
| empl_p | 123 | 1.439 | 0.9334 | 1 | 5 |
| hoursnmemb_p | 30 | 50.67 | 67.06 | 0 | 252 |
| hoursnmemn_p | 28 | 26.57 | 37.52 | 0 | 160 |
| busyslen_p | 121 | 2.471 | 2.157 | 0 | 12 |
| exponwag_p | 120 | 34275 | 156720 | 0 | 1200000 |
| exponraw_p | 113 | 124475 | 236857 | 0 | 1400000 |
| exponres_p | 118 | 169322 | 785544 | 0 | 6330000 |
| exponmach_p | 120 | 130092 | 580012 | 0 | 5000000 |
| exponequip_p | 121 | 867.8 | 9098 | 0 | 100000 |
| exponmain_p | 118 | 28030 | 105125 | 0 | 750000 |
| expontrans_p | 119 | 41407 | 109278 | 0 | 676000 |
| exponfuel_p | 111 | 155016 | 420827 | 0 | 3612000 |
| expontax_p | 118 | 10095 | 23188 | 0 | 148000 |
| exponint_p | 120 | 80087 | 332434 | 0 | 2680000 |
| exponother_p | 121 | 2479 | 20260 | 0 | 200000 |
| revcash_p | 115 | 1107414 | 1359634 | 0 | 7440000 |
| revkind_p | 118 | 53305 | 169198 | 0 | 1000000 |
| revsale_p | 119 | 14202 | 105288 | 0 | 1100000 |
| revrent_p | 121 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| revother_p | 121 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| useloan_p | 123 | 0.5772 | 0.496 | 07.47 | 5 |
| perloan_p | 71 | 49.93 | 2.543 | 1.2 | 1 |
| whatuseloan_p | 70 | 10.25 | 3.306 | 1 | 100 |
| activity_p | 123 |  |  | 0 | 12 |
|  |  | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

SECTION F, G, H - EMPLOYMENT ON OWN, JOINT, PARTNER ENTERPRISE

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| emplown | 1862 | 0.3077 | 0.4617 | 0 | 1 |
| emplprimjo | 1228 | 0.5301 | 0.4993 | 0 | 1 |
| emplsecjo | 186 | 0.5 | 0.5013 | 0 | 1 |
| emplpartn | 545 | 0.2642 | 0.4413 | 0 | 1 |
| hoursown | 564 | 41.51 | 24.66 | 2 | 147 |
| hoursprimjo | 645 | 47.9 | 25.3 | 1 | 140 |
| hourssecjo | 93 | 35.67 | 21.74 | 1 | 98 |
| hourspartn | 140 | 42.71 | 24.33 | 1 | 140 |

SECTION J - WAGE EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| empl | 4994 | 0.1366 | 0.3434 | 0 | 1 |
| typeofempl | 682 | 6.727 | 2.773 | 1 | 10 |
| hourswork | 653 | 52.87 | 23.2 | 4 | 168 |
| grossearn | 663 | 170112 | 196059 | 1000 | 3000000 |
| periodearn | 679 | 4.035 | 0.5083 | 2 | 5 |
| benefit | 5584 | 0.5249 | 0.4994 | 0 | 1 |
| benefitval | 2930 | 156033 | 153644 | 8000 | 1792000 |
| periodben | 2927 | 2.854 | 0.3569 | 1 | 3 |

