

# Long-run Effects of Catastrophic Drought Insurance\*

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## Abstract

Aggregate shocks such as droughts, floods, and other natural disasters can have negative long-run impacts on various well-being indicators. Formal insurance against covariate shocks offer a tool to mitigate these negative consequences. We study the long-run impacts of catastrophic drought insurance – first introduced in 2010 – on pastoralists in Kenya and Ethiopia. We leverage randomized insurance premium discounts distributed when insurance was first introduced to estimate the impact of insurance on outcomes measured 10 years later. Insurance changed production strategies, inducing a substantial increase in the herd share of larger animals, such as camels and cattle, versus smaller animals like goats. Furthermore, we observe a substantial increase in the share of household members who completed age-appropriate education, seemingly resulting from both the reduced marginal productivity of labor of children in herding large animals and positive income effects. Reduced *ex ante* risk exposure and the behavioral change it induces – not the cash transfers resulting from the indemnity payment – generate the long-run effects we observe. The results are robust to controlling for prospective spillover effects among households.

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# 1 Introduction

Catastrophic aggregate shocks such as droughts, floods, and natural disasters have negative long-run impacts on various well-being indicators, such as education, health, assets, and labor-market outcomes (Maccini and Yang, 2009; Dinkelman, 2017; Shah and Steinberg, 2017; Carrillo, 2020). When shocks occur, people may draw down productive assets and reduce investment in human capital, with detrimental effects if that happens early in life (Jensen, 2000; Alderman, Hoddinott, and Kinsey, 2006). Furthermore, exposure to disaster risk may induce risk averting behaviors, discouraging investment in strategies that promote growth (Boucher, Carter, and Guirking, 2008; Karlan et al., 2014; Emerick et al., 2016). Finding policies that help households avert the negative long-run consequences of disaster risk exposure is important, especially in the context of climate change, and growing evidence of poverty traps, which shocks can induce (Lybbert et al., 2004; Kraay and McKenzie, 2014; Banerjee et al., 2019; Barrett, Carter, and Chavas, 2019; Balboni et al., 2022).

While the literature offers consistent findings from multiple countries on the adverse impacts of uninsured exposure to catastrophic natural disasters, evidence remains lacking on the potentially ameliorative effects of insurance against disasters. We present evidence of the 10-year, long-run effects on income, assets, production strategies, and human capital accumulation of an insurance product against catastrophic droughts, offered to pastoral households in the arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL) of northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia.<sup>1</sup> We find that the insurance changed production strategies, inducing a sharp increase in the share of large animals herded – camels and cattle – at the expense of smaller animals, namely goats and sheep. We observe sizeable but statistically

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<sup>1</sup>The outcomes were pre-specified. See AEARCTR-0011184 in the AEA registry.

insignificant increases in total income, but no changes in the total value of productive assets. We do find a substantial and significant increase in the share of household members that completed age-appropriate education, from 12 percent in the control group to 28 percent for households with insurance. This is more than an income effect. The herd composition and education impacts are closely linked. Children are far less likely to herd large animals, so induced herd composition changes reduce the marginal productivity of child herding labor, thereby creating incentives to send children to school. We demonstrate that the long-run effects we observe arise from insurance coverage, not the receipt of indemnity payments. This suggests that reduced *ex ante* risk exposure and the behavioral change it induces – not the transfers resulting from the indemnity payments – generate the long-run effects we observe.

Investigating the long-run effects of insurance against aggregate shocks is complicated by the fact that most programs that offered it in low-income settings were short-lived. Agricultural insurance is often fraught with moral hazard, adverse selection and high transaction costs, and innovative products such as index insurance have typically remained at pilot scale due to low product quality and other implementation challenges (Mobarak and Rosenzweig, 2013; Hill et al., 2019; Binswanger-Mkhize, 2012; Carter et al., 2017). A notable exception is the Index-Based Livestock Insurance (IBLI) program. Unlike most agricultural index insurance products, which insure against low annual crop yield realizations, IBLI insures against the loss of durable assets, in this case livestock, similar to most commercial insurance products worldwide. IBLI relies on a satellite-based Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) indicator of relative forage scarcity – specifically designed to minimize basis risk in this system (Chantararat et al., 2013). Since piloting in northern Kenya in 2010, IBLI has gradually expanded; as of December 2022, over 500,000 households in three countries have been individually insured through IBLI (Jensen et al., 2024). Recent initiatives by the governments of Kenya, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somalia, supported by the World Bank, aim to scale IBLI further to reach 1.6 million pastoralists by 2025 (The World Bank, 2022).<sup>2</sup> Given that the program has been running for many years, and was originally introduced through an experiment with a panel household survey, IBLI allows for the first investigation of the long-run impacts of insurance against catastrophic droughts.

To investigate these long-run impacts, we conduct a 10-year follow-up panel survey with 82 percent of the original baseline sample from Kenya (in 2009) and Ethiopia (in 2012), immediately before IBLI became available in each location. We leverage the individual-level randomized distribution post-baseline of IBLI premium subsidies to 1,439 pastoralists from 33 locations in southern Ethiopia and northern Kenya during six sales seasons between 2010 and 2015. In each

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<sup>2</sup>Beyond those four countries, IBLI is also employed in Zambia and Mauritania. For more background details on IBLI, see Jensen et al. (2024).

location, a random sample of individuals, stratified by herd size, was randomly assigned to receive premium discount coupons that were distributed just prior to the sales season. These coupons were non-transferable, expired at the end of the sales season, and were re-randomized each sales season. The coupons provided households with a discount on the insurance premium for a maximum of 15 Tropical Livestock Units (TLUs).<sup>3</sup> After the baseline survey, panel surveys of the same households were then conducted annually for three rounds in Ethiopia and four rounds in Kenya, up to 2015. During the period 2009-2015, low NDVI readings triggered the drought index four times in Kenya and one time in Ethiopia, resulting in indemnity payments to current policyholders. No randomized premium discounts were provided nor were any surveys conducted after 2015, until we conducted the 10-year follow-up survey with original panel households in 2020 in Kenya and in 2022 in Ethiopia.

We leverage randomized insurance premium discounts to estimate the Local Average Treatment Effect (LATE) of insurance purchase on our pre-specified outcomes.<sup>4</sup> We causally identify the long-run impacts of any IBLI purchase, instrumenting insurance purchase in the first three sales seasons by the number of discount coupons received during that initial exposure period. This provides the strongest instrument while maintaining monotonicity of the relationship between the instrument and the endogenous regressor. Our pre-specified primary outcomes are assets (i.e., herd size), income (i.e., total cash income), production strategies (i.e., herd composition), and human capital accumulation (i.e., education of household members), and were chosen because aggregate shocks have been demonstrated previously to negatively affect these outcomes. Our pre-specified secondary outcomes reflect short-run impacts initially observed in the IBLI pilot period: herd management expenditures, annual milk income (cash income only), livestock loss, distress sale of livestock, share of children working, as well as recent IBLI uptake.

The long-run effects of IBLI are striking. We observe a sharp shift in herd composition – an 83 percent reduction in the share of goats herded and a corresponding increase in larger animals, especially camels, significant at the 95 percent level. Despite no effects on the total value of productive assets nor on annual cash earnings - albeit with a meaningful but statistically insignificant increase in total (cash plus in-kind) income - we find a substantial increase in educational attainment, from a 12 percent completion rate of age-appropriate education in the control group to a 28 percent completion rate of age-appropriate education among insured households, significant at the 95 percent level. We also observe a tripling of the share of current children studying full time, from about 23 percent to 70 percent, significant at the 90 percent level.

