

Letter of support for Growing Futures

Dear Growing Futures Co-Chairs,

It is with great pleasure that I confirm my support as the main advisor for the (**project name**) led by the principal investigators (PIs) (**name of the mentees/ Ph.D. students**).

Together with the principal investigators, we are fully aware of J-PAL's research roles and responsibilities¹ when implementing projects, and agree to follow them to guarantee the research quality and validity.

As the main advisor of the project, I confirm my commitment to the development of the (**objective of the project**). In particular, I will be responsible for guiding the research design and for having periodical meetings with the PIs to:

- I. Overseeing the financial management of the research, ensuring research design and activities remain within the scope of the budget.
- II. Ensure that the safety and health of the research staff of the project are considered and protected. Having present that discrimination, harassment, and abuse have no place in our work and are not tolerated².
- III. Ensuring research design and activities remain within the scope of the budget and I will advise the PIs on funding on grant management.
- IV. Confirm that the research design is feasible and adequate for a randomized impact evaluation, and to determine causal inferences, including having an achievable sample size, and statistical power, among others.

¹[JPAL PI and Staff Responsibilities](#)

²[Code of Conduct for the J-PAL Community | The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab](#)

- V. Supervise that the data collection strategy is appropriate to minimize attrition and other evaluation threats and under the project's budget.
- VI. Secure that the survey instrument is well-piloted and standardized to measure the project's outcomes.
- VII. Confirm that the project has IRB approval and pertinent amendments to start the data collection or its implementation and that all non-J-PAL key personnel on the project are Human Subjects certified.
- VIII. Ensure that all the data collected and personally identifiable information of the participants is well secured and protected, in compliance with the IRB guidelines.
- IX. Ensure data are published in a well-known repository (e.g. Dataverse) and compliance with J-PALs policy dissemination³.
- X. Overall, check that the project is complying with J-PAL research protocols⁴ and that any changes in the initial and approved design are viable within the scope and budget of the project.

By understanding this division in roles, I accept that J-PAL's role is aimed at providing administrative, legal, and operational support⁵, while the PIs and I, are the leaders who should steer the intervention, assuming its risks and responsibilities.

I hereby acknowledge that as a main advisor and as a member of the J-PAL network, I am finally responsible for the design of the evaluation, and for overseeing that it complies with J-PAL's code of conduct⁶, and research protocols for data quality, and human subjects protection.

Sincerely,

Main advisor of the project

³ [JPAL Data Code Availability Policy.pdf](#)

⁴ [J-PAL Research Protocols 2023-02.pdf](#)

⁵ See more at the Scope of Work (Sow)

⁶ [Code of Conduct for the J-PAL Community | The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab](#)