## SECTION K. DEBT

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ioan | 1148 | 0.6228 | 0.4849 | 0 | 1 |
| otherloan | 1146 | 0.5157 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 |
| nrofloans | 591 | 2.788 | 2.516 | 1 | 30 |
| totalvalue | 584 | 1924378 | 3675990 | 10000 | 53000000 |
| valueloan_1 | 714 | 879176 | 1354803 | 8000 | 15000000 |
| privateuse_1 | 715 | 74.47 | 39.75 | 0 | 100 |
| busiuse_1 | 715 | 25.53 | 39.75 | 0 | 100 |
| entpr_1 | 230 | 2.222 | 1.109 | 1 | 4 |
| irate_1 | 643 | 2.152 | 1.291 | 0 | 15 |
| year_1 | 715 | 2007 | 0.786 | 1997 | 2008 |
| month_1 | 709 | 5.81 | 3.926 | 1 | 12 |
| balance_1 | 670 | 617981 | 995595 | 1 | 12000000 |
| whomowned_1 | 714 | 1.689 | 1.779 | 1 | 7 |
| collateral_1 | 715 | 0.7608 | 0.4269 | 0 | 1 |
| valuecol_1 | 415 | 2813783 | 3908204 | 0 | 30000000 |
| typeofcol_1 | 544 | 3.853 | 2.505 | 1 | 7 |
| Ioan | 1148 | 0.6228 | 0.4849 | 0 | 1 |
| otherloan | 1146 | 0.5157 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 |
| nrofloans | 591 | 2.788 | 2.516 | 1 | 30 |
| totalvalue | 584 | 1924378 | 3675990 | 10000 | 53000000 |
| valueloan_1 | 714 | 879176 | 1354803 | 8000 | 15000000 |
| typeofcol_1 | 544 | 3.853 | 2.505 | 1 | 7 |
| valueloan_2 | 159 | 408219 | 629793 | 2000 | 5000000 |
| privateuse_2 | 160 | 87.03 | 31.81 | 0 | 100 |
| busiuse_2 | 160 | 12.97 | 31.81 | 0 | 100 |
| entpr_2 | 25 | 2.16 | 1.143 | 1 | 4 |
| irate_2 | 139 | 1.542 | 1.716 | 0 | 15 |
| year_2 | 158 | 2007 | 0.5122 | 2006 | 2008 |
| month_2 | 157 | 5.268 | 3.827 | 1 | 12 |
| balance_2 | 154 | 316352 | 696420 | 2000 | 7000000 |
| whomowned_2 | 157 | 2.395 | 2.32 | 1 | 7 |
| collateral_2 | 160 | 0.4875 | 0.5014 | 0 | 1 |
| valuecol_2 | 58 | 1602931 | 2051532 | 39000 | 10000000 |
| typeofcol_2 | 77 | 4.766 | 2.373 | 1 | 7 |
| valueloan_3 | 34 | 370187 | 653956 | 850 | 3000000 |
| privateuse_3 | 34 | 92.65 | 25.02 | 0 | 100 |
| busiuse_3 | 34 | 7.353 | 25.02 | 0 | 100 |
| entpr_3 | 3 | 2.333 | 1.155 | 1 | 3 |
| irate_3 | 33 | 1.318 | 1.277 | 0 | 3 |
| year_3 | 34 | 2008 | 0.4996 | 2007 | 2008 |
| month_3 | 34 | 5.118 | 3.859 | 1 | 12 |
| balance_3 | 31 | 283299 | 586890 | 850 | 3000000 |
| whomowned_3 | 33 | 2.606 | 2.41 | 1 | 7 |
| collateral_3 | 34 | 0.4412 | 0.504 | 0 | 1 |
| valuecol_3 | 11 | 1150182 | 1220246 | 46007 | 3420000 |
| typeofcol_3 | 15 | 5.067 | 2.712 | 1 | 7 |