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<sup>3</sup>Tropical Livestock Unit (TLU) is an integrated unit for aggregating cattle, camel, sheep, and goats by typical live body weight. 1 TLU = 0.7 Camel = 1 Cattle = 10 Sheep/goats

<sup>4</sup>See AEARCTR-0011184 at <https://www.socialscicenter.org/trials/11184>.

In contrast to these long-run effects, several statistically significant short-run effects of IBLI uptake that were found during the experiment period, on total herd size, herd management expenditures, livestock loss, distress sales of livestock, milk income, total household income, and IBLI purchases over the last 12 months (Jensen, Barrett, and Mude, 2017; Janzen and Carter, 2019; Matsuda, Takahashi, and Ikegami, 2019; Noritomo and Takahashi, 2020) do not replicate at this longer-run horizon.

We also investigate the robustness of our results to prospective confounding arising from interpersonal spillovers. In the original experiment households within communities were randomized to either receive discount coupons or not. Spillovers in the first- and second-stage of our IV strategy – for example through informal risk-sharing arrangements between treated and untreated individuals – may violate the Stable Unit Treatment Value Assumption (SUTVA) necessary for a consistent LATE estimate. To investigate potential spillovers, we leverage variation in peers’ insurance uptake and its effect on coupon recipients’ uptake and outcomes and vice versa. We do so by instrumenting the mean insurance uptake by peers in the recipients’ community, by the mean discount coupons received by these peers. We then use both the discount coupons received by the recipient and the mean discount coupons received by peers as instruments for insurance uptake by the recipient and mean insurance uptake by peers, respectively, then estimate the joint effects on outcomes. When we do so, only the recipients’ discount coupon receipt remains significant and a valid instrument, suggesting that spillovers in the first stage are unlikely. Discount coupons received by other village residents seem not to affect insurance uptake. Our second-stage outcomes largely remain robust, except for the positive effect on whether or not children are studying full-time, which disappears and becomes insignificant. In some specifications, the education impact point estimates remain unchanged but become less precisely estimated, which we attribute to the additional instrument and endogenous regressor.

To investigate the mechanisms that may explain the long-run outcomes, we analyze the dynamics of long-run effects over time. We do so by running the same regressions on outcomes measured immediately after the third sales season - i.e., during the initial experimental period, during which our instrument is strong - as well as at the end of the experiment, after the sixth sales season. The results show that the effect on herd composition materialized at the end of the experiment, either simultaneously with or before the effect on educational attainment.

We also investigate whether our long-run outcomes are driven by *ex ante* behavioral effects induced by reduced catastrophic risk exposure resulting from purchasing insurance, or from *ex post* impacts of IBLI indemnity payments triggered by (exogenous) low NDVI readings during droughts. We demonstrate that the effects arise entirely from insurance coverage, not the receipt of indemnity payments. This suggests that reduced *ex ante* risk exposure and the behavioral change

it induces, not the cash transfers resulting from the indemnity payment, generate the long-run effects we observe. This is consistent with prior findings of subjective well-being gains from IBLI coverage even in the absence of payouts (Tafere, Barrett, and Lentz, 2019), as well as *ex ante* effects of insurance that are found, irrespective of indemnity payments (Karlan et al., 2014; Cole and Xiong, 2017; Jensen, Barrett, and Mude, 2017; Hill et al., 2019; Matsuda, Takahashi, and Ikegami, 2019; Boucher et al., 2021; Stoeffler et al., 2022).

To interpret our findings, we offer the interpretation that the transition from smaller to larger animals – which are less likely to be herded by children – reduced the marginal productivity of child herding labor, thereby reducing its demand and incentivizing investments in education, similar to Shah and Steinberg (2017). This is consistent with the effects we observe on reduced child labor for households with insurance, as well as the observation that the effects on education are driven by boys – who typically herd small animals – and not girls. For the observed effect on production strategies we offer three alternative explanations, none of which we can confidently rule out: (1) The liquidity required to pay the insurance premium led to the sale of goats - which pastoralists in this setting commonly treat as 'cash with four legs', a highly liquid, non-lumpy asset, with an average value of roughly USD 10, commonly sold to cover modest expenses (McPeak, Little, and Doss, 2011) - thereby reducing the share of small animals herded; (2) Formal insurance may have reduced the need for precautionary savings in kind to cover expenditures on food, fodder, water, and veterinary services in the event of drought, thereby leading to reduced holdings of goats, the most liquid asset in this system; (3) The insurance may have reduced the risk of investing in camels or cattle – a higher risk but higher return strategy as compared to holding goats or sheep<sup>5</sup> – an *ex ante* effect of insurance that is well-documented in the literature (Cole and Xiong, 2017; Cole, Giné, and Vickery, 2017; Hill et al., 2019; Stoeffler et al., 2022; Boucher et al., 2021).

We build on the literature on the long-run impacts of covariate weather shocks, which routinely finds negative effects on height (Alderman, Hoddinott, and Kinsey, 2006), education completion (Alderman, Hoddinott, and Kinsey, 2006; Maccini and Yang, 2009; Shah and Steinberg, 2017; Carrillo, 2020), health (Maccini and Yang, 2009; Dinkelman, 2017; Carrillo, 2020), assets (Maccini and Yang, 2009), and labor market outcomes (Carrillo, 2020). Maccini and Yang (2009) provide suggestive evidence that these effects arise due to reduced nutrient intake at the time of shocks, while Shah and Steinberg (2017) relate outcomes to changes in the marginal productivity of child labor during shocks. We demonstrate that insurance against catastrophic weather shocks has a positive effect on similar long-run outcomes, through its *ex ante* effect on behavior. Our results are most consistent with an interpretation akin to Shah and Steinberg (2017), where insurance, by

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<sup>5</sup>Camel and cattle are lumpy – at USD 120-250 per head average asset value – implying an order of magnitude larger absolute loss in case of catastrophic weather shocks.

changing production strategies, has an indirect effect on the marginal productivity of child labor, changing incentives for children to remain in school.

We also connect to a nascent literature on the long-run impacts of development interventions (see Bouguen et al. (2019) for a review). Most evidence comes from either studies of human capital interventions or unconditional cash transfers and grant assistance. Human capital interventions<sup>6</sup> appear particularly effective at boosting long-run economic outcomes (Hoddinott et al., 2008; Banerjee, Duflo, and Kremer, 2016; Baird et al., 2016; Bandiera et al., 2017; Charpak et al., 2017; Barham, Macours, and Maluccio, 2017; Bettinger et al., 2018; Blattman, Fiala, and Martinez, 2020; Gray-Lobe, Pathak, and Walters, 2023). This may arise because human capital is a durable asset readily re-allocable across sectors in response to changing economic conditions. Studies of unconditional cash transfers and grant assistance consistently find large short-run effects, particularly on accumulation of assets, that dissipate over time, fading out in the long-run, much as our income and herd size effects do (Araujo, Bosch, and Schady, 2017; Baird, McIntosh, and Özler, 2019; Blattman, Dercon, and Franklin, 2022; Blattman, Fiala, and Martinez, 2020). We bridge these two literature by exploring the long-run impacts of an intervention to insure against catastrophic covariate shocks, demonstrating the long-run importance of risk mitigation for human capital formation.