SECTION L. HOUSEHOLD ASSETS

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| house1 | 1148 | 0.3258 | 0.4689 | 0 | 1 |
| house2 | 352 | 1645909 | 2282099 | 10000 | 16500000 |
| house3 | 373 | 4.686 | 0.9508 | 1 | 5 |
| ger1 | 1148 | 0.1951 | 0.3965 | 0 | 1 |
| ger2 | 211 | 720474 | 666875 | 100000 | 6000000 |
| ger3 | 222 | 4.788 | 0.8322 | 1 | 5 |
| land1 | 1147 | 0.3976 | 0.4896 | 0 | 1 |
| land2 | 202 | 1084086 | 1462313 | 0 | 14000000 |
| land3 | 455 | 4.6 | 1.112 | 1 | 5 |
| wellin1 | 1148 | 0.05226 | 0.2227 | 0 | 1 |
| wellin3 | 60 | 4.533 | 1.171 | 1 | 5 |
| car1 | 1147 | 0.0837 | 0.2771 | 0 | 1 |
| car2 | 93 | 3948925 | 3038932 | 350000 | 21000000 |
| car3 | 96 | 4.229 | 1.41 | 1 | 5 |
| lorry1 | 1148 | 0.05836 | 0.2345 | 0 | 1 |
| Iorry2 | 62 | 2550000 | 1828082 | 0 | 8000000 |
| lorry3 | 67 | 3.851 | 1.51 | 1 | 5 |
| motobi1 | 1148 | 0.223 | 0.4164 | 0 | 1 |
| motobi2 | 243 | 788165 | 645166 | 50000 | 9000000 |
| motobi3 | 256 | 4.656 | 1.04 | 1 | 5 |
| comput1 | 1148 | 0.0331 | 0.179 | 0 | 1 |
| comput3 | 38 | 4.895 | 0.6489 | 1 | 5 |
| telepho1 | 1148 | 0.06272 | 0.2426 | 0 | 1 |
| telepho3 | 72 | 4.944 | 0.4714 | 1 | 5 |
| mobile1 | 1148 | 0.5557 | 0.4971 | 0 | 1 |
| mobile3 | 636 | 4.937 | 0.4301 | 1 | 5 |
| tools1 | 1146 | 0.5611 | 0.4965 | 0 | 1 |
| tools2 | 576 | 332461 | 853680 | 0 | 15000000 |
| tools3 | 643 | 3.571 | 1.486 | 1 | 5 |
| satelit1 | 1148 | 0.1002 | 0.3004 | 0 | 1 |
| satelit3 | 115 | 4.991 | 0.09325 | 4 | 5 |
| tv1 | 1148 | 0.9242 | 0.2648 | 0 | 1 |
| tv3 | 1061 | 4.992 | 0.1762 | 1 | 5 |
| battv1 | 1148 | 0.08972 | 0.2859 | 0 | 1 |
| battv3 | 101 | 4.901 | 0.4797 | 1 | 5 |
| videoka1 | 1148 | 0.2927 | 0.4552 | 0 | 1 |
| videoka3 | 335 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| radio1 | 1148 | 0.3301 | 0.4705 | 0 | 1 |
| radio3 | 379 | 4.979 | 0.2902 | 1 | 5 |
| smalle1 | 1148 | 0.7744 | 0.4182 | 0 | 1 |
| smalle3 | 888 | 4.966 | 0.3059 | 1 | 5 |
| elgener1 | 1148 | 0.08537 | 0.2795 | 0 | 1 |
| elgener3 | 98 | 4.949 | 0.4155 | 1 | 5 |
| refrig1 | 1148 | 0.3807 | 0.4858 | 0 | 1 |
| refrig3 | 436 | 4.805 | 0.7737 | 1 | 5 |
| stove1 | 1148 | 0.98 | 0.1402 | 0 | 1 |
| stove3 | 1123 | 4.965 | 0.3293 | 1 | 5 |
| washma1 | 1148 | 0.284 | 0.4511 | 0 | 1 |
| washma3 | 326 | 4.969 | 0.2919 | 1 | 5 |
| redieqi1 | 1148 | 0.4904 | 0.5001 | 0 | 1 |
| redieqi2 | 467 | 348278 | 553807 | 0 | 5000000 |