Finally, we build on a literature on the impacts of insurance against aggregate weather shocks, that has so-far focused on short-run impacts. These may occur through their effect on *ex post* responses to shocks, or *ex ante* behavioral changes. Many index insurance programs face product quality and implementation constraints. Despite this, many find increases in productive investments (Karlan et al., 2014; Jensen, Barrett, and Mude, 2017; Cole and Xiong, 2017; Matsuda, Takahashi, and Ikegami, 2019; Hill et al., 2019; Belissa, Lensink, and van Asseldonk, 2020; Mishra et al., 2021; Stoeffler et al., 2022; Son, 2023). With respect to *ex post* shock responses, prior studies found IBLI boosts income and smooths consumption (Jensen, Barrett, and Mude, 2017; Janzen and Carter, 2019; Matsuda, Takahashi, and Ikegami, 2019; Noritomo and Takahashi, 2020). We contribute to this literature by demonstrating that long-run impacts also exist.

## 2 Context and Index-Based Livestock Insurance

The population in the arid and semi-arid lands of northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia heavily depends on extensive livestock grazing - pastoralism - as the most productive livelihood strategy

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<sup>6</sup>Interventions that focus on de-worming, nutritional supplementation or prenatal interventions, sometimes combined with asset transfers, skills training or other economic interventions.

on infertile drylands (Little et al., 2008; McPeak, Little, and Doss, 2011; Jensen et al., 2024). Households herd camels, cattle, goats, and sheep, with species mix varying with the aridity of the location. The average herd size during our baseline is equivalent to 23 cattle.<sup>7</sup> On average, cattle comprise 43% of a household's herd, 33% are goats or sheep and 23% are camels. These animals play different roles in the productive strategies of households, where larger animals like camels and cattle are lumpy assets with values of USD 120-250 each, and typically seen as investments, as they foster milk sales and generate valuable offspring as well as social status. As previously mentioned, goats (and sheep) are typically seen as “cash with four legs.” While by endline the herd composition of households in the control group remains relatively unchanged, the average herd size fell by the equivalent of 14 cattle. Partly this might reflect that our decadal follow up surveys occurred during droughts in both locations, but more broadly it is consistent with a growing narrative of intensifying poverty among pastoralists in the region as the frequency and severity of droughts have seemingly increased over time (McPeak and Little, 2017; Dika, Tolossa, and Eyana, 2023; Tofu et al., 2023).

The annual household-level nominal cash income of our survey households is similar at baseline and endline, roughly USD 1.3-1.5 per day, implying a substantial reduction in real income over time.<sup>8</sup> Over time, households substantially increase the share of cash income invested in herd management, specifically fodder, water, and veterinary expenditures, from about 10% at baseline to 25% at endline. Investing in veterinary services is a particularly effective strategy for reducing livestock mortality and for maintaining herd lactation rates, especially among large stock, thus could reflect induced herd composition changes (Admassu et al., 2005; Homewood et al., 2006; Sieff, 1999; Santos and Barrett, 2011).

Only 10-15 percent of household heads in our sample at baseline ever went to any school; the average completed education is approximately 10-11 months. Investments in education are, however, increasing substantially over time. At baseline, the share of children aged 5-17 enrolled in school was only 46 percent, while it was XXX at endline. Education outcomes are closely linked to the productive strategies of these households. Children aged 5-17, especially boys, commonly help with herding, especially of goats and sheep. When children aren't studying full-time, a large

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<sup>7</sup>We use cattle market value equivalents (CMVE) instead of TLU measures. We use average sales prices by species in the survey data to establish the average value by species. CMVE is strongly, positively correlated with TLU; they just aggregate across species using different weighting schemes.

<sup>8</sup>The endline-to-baseline cash income ratio is  $531.70/498.44 = 1.07$ , while the endline-to-baseline CPI ratio is 2.08 in Kenya and 2.99 in Ethiopia. This suggests that the stable or slight increase in nominal income represents a substantial decrease in real income during this period. However, total income, including the value of in-kind livestock-and-crop-related income, is more than double cash income in these settings, as shown in Online Appendix Tables E6 and E7. Our total income estimates ignore prospective growth in the metabolic mass of livestock, which might occur with changing herd demographic profiles if distress sales fall (Janzen and Carter, 2019), although we suspect such effects, if any, are small.



share of them work. At baseline, 40 percent of children work full-time, while 28 percent work part-time. At endline in Ethiopia, the share of children working full-time reduced by approximately 40 percent, from 47 to 28 percent, and the share of part-time working children decreased by about 31 percent, from 26 to 18 percent.<sup>9</sup>

The pastoral households in our sample are vulnerable to catastrophic drought shocks. Drought-related starvation, dehydration and disease account for 47 percent of the livestock losses in the region (Jensen, Barrett, and Mude, 2016). Following droughts, pastoralists rebuild herds slowly, relying largely on biological reproduction supported by complex systems of inter-household livestock gifts and loans (McPeak and Barrett, 2001; Lybbert et al., 2004; Little et al., 2008; McPeak, Little, and Doss, 2011; Takahashi, Barrett, and Ikegami, 2019). Informal insurance networks have been fraying in the region, however, in part because of seemingly more frequent and severe droughts that tax all households at the same time (McPeak, Little, and Doss, 2011; Huysentruyt, Barrett, and McPeak, 2009).

Livestock markets could theoretically offer a mechanism for mitigating shocks, buying in good seasons and selling in bad ones. Unfortunately, because droughts often take place over large regions, many households suffer the same drought and respond similarly, leading prices to collapse with animal productivity and survival rates, thus markets aggravate rather than mitigate wealth risk in this context (Barrett et al., 2003). Prior to IBLI, financial services were largely unavailable in these areas. As a result, herd accumulation has long been the key risk management strategy for ensuring that households can rebuild assets after catastrophic shocks, for the simple reason that greater pre-drought herd size is strongly associated with increased post-drought herd size (Lybbert et al., 2004; McPeak, 2005; Barrett and Swallow, 2006; Cissé and Barrett, 2018).

IBLI offers another means to manage catastrophic drought risk. Forage availability offers a key signal of drought in rangelands. So IBLI was designed around near-real-time measures of the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), a reliable signal of forage availability (Meroni et al., 2014; Prince, 1991; Tucker et al., 1985) and shown to be strongly correlated with livestock mortality in this region (Chantararat et al., 2013). NDVI is generated and provided freely every ten days by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) from global satellite data. IBLI uses an index that aggregates NDVI data within geographically defined index units in each of two annual seasons that characterize the region's bimodal annual rainfall pattern. Historic NDVI data for each insurance unit were used to develop a statistical distribution of drought outcomes. Insurers and reinsurers used those estimates to negotiate a strike level below which indemnity payments would be made (Chantararat et al., 2013; Vrieling et al., 2016). While the specifics of the IBLI

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<sup>9</sup>Comparable enrollment data were not collected at endline in Kenya.

policy and the index that underpins it have evolved somewhat over time and differ slightly between the Ethiopia and Kenya sites, the core is uniform:<sup>10</sup> IBLI is thus an NDVI-based catastrophic drought index insurance product sold to individual pastoralists by private insurance companies in the region, that generates an indemnity payment in seasons when the purchaser's index unit exhibits pasture quality below a known, low level - e.g., the 20th percentile.

The first IBLI pilot was launched in Marsabit County, in northern Kenya, in January 2010 as a purely commercial index insurance product sold directly to individual pastoral households. This was followed by the introduction of a similar product in the neighboring Borana region of southern Ethiopia in August 2012. By the end of our experiment, in 2015, the Government of Kenya added IBLI to its social protection programming by launching the Kenya Livestock Insurance Program (KLIP), which used public resources to purchase individual IBLI policies on behalf of vulnerable pastoralists. Households were, however, generally unaware of their status of coverage, and commercial IBLI was no longer sold in our study areas in Marsabit. In Borana, commercial sales were sustained at the same or higher volumes after the original pilot ended, but supply in our specific study locations was very low. Effectively, once the initial IBLI experiment ended in 2015, the insurance companies underwriting IBLI ceased offering it for sale in our study sites, selling mainly to

### 3 Study design

To study IBLI's long-run effects, we leverage the original experimental design of seasonally randomized insurance premium discount coupons to 1,439 pastoralists from 17 locations in Borana Zone in Ethiopia and 16 locations in Marsabit County in Kenya. The 33 study locations were selected strategically to ensure representation across environmental conditions and remoteness. Household selection within those locations was random within baseline herd size strata, which is one of the most important predictors of resilience against shocks. These strata were obtained using household rosters from government administrative offices and – through community engagement – stratifying these households into three categories according to household herd size. The sample size in each site was proportional to its total population, resulting in 924 households sampled in Kenya, and 515 households in Ethiopia.

Baseline household surveys took place in Kenya in the fourth quarter of 2009 and in Ethiopia in the first quarter of 2012, before IBLI's launch was announced in either country. The surveys

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<sup>10</sup>See Jensen et al. (2024) for richer details on the background, history and impacts of IBLI, including the evolution of contract design details.

captured a range of household demographic and economic data.<sup>11</sup> IBLI launched with the first follow-up survey round after the baseline in each location. Panel surveys of the same households were then conducted annually for three rounds in Ethiopia and four rounds in Kenya, up to 2015. Individuals in the sample were randomly assigned to receive premium subsidies through discount coupons that were distributed just prior to a sales season. These randomized discount coupons were non-transferable, expired at the end of the sales season, and were re-randomized in each of six sales seasons between 2010 and 2015. The coupons provided households with a discount on the insurance premium for a maximum of 15 TLU. In each location in each round, 60 percent of the sample households randomly received a discount coupon providing a premium discount of 10-60 percent, at 10 percent intervals. During the experiment, low NDVI readings arising from drought triggered the index four times in Kenya and one time in Ethiopia, resulting in indemnity payments. Surveys collected self-reported data on IBLI purchase. We correct for measurement error in those self-reports using the insurers' administrative records.

No surveys nor experiments were conducted in these sites after 2015 until we conducted follow-up surveys in both countries with original panel households in 2020 in Kenya and in 2022 in Ethiopia to investigate IBLI's long-run impacts ten years after the original baseline. Figure 1 shows the timeline of the original pilots, discount coupon treatments, as well as the timing of the latest rounds of survey in each country. Of the original 1,439 baseline pastoralists, we managed to re-survey 82 percent ten years later.

### 3.1 Econometric Strategy

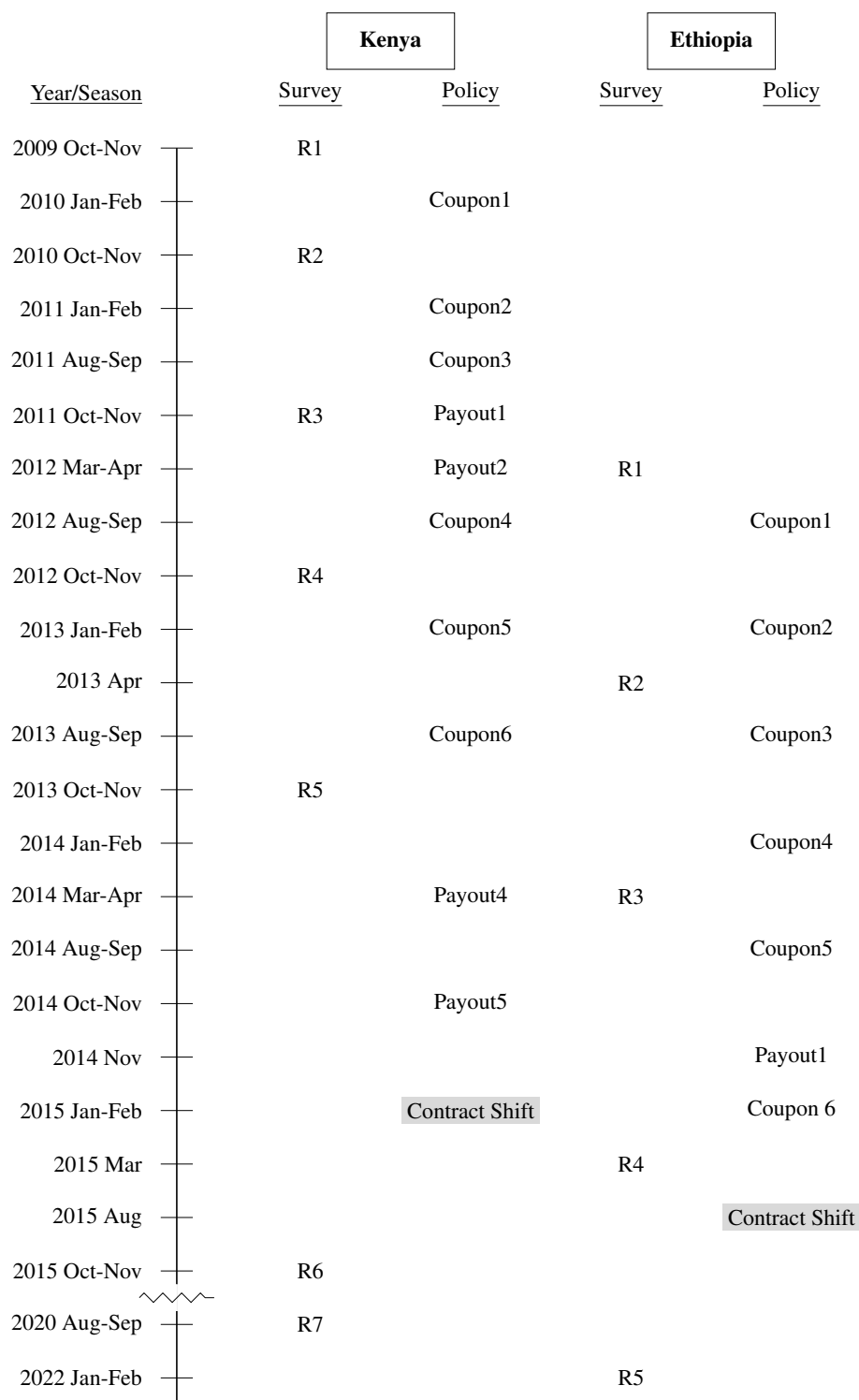
Equation (1) offers a general Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA) representation of how we model the long-run impacts of past and current insurance purchases, where  $y_{ijt}$  is outcome  $y$  for individual  $i$ , who lives in location  $j$ .<sup>12</sup>  $t = 0$  refers to the baseline period, before any insurance was sold in location  $j$ ,  $t = 1$  refers to the first period when insurance was sold in location  $j$ , and  $t = T$  is the final survey period, ten years after baseline.  $I_{ij1}$  refers to insurance purchase by individual  $i$  in the first sales period.  $X_{ij0}$  reflects a vector of household characteristics at baseline, and  $D_{ij}$  is a vector of the number of sales seasons during which the household received randomized IBLI premium discount coupons.