| redieqi3 | 563 | 4.43 | 1.311 | 1 | 5 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| jewelry1 | 211 | 0.5782 | 0.495 | 0 | 1 |
| jewelry2 | 94 | 418394 | 897281 | 5 | 6000000 |
| jewelry3 | 121 | 4.967 | 0.3636 | 1 | 5 |
| unsold1 | 1148 | 0.2047 | 0.4037 | 0 | 1 |
| unsold2 | 231 | 416057 | 689857 | 600 | 6000000 |
| unsold3 | 234 | 2.688 | 1.261 | 1 | 5 |
| otheras1 | 1148 | 0.2439 | 0.4296 | 0 | 1 |
| otheras2 | 275 | 506533 | 920818 | 500 | 7000000 |
| otheras3 | 280 | 4.964 | 0.3574 | 1 | 5 |
| sheep1 | 1142 | 19.66 | 43.09 | 0 | 800 |
| sheep2 | 603 | 1345557 | 1765809 | 30000 | 14000000 |
| sheep3 | 608 | 4.242 | 1.471 | 1 | 5 |
| goats1 | 1144 | 22.31 | 33.35 | 0 | 400 |
| goats2 | 708 | 1079464 | 1127817 | 15000 | 8580000 |
| goats3 | 715 | 4.305 | 1.427 | 1 | 5 |
| cattle1 | 1144 | 3.817 | 6.772 | 0 | 80 |
| cattle2 | 542 | 1597520 | 1661102 | 40000 | 16000000 |
| cattle3 | 549 | 4.299 | 1.429 | 1 | 5 |
| horses1 | 1146 | 2.609 | 7.156 | 0 | 100 |
| horses2 | 433 | 1348961 | 2385018 | 100000 | 31200000 |
| horses3 | 440 | 4.091 | 1.579 | 1 | 5 |
| camel1 | 1147 | 0.00959 | 0.1214 | 0 | 2 |
| camel2 | 8 | 292500 | 180139 | 40000 | 600000 |
| camel3 | 8 | 3.75 | 1.832 | 1 | 5 |
| other1 | 1147 | 0.3705 | 1.65 | 0 | 0 |
| other2 | 117 | 83824 | 366822 | 1.307 | 1 |
| other3 | 242 | 4.446 |  |  | 3700000 |
|  |  |  |  | 5 |  |

## SECTION M. SAVINGS

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| savings_1 | 1148 | 0.351 | 0.47775 | 0 | 1 |
| valuesav_1 | 392 | 164274 | 443438 | 0 | 6500000 |
| edusav_1 | 389 | 113589 | 203114 | 0 | 2000000 |
| wheresav_1 | 402 | 1.072 | 0.4145 | 1 | 5 |
| savings_2 | 755 | 0.01589 | 0.1251 | 0 | 1 |
| valuesav_2 | 11 | 383636 | 565067 | 5000 | 1500000 |
| edusav_2 | 12 | 32083 | 73282 | 0 | 250000 |
| wheresav_2 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| savings_3 | 755 | 0.02781 | 0.1646 | 0 | 1 |
| valuesav_3 | 21 | 267048 | 498265 | 0 | 2000000 |
| edusav3 | 20 | 34150 | 46512 | 0 | 150000 |
| wheresav_3 | 21 | 1.095 | 0.3008 | 1 | 2 |