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<sup>11</sup>Additional details on the original research design, sample, survey tools and discount coupons can be found at ILRI's data portal: <https://data.ilri.org/portal/dataset/ibli-marsabit-r1> and <https://data.mel.cgiar.org/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=hdl:20.500.11766.1/FK2/S19DC6> for Kenya and <https://data.ilri.org/portal/dataset/ibli-borena-r1> for Ethiopia.

<sup>12</sup>Location refers to 16 sublocations in Kenya and 17 kebeles in Ethiopia. Locations are nested within distinct index units within which NDVI measures generate an index that determines whether an indemnity payment occurs.

Figure 1: Panel Timeline



Notes: The IBLI contract underwent changes from asset replacement to asset protection in January 2015 for Kenya and in August 2015 for Ethiopia.

$$y_{ijT} = f(I_{ij1}, \dots, I_{ijT}, y_{ij0}, X_{ij0}, D_{ij}) \quad (1)$$

To causally identify the long-run impacts of insurance, we estimate the LATE of insurance purchase for our pre-specified outcomes, instrumenting for insurance purchase by the number of seasons in which the pastoralist received a discount coupon. As pre-specified, we restrict the analysis to discount coupons and insurance purchases in the first three sales seasons, as this provides a strong instrument (see Section 5). This approach does not, therefore, identify the effect of any changes in behavior during the period with randomized discount coupons in sales seasons 4 to 6, for which we control, nor does it consider any impacts of IBLI purchases between 2015 and the final survey round that may have occurred after the randomized encouragement experiment ended, although those were exceedingly rare due to supply-side constraints, as discussed above. We discuss these dynamics and potential mechanisms driving long-run impacts in Section 7.

Equations (2) to (5) describe the outcome equation and instrumental variable (IV) equations. We use an ANCOVA specification to estimate the LATE of IBLI purchase on long-run outcome  $y$  in Equation (2), instrumenting for any insurance purchase using the number of discount coupons received by households in each of the first three sales seasons, from Equation (3). Equation (4) generates a binary variable that takes the value one if individual  $i$  purchased insurance during any of the first three sales seasons. Equation (5) aggregates the number of discount coupons received ( $Z$ ) by an individual household  $i$  in location  $j$  in sales period  $t$  over the first three seasons ( $t = 1, 2, 3$ ), yielding our instrument ( $D_{ij}$ ). We control for the number of discount coupons received in sales seasons 4, 5, and 6 ( $I_{ij4}^{t=6}$ ). In our specification we also include location fixed effects to control for time-invariant, location-level unobservables. Note that because households rarely migrate on their own but rather travel together with their community members from the same location, location fixed effects effectively control for effects at broader grazing ranges that are episodically used by the households in each community  $j$  (McPeak, Little, and Doss, 2011; Huysentruyt, Barrett, and McPeak, 2009). Robust standard errors are used following Abadie et al. (2022) and de Chaisemartin and Ramirez-Cuellar (2022).

$$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijT} \quad (2)$$

$$I_{ij} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 D_{ij} + \alpha_2 y_{ij0} + \alpha_3 X_{ij0} + \alpha_4 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \mu_{ij} \quad (3)$$

$$I_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if there exists } t \in \{1, 2, 3\} \text{ such that } I_{ijt} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$D_{ij} = \sum_{t=1}^{t=3} Z_{ijt}^D \text{ where } Z_{ijt}^D = 1 \text{ if } D_{ijt} > 0 \quad (5)$$

## 4 Balance and Attrition

Table 1 presents the mean and standard deviation of pre-specified balance variables, and baseline values of our pre-specified primary and secondary outcomes in each country and pooled, for the non-attrited sample of households (see below for attrition analysis). Appendix Table C1 presents the values of our pre-specified primary and secondary outcomes at endline, ten years after the baseline.

The right panel of Figure 2 shows that, on average, respondents purchased insurance 0.82 times. During the period of the experiment, coupons were offered six times, once or twice per year. Given that the product provides coverage for one year, the equivalent of full insurance coverage during the experimental period in Kenya would have been purchase of IBLI three times, while in Ethiopia the equivalent of full insurance coverage during the experimental period would have been purchase of IBLI 2.5 times. The right panel of Figure 2 shows that 29% of respondents purchased IBLI once, 14% twice, and 7.2% more than twice. The left panel of Figure 2 shows the distribution of the number of sales seasons in which pastoralists received discount coupons. On average, they received coupons 4.07 times. However, 52 percent of ever-purchased households purchased in the first sales season, 19 percent in the second sales season, and 11 percent in the third sales season. In total 83 percent of the ever-purchased households took up the insurance within the initial three sales seasons. Therefore, we would exploit less variation if we use the full six sales seasons instead of the initial three sales seasons during which most purchases occurred. Therefore, we use the three initial sales seasons of IBLI uptake and discount coupon receipts to identify the causal effects of IBLI on our pre-specified primary and secondary outcomes.<sup>13</sup>

Appendix Table A1 presents balance tests for each of our pre-specified balance variables, by whether or not a household received a discount coupon in each round. Normalized differences are presented in square brackets. We also present the F-statistic for whether or not all variables are

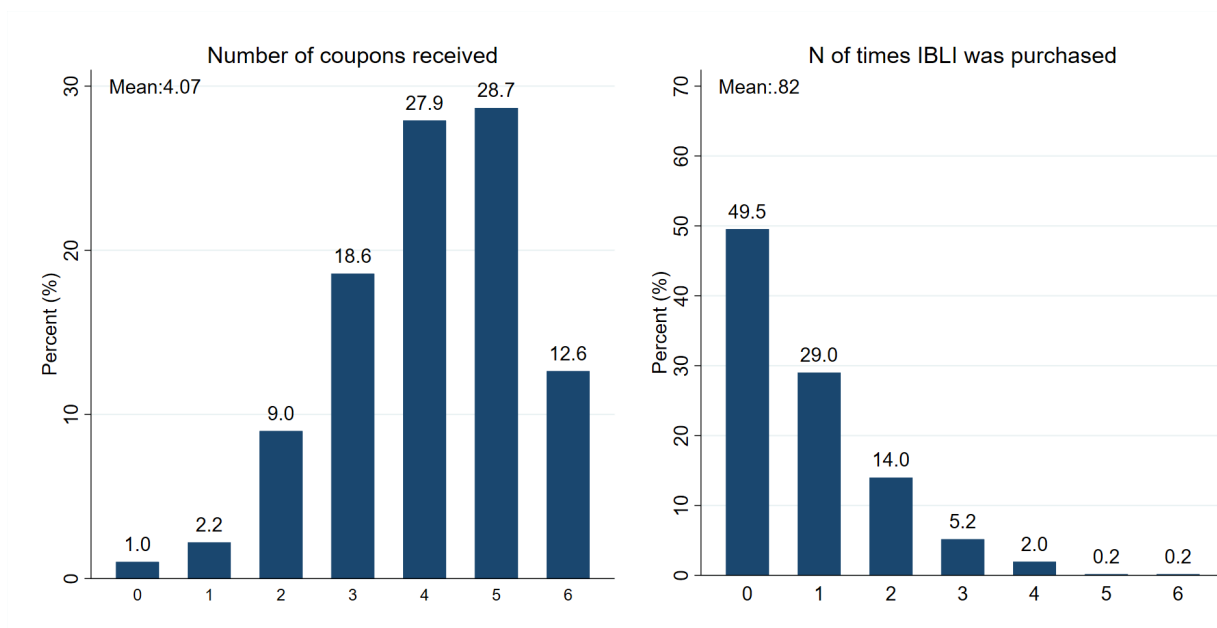
<sup>13</sup>50 households (4.2 percent of the sample) purchased IBLI before they received any discount coupons. Out of those 50 households, 14 purchased without receiving any coupons in any season, while 23 purchased in the very first sales season without receiving any coupons. Our results are robust to the exclusion of these 50 observations.

Table 1: Summary statistics of the baseline characteristics

	Kenya				Ethiopia				Pooled			
	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs
<b>Prespecified household characteristics</b>												
Age of the household head	48.08 [18.35]	18.00	98.00	781	50.23 [18.30]	20.00	100.00	398	48.81 [18.35]	18.00	100.00	1179
Male headed household (=1)	0.63 [0.48]	0.00	1.00	781	0.79 [0.41]	0.00	1.00	398	0.68 [0.47]	0.00	1.00	1179
Household head's years of education	1.05 [3.07]	0.00	16.00	771	0.54 [1.84]	0.00	13.00	397	0.87 [2.72]	0.00	16.00	1168
Adult equivalent	4.68 [1.95]	0.70	12.90	781	4.94 [2.01]	1.40	14.90	398	4.77 [1.97]	0.70	14.90	1179
Dependency ratio	0.50 [0.21]	0.00	1.00	781	0.54 [0.19]	0.00	1.00	398	0.51 [0.20]	0.00	1.00	1179
Herd size (CMVE)	25.48 [35.98]	0.00	416.95	781	17.01 [23.90]	0.00	277.38	398	22.62 [32.64]	0.00	416.95	1179
Annual income per AE (USD)	121.45 [198.01]	0.00	1617.14	781	102.79 [159.19]	0.00	1639.55	398	115.15 [185.95]	0.00	1639.55	1179
Own or farm agricultural land	0.18 [0.38]	0.00	1.00	781	0.65 [0.48]	0.00	1.00	398	0.34 [0.47]	0.00	1.00	1179
Fully settled (=1)	0.23 [0.42]	0.00	1.00	781	0.76 [0.43]	0.00	1.00	398	0.41 [0.49]	0.00	1.00	1179
<b>Baseline prespecified primary outcomes</b>												
Share of camels in herd (CMVE)	0.30 [0.31]	0.00	1.00	730	0.12 [0.21]	0.00	0.98	395	0.23 [0.29]	0.00	1.00	1125
Share of cattle in herd (CMVE)	0.30 [0.36]	0.00	1.00	730	0.67 [0.25]	0.00	1.00	395	0.43 [0.37]	0.00	1.00	1125
Share of goats in herd (CMVE)	0.25 [0.26]	0.00	1.00	730	0.17 [0.18]	0.00	1.00	395	0.22 [0.24]	0.00	1.00	1125
Share of sheep in herd (CMVE)	0.14 [0.17]	0.00	1.00	730	0.05 [0.08]	0.00	1.00	395	0.11 [0.15]	0.00	1.00	1125
Annual total household cash earning (USD)	516.55 [828.25]	0.00	6877.83	781	462.92 [594.14]	0.00	5423.73	398	498.44 [757.52]	0.00	6877.83	1179
Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education	0.12 [0.24]	0.00	1.00	641	0.11 [0.22]	0.00	1.00	333	0.11 [0.24]	0.00	1.00	974
<b>Baseline prespecified secondary outcomes</b>												
Herd management expenditure (USD)	48.79 [153.93]	0.00	2395.60	781	41.00 [129.63]	0.00	2146.89	398	46.16 [146.17]	0.00	2395.60	1179
Annual milk income (USD)	886.04 [1668.25]	0.00	12192.44	781	161.81 [265.31]	0.00	2496.61	398	641.56 [1408.50]	0.00	12192.44	1179
Livestock lost in the past 12 months (CMVE)	11.05 [15.22]	0.00	116.90	781	9.20 [16.96]	0.16	200.60	343	10.49 [15.79]	0.00	200.60	1124
N of lost camel	1.15 [3.56]	0.00	61.00	728	0.28 [0.81]	0.00	6.00	343	0.87 [3.00]	0.00	61.00	1071
N of lost cattle	5.13 [11.40]	0.00	96.00	728	7.58 [16.04]	0.00	199.00	343	5.92 [13.11]	0.00	199.00	1071
N of lost goats/sheep	32.52 [55.13]	0.00	607.00	728	5.69 [8.67]	0.00	66.00	343	23.93 [47.39]	0.00	607.00	1071
Distress sale in the past 12 months (CMVE)	0.77 [2.03]	0.00	27.10	781	7.72 [19.66]	0.00	206.75	398	3.12 [11.99]	0.00	206.75	1179
Share of children working full-time	0.36 [0.38]	0.00	1.00	644	0.47 [0.34]	0.00	1.00	350	0.40 [0.37]	0.00	1.00	994
Share of children working part-time	0.29 [0.39]	0.00	1.00	644	0.26 [0.32]	0.00	1.00	350	0.28 [0.37]	0.00	1.00	994
Share of children studying full-time	0.22 [0.36]	0.00	1.00	644	0.12 [0.23]	0.00	1.00	350	0.18 [0.32]	0.00	1.00	994
Observations	781				398				1179			

Notes: All columns present mean, standard deviation (in square brackets), and the number of observation for each variable. Age-specific weights for adult equivalent are as follows: A household member between 16 to 65 (AE=1), a child under 5 (0.5 AE), a child between 5 to 15 (AE=0.7), a household member above 65 (AE=0.7). Dependency ratio is calculated by the number of dependents (household members younger than 15 years old and older than 65 years old) divided by the number of household members. Herd size in CMVE is the sum of the animals herded by the household, aggregated using cattle market-value equivalent. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Annual total household cash earning is the sum of income from the following categories: sale of livestock, sale of livestock products, crop cultivation, salaried employment, casual labor, business and petty trading, and other major sources of income excluding gifts and remittances during the recent 4 pastoral seasons. Herd management expenditure includes expenditure on water, fodder, supplementary feeding, and veterinary expenses.

Figure 2: Number of coupons received and the seasons with ANY IBLI purchase



Notes: The left panel x-axis presents the number of coupons that respondents received during the six sales seasons with discount coupons. The y-axis shows the percent of respondents who received 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 discount coupons during these six sales seasons. The right panel x-axis presents the number of seasons that respondents purchased insurance. The y-axis shows the percent of respondents who purchased insurance 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 times during these six sales seasons.