SECTION N. HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC SHOCKS

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| death_y | 1147 | 0.05841 | 0.2346 | 0 | 1 |
| deadmale1_y | 67 | 0.7612 | 0.4296 | 0 | 1 |
| deadmale2_y | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| deadmale3_y | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |
| agedead1_y | 67 | 51.09 | 21.31 | 0 | 92 |
| agedead2_y | 2 | 47 | 22.63 | 31 | 63 |
| agedead3_y | 1 | 29 |  | 29 | 29 |
| death_m | 1148 | 0.003484 | 0.05895 | 0 | 1 |
| deadmale1_m | 1148 | 0.001742 | 0.04172 | 0 | 1 |
| agedead1_m | 1148 | 0.2012 | 3.496 | 0 | 73 |
| ill_y | 1147 | 0.2729 | 0.4456 | 0 | 1 |
| illmale1_y | 313 | 0.4792 | 0.5004 | 0 | 1 |
| illmale2_y | 26 | 0.3462 | 0.4852 | 0 | 1 |
| illmale3_y | 4 | 0.5 | 0.5774 | 0 | 1 |
| ageillı_y | 310 | 34.75 | 18.33 | 0.2 | 78 |
| ageill2_y | 26 | 32.69 | 23.4 | 2 | 90 |
| ageill3_y | 4 | 8 | 5.598 | 3 | 15 |
| ill_m | 1148 | 0.1124 | 0.316 | 0 | 1 |
| illmale1_m | 1148 | 0.0453 | 0.208 | 0 | 1 |
| illmale2_m | 1148 | 0.002613 | 0.05108 | 0 | 1 |
| illmale3_m | 1148 | 0.000871 | 0.02951 | 0 | 1 |
| ageill1_m | 1147 | 3.419 | 11.52 | 0 | 78 |
| ageill2_m | 1148 | 0.4443 | 4.667 | 0 | 67 |
| ageill3_m | 1148 | 0.0122 | 0.3178 | 0 | 10 |
| doctor_y | 1147 | 0.7201 | 0.4491 | 0 | 1 |
| costdoc1_y | 815 | 27460 | 88716 | 0 | 1000000 |
| costdoc2_y | 212 | 6085 | 25757 | 0 | 300000 |
| costdoc3_y | 109 | 2917 | 19484 | 0 | 200000 |
| doctor_m | 1148 | 0.3232 | 0.4679 | 0 | 1 |
| costdoc1_m | 1143 | 5874 | 46052 | 0 | 1000000 |
| costdoc2_m | 1148 | 352.4 | 8992 | 0 | 300000 |
| costdoc3_m | 1148 | 20.91 | 474.3 | 0 | 15000 |
| jobloss_y | 1147 | 0.01569 | 0.1243 | 0 | 1 |
| lostmale_y | 18 | 0.6111 | 0.5016 | 0 | 1 |
| agejloss1_y | 18 | 39.39 | 7.979 | 29 | 58 |
| lostjob_m | 1148 | 0.002613 | 0.05108 | 0 | 1 |
| lostmale_m | 1148 | 0.002613 | 0.05108 | 0 | 1 |
| robbery_y | 1147 | 0.09329 | 0.291 | 0 | 1 |
| robberyloss_y | 104 | 573948 | 1242864 | 3600 | 12000000 |
| robbery_m | 1148 | 0.01132 | 0.1059 | 0 | 1 |
| robberyloss_m | 104 | 38442 | 124404 | 0 | 600000 |
| disaster_y | 1147 | 0.08806 | 0.2835 | 0 | 1 |
| sheep_y | 99 | 4.869 | 8.205 | 0 | 40 |
| goats y | 99 | 6.707 | 9.114 | 0 | 40 |
| cows_y | 100 | 1.62 | 3.117 | 0 | 20 |
| yaks_y | 100 | 0.04 | 0.2429 | 0 | 2 |
| horse_y | 100 | 1.04 | 4.383 | 0 | 40 |
| camel_y | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| other_y | 101 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| sheep_m | 99 | 1.889 | 5.27 | 0 | 40 |
| goats_m | 99 | 2.808 | 5.554 | 0 | 40 |
| cows_m | 99 | 0.3939 | 1.067 | 0 | 6 |


| yaks_m | 99 | 0.0202 | 0.201 | 0 | 2 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| horse_m | 99 | 0.07071 | 0.3847 | 0 | 3 |
| camel_m | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| other_m | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| harvest_y | 1147 | 0.06452 | 0.2458 | 0 | 1 |
| harvestloss_y | 70 | 153211 | 239121 | 0 | 1000000 |
| harvestloss_m | 74 | 2338 | 12981 | 0 | 100000 |
| Otherloss_y | 1147 | 0.05057 | 0.2192 | 0 | 1 |
| Otherlosst_y | 1148 | 0.05226 | 0.3378 | 0 | 3 |
| otherlosst_m | 53 | 0.2453 | 0.4344 | 0 | 1 |

SECTION P. RATES OF RETURN AND PERCEPTIONS OF RISK

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| useofloan | 1146 | 2.623 | 1.891 | 1 | 9 |
| rev_s | 892 | 3368098 | 6081862 | 50000 | 63800000 |
| rev_u | 894 | 1782766 | 3482792 | 10000 | 36500000 |
| rev_a | 893 | 2595195 | 4801748 | 40000 | 54800000 |
| av_rev | 891 | 2550948 | 4449411 | 40000 | 36500000 |
| prob_ab | 897 | 72.53 | 18.23 | 0 | 100 |
| prob_bel | 895 | 52.9 | 32.14 | 0 | 100 |

SECTION Q. TRANSFERS AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN NON-RELATED PEOPLE