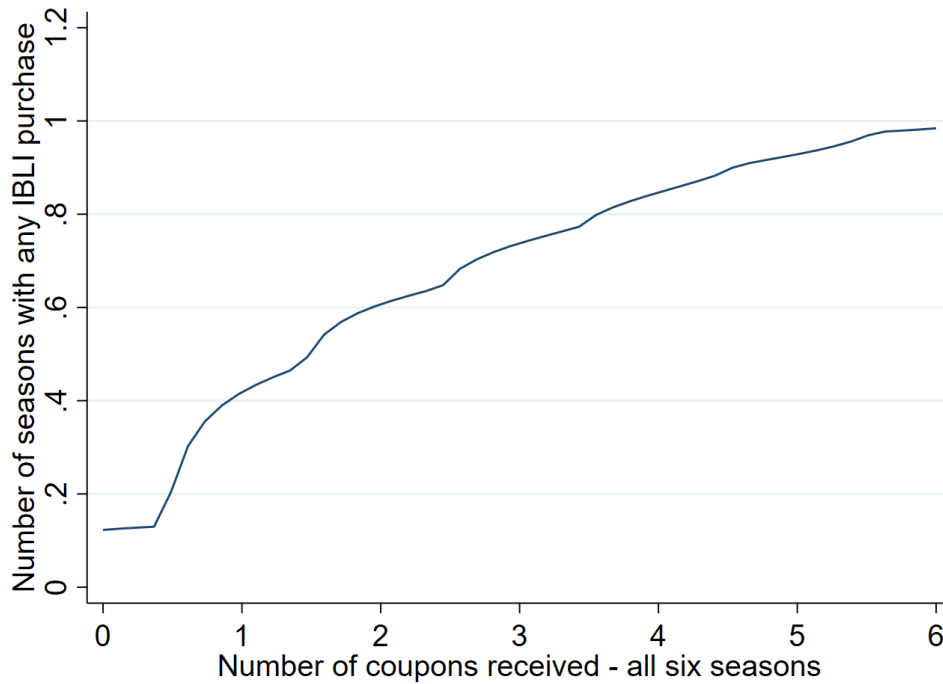
jointly significantly different. At the end of each row we present the F-statistic for whether one specific variable across the six rounds of randomization of discount coupons across households jointly generates significant differences. We do not observe any significant differences or significant F-statistics, and normalized differences are below the threshold of 0.25 in 46 out of 48 tests. Therefore we conclude that randomization of discount coupons was successful.

At the 10-year follow-up, we successfully re-interviewed 82 percent of the baseline households (1,179 out of 1,439 – Appendix Table A2). Attrition is not differential by our instrument, the number of coupons received during the initial three seasons, as shown in Appendix Table A4. Overall, households that are not male-headed, that have fewer adults, and that do not own agricultural land were more likely to attrit from the sample (see Appendix Table A3).<sup>14</sup>

<sup>14</sup>We pre-specified two additional attrition tests. First, a joint test of selective attrition, which shows that only the number of adults in the household significantly predicts attrition (Appendix Table A5). Second, a test for differential attrition per survey round shows that respondents that received a discount coupon are 5 percentage points less likely to attrit in sales season 3 (Appendix Table A6).



Figure 3: Correlation - IBLI purchase and coupon receipt



Notes: The x-axis presents the number of seasons in which the respondent received discount coupons during the six sales seasons. The y-axis shows the likelihood that a respondent purchased any insurance during these seasons. The black line represents the relationship between the number of coupons received and the number of seasons with any IBLI purchase.

## 5 Results

We first examine the effect of randomized discount coupons on insurance purchase, the first stage of our causal identification strategy. Figure 3 presents the correlation between the number of times that a pastoral household received coupons during the six experimental rounds and the average number of seasons they purchased insurance. We indeed observe a strong, positive correlation ( $p$ -value $<0.001$ ). Table 2 presents the first stage estimation results of Equation (3). Columns 2-7 present the estimated effect of receiving a discount coupon on insurance purchase in each round. In the first three rounds, coupon receipt significantly predicts insurance purchase, at the one percent significance level in the first season, and at the five percent level in the second and third seasons. There is no significant effect of the discount coupon on insurance purchase in any of the latter three seasons. We therefore choose as our instrument the number of coupons that a respondent received during the first three seasons only. Including the latter three rounds only weakens our instrument.

Column 1 of Table 2 presents the results of Equation (3), where we estimate the effect of the

Table 2: First stage regression results

	Any insurance purchased – first three seasons						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
No. of coupons received – first three seasons	0.123*** (0.016)						
Received coupon – first season		0.167*** (0.029)					
Received coupon – second season			0.069** (0.030)				
Received coupon – third season				0.064** (0.030)			
Received coupon – fourth season					0.004 (0.030)		
Received coupon – fifth season						-0.014 (0.031)	
Received coupon – sixth season							-0.049 (0.035)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Effective F-stat	56.522	32.837	5.294	4.639	0.020	0.213	1.937
10% Critical Value	23.109	23.109	23.109	23.109	23.109	23.109	23.109
N	1179	1166	1154	1165	1154	1151	1151

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses). Column (1) shows the result from the following equation:  $I_{ij} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 D_{ij} + \alpha_3 X_{ij0} + \alpha_4 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \mu_{ij}$ , where  $I_{ij} = 1\{\text{there exists } t \in \{1, 2, 3\} \text{ such that } I_{ijt} > 0\}$ . Column (2)-(7) show the results from the following equations:  $I_{ij} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 D_{ijt} + \alpha_3 X_{ij0} + \rho_j + \mu_{ij}$  for  $t = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. All reported 10 percent critical values are from Olea and Pflueger (2013), which are the cutoffs that we compare effective F-statistics with to determine whether the instrument is weak.

number of coupons received in the first three seasons on whether or not a respondent purchased any insurance during the first three seasons.<sup>15,16</sup> An increase in one additional coupon received in these first three seasons, significantly increases the likelihood that a respondent purchased insurance by 12.3 percentage points, which is significant at the one percent level. The effective F-statistics of Olea and Pflueger (2013) are greater than the critical value at the 10 percent level, providing support for the strength of our instrument.

## 5.1 Primary outcomes

We report the coefficient estimates for our pre-specified primary outcomes – following Equation (2) – in Tables 3 and 4.<sup>17</sup> We do not observe any significant effect of insurance purchase on either herd size<sup>18</sup> or household cash earnings.<sup>19</sup>

We do observe a strong, positive impact on education – a 16.8 percentage points increase in the likelihood that a household member has completed the age-appropriate years of education, significant at the five percent level, relative to a control mean of 11.5, representing a 146% increase.<sup>20</sup>

For robustness we also consider other indicators of educational attainment that were not pre-

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<sup>15</sup>In the pre-analysis plan we pre-specified the endogenous variable as the cumulative insurance purchase {0,1,2,3} in the first three seasons. However, this specification violates the monotonicity assumption that is required for valid instruments, because the number of times insurance is purchased does not increase monotonically with the number of discount coupons received (Appendix Table C2). When instead, we create a binary variable of whether or not the respondent purchased any insurance in the first three seasons, insurance purchase does monotonically increase with the number of discount coupons received, and we therefore use this endogenous variable.

<sup>16</sup>We do not include any analysis using the intensive margin of IBLI uptake – the CMVE of animals insured because the number of coupons received by respondents is not a significant predictor of this intensive margin uptake.

<sup>17</sup>Missing values in control variables are replaced with the mean value of the variable within each country.

<sup>18</sup>To express herd size, we use the Cattle Market Value Equivalent (CMVE), which aggregates the value of all animals in a herd across species, weighted by average market value of each animal type, expressed in terms of the mean market value of cattle. To construct this measure for each country, we use the average market prices from purchases and sales for each animal type reported by pastoral households in all rounds of our panel data between 2010 and 2022. For Kenya, 1 cattle is equivalent to 0.625 camels, 10 goats or 10 sheep. For Ethiopia, 1 cattle is equivalent to 0.4 camels, 10 goats, and 10 sheep. The average market values from our sales and purchases data are presented in Online Appendix Table E1. CMVE accomplishes the same cross-species aggregation purpose as the more familiar Tropical Livestock Unit (TLU) measure, which weights species according to the physical weight of the average adult animal, which proxies for its nutrient intake needs. Because our interest is in total herd size or herd size composition as a productive asset or as a store of wealth, we favor aggregation based on market value rather than biophysical requirements. The two are necessarily very strongly, positively correlated. We check for robustness to using CMVE or TLU in Online Appendix Tables D1 and D2.