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rectrans | 1147 | 0.08893 | 0.2848 | 0 | 1 |
| recfrom_1 | 102 | 1.735 | 0.6437 | 1 | 3 |
| recfrom_2 | 20 | 1.6 | 0.5982 | 1 | 3 |
| recfrom_3 | 7 | 1.857 | 0.6901 | 1 | 3 |
| recfrom_4 | 1 | 2 | . | 2 | 2 |
| valuerec_1 | 100 | 148805 | 205125 | 3000 | 1000000 |
| valuerec_2 | 20 | 145850 | 337963 | 10000 | 1500000 |
| valuerec_3 | 7 | 27857 | 16293 | 10000 | 50000 |
| valuerec_4 | 1 | 20000 | . | 20000 | 20000 |
| gavetrans | 1147 | 0.1508 | 0.358 | 0 | 1 |
| gaveto_1 | 173 | 1.844 | 0.6938 | 1 | 3 |
| gaveto_2 | 66 | 1.955 | 0.6185 | 1 | 3 |
| gaveto_3 | 27 | 1.889 | 0.698 | 1 | 3 |
| gaveto_4 | 17 | 1.882 | 0.6966 | 1 | 3 |
| gaveto_5 | 12 | 1.833 | 0.7177 | 1 | 3 |
| valuegave_1 | 173 | 116659 | 195471 | 2000 | 2000000 |
| valuegave_2 | 66 | 127439 | 224238 | 1000 | 1500000 |
| valuegave_3 | 27 | 80611 | 129084 | 1500 | 500000 |
| valuegave_4 | 17 | 31206 | 31728 | 1500 | 125000 |
| valuegave_5 | 12 | 25600 | 18829 | 3000 | 50000 |

## SECTION R. TRANSFERS FROM AND TO FAMILY/RELATIVES

| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rectrans_m | 1148 | 0.128 | 0.3343 | 0 | 1 |
| valuerec_m | 147 | 145173 | 304345 | 1000 | 2500000 |
| rec_m | 146 | 2.5 | 1.391 | 1 | 6 |
| rectrans_y | 1147 | 0.279 | 0.4487 | 0 | 1 |
| valuerec_y | 319 | 291474 | 479150 | 99 | 5000000 |
| rec_y | 317 | 2.555 | 1.408 | 1 | 6 |
| gavetrans_m | 1148 | 0.2683 | 0.4433 | 0 | 1 |
| valuegave_m | 308 | 126575 | 222926 | 5000 | 2500000 |
| gave_m | 308 | 2.669 | 0.9856 | 1 | 6 |
| gavetrans_y | 1148 | 0.4146 | 0.4929 | 0 | 1 |
| valuegave_y | 471 | 403618 | 530945 | 4000 | 4500000 |
| gave_y | 475 | 2.806 | 1.194 | 1 | 6 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Orazio Attanasio, Ralph de Haas, Emla Fitzsimons and Heike Harmgart "Measuring the impact of microfinance on poor rural women in Mongolia", mimeo, EBRD.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Since randomisation, group formation has been proceeding in the soums that were chosen to be grouplending soums. However, at the time of writing there are concerns that this is taking place more slowly than expected.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ By a 'statistically significant difference' we mean there is statistical evidence that there is a difference between the average values of the two variables. We use a significance level of 0.05 , which means that the average values we are comparing are only $5 \%$ likely to be different, given that the null hypothesis that the means are equal is true. A p-value below 0.05 leads us to reject the null hypothesis that the means are equal.

[^3]:    ${ }^{4}$ This refers to own children, i.e. excludes other children in the household of that age. When these are included, the number increases slightly but remains below 2 .

[^4]:    Notes: Households that report purchasing none of a particular good are assigned the value zero for that good.

[^5]:    ${ }^{5}$ This is the total number of hours worked by all non-household members, i.e. the number of hours each employee works per week, all added together.

[^6]:    ${ }^{6}$ We therefore drop the 24 male respondents and here describe female-run enterprises.

[^7]:    ${ }^{7}$ We do not know the main activity for just under $60 \%$ of partners.

[^8]:    ${ }^{8}$ We do not show descriptive statistics for the third loan, as only 34 households report having a third outstanding loan. The appendix contains complete summary statistics, however.

[^9]:    ${ }^{9}$ We did not ask each respondent for income earned in self-employment, due to the difficulties in obtaining reliable and accurate measures of this. We did obtain detailed information on enterprise revenue and expenses however, as described already.

[^10]:    ${ }^{10}$ Bloom, Howard. 2006. 'The core analytics of randomized experiments for social research', MDRC working paper.