<sup>19</sup>For robustness, Appendix Table C3 and Appendix Table C4 show the effects of IBLI uptake on the intensive and extensive margin of cash and in-kind income. These results point to large and noisy point estimates for most measures.

<sup>20</sup>The sample size for the share of children who completed age-appropriate years of education decreases to 770, because the outcome variable is treated as missing when there were no school-aged household members during the pilot period. The results are qualitatively the same when we impute the average share of age-appropriate household members by each country to missing values of the outcome variables.

Table 3: Prespecified primary outcomes: Herd size, earnings, education

	Herd size (CMVE)		Annual household cash earnings (USD)		Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Any insurance purchased	2.078 (8.731)	3.308 (8.856)	-6.640 (208.960)	5.497 (209.810)	0.173** (0.088)	0.168** (0.084)
Controls		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	14.265	14.265	529.673	529.673	0.115	0.115
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	762	762

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table 1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table 4: Prespecified primary outcomes: Herd composition

	Outcome: N of animal type in CMVE / Total N of animals in CMVE							
	Camel		Cattle		Goats		Sheep	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Any insurance purchased	0.123 (0.091)	0.120 (0.092)	0.108 (0.083)	0.107 (0.083)	-0.225** (0.096)	-0.235** (0.097)	-0.007 (0.052)	0.009 (0.052)
Controls		✓		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	0.263	0.263	0.332	0.332	0.284	0.284	0.121	0.121
Observations	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Please refer to Table 1 for the definition of outcome variables.

specified. Appendix Table C5 presents effects on maximum, total, and average years of education. We observe an increase of 2 years in the maximum years of education, which is noisily estimated with a  $p$ -value of 0.145. With respect to the total years of education, we observe a 4.8 years increase in the total household-level years of education, relative to 8.5 years in the control group, a 56 percent increase with a  $p$ -value of 0.109. In terms of the average years of education, we observe an increase of 2.3 years, from a control mean of 4.9 years, a 47 percent increase, significant at the five percent level. Appendix Table C7 reports additional estimations analyzing effects on different education levels – any schooling, four years of primary school, completed primary, or completed secondary. The results show that the share of household members that completed any schooling increased by 20.8 percentage points, from a control mean of 64.6 percent, significant at the ten percent level. We also observe an increase of 16.2 percentage points in the share of household members who completed at least 4 years of primary education ( $p$ -value 0.198); and a 14.2 percentage points increase in the share of household members who completed primary ( $p$ -value 0.198). We do not observe an effect on completion of secondary education.

We also examine if the increase in educational attainment was driven by male or female household members. If indeed the shift in production strategies - in particular, away from herding small stock – drove the education results, we would expect effects to predominantly arise for male and not female household members, given that boys most commonly herd small ruminants. Appendix Table C8 presents the results for male household members in Panel A and female household members in Panel B. On our pre-specified outcome (Column 1) shows no significant differences between outcomes for male and female household members. On maximum, total, and average years of education, however, we do observe large differences in coefficient estimates, where male household members experience significantly higher increases in education than female household members.<sup>21,22</sup>

In addition to our results on education, we also observe a substantial change in production strategies through a shift in herd composition. Table 4 shows a substantial decrease of 23.5 percentage points in the share of goats herded, significant at the five percent level, relative to a control mean share of 28.4, which implies an 83 percent decrease. There are no changes in the share of sheep herded, so by construction we see increases in the share of camels and cattle herded. Point

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<sup>21</sup>Columns (3) and (4) of Appendix Table C9 present estimates with missing values imputed for Ethiopian households. The treatment results in an increase of 7.0 to 8.8 percentage points, significant at the five percent level.

<sup>22</sup>To determine whether the educational effect is influenced by changes in household composition, Appendix Table C10 presents the effects on fertility and the correlation between more educated households at baseline and the share of young adults at endline. Columns (1) and (2) demonstrate that there is no effect of insurance on fertility decisions. Columns (3) and (4) reveal a positive correlation between higher-educated households at baseline and the share of young adults at endline. Taken together, these findings suggest that the effect is not driven by changes in the composition of household members with varying educational backgrounds.

estimates for camels and cattle are positive and marginally insignificant ( $p$ -value=0.190 and 0.198, respectively), suggesting a transition to both types of animals. To increase statistical power, we also analyze effects by comparing large ruminants (camel and cattle combined) to small ruminants (goats and sheep) in Appendix Table C11. The sign of the coefficient estimates on the share and the number of animals are similar. The share of larger animals increases by 23 percentage points, significant at the five percent level, for respondents who purchased insurance, while the share of smaller animals decreases.

## 5.2 Secondary outcomes

The results for our pre-specified secondary outcomes are reported in Tables 5 and 6, following Equation (2), with and without controls. We observe no statistically significant effects at the five percent level of IBLI purchase on any of our secondary outcomes except for children's activities. The standard errors are large for herd management expenditures, livestock loss, distress sales, whether or not the respondent purchased any insurance in the last 12 months, and the number of CMVE purchased in the last 12 months. The point estimates on annual milk income in the past 12 months are positive and as large as the mean in the control group, while the standard errors suggest that we may be under-powered to detect an effect ( $p$ -value 0.347).

With respect to children's time use we observe a similar pattern of noisy estimates that are potentially under-powered. Children's full-time work and part-time work fall by an estimated 32.2 and 26.1 percentage points, respectively, relative to a control mean of 27.1 and 20.1, respectively ( $p$ -value 0.251 and 0.304), suggesting that insurance minimizes the likelihood that children work either full- or part-time. Consistent with results on education, we also observe an increase in children studying full-time, an estimated increase of 46.7 percentage points, double the control mean of 23 percent ( $p$ -value 0.093). Induced changes in children's time use are consistent with the observed improvements in educational attainment induced by catastrophic drought insurance coverage.

## 6 Robustness

In this section we consider the potential effect of interpersonal spillovers on our estimates. The original experiment randomized households within communities to either receive discount coupons or not each season. Particularly because individuals in communities informally share risk with each other and that IBLI uptake affects informal risk sharing (Takahashi, Barrett, and Ikegami, 2019),

Table 5: Prespecified secondary outcomes

	Herd management expenditure (USD)		Milk Income		Livestock loss (CMVE)		Distress sales (CMVE)		Livestock Sale (CMVE)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Any insurance purchased	2.611 (89.456)	2.634 (89.841)	311.749 (392.579)	377.169 (401.425)	1.813 (2.893)	1.840 (2.802)	-0.331 (0.529)	-0.389 (0.532)	-1.144 (1.457)	-1.078 (1.449)
Controls		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	167.891	167.891	359.879	359.879	5.448	5.448	0.292	0.292	1.872	1.872
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	781	781	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table 1 for the definition of outcome variables. In Columns 7 and 8, the number of observations for distress sales decreases to 781 since this information was not collected in Ethiopia.

Table 6: Prespecified secondary outcomes: IBLI purchase and children's activities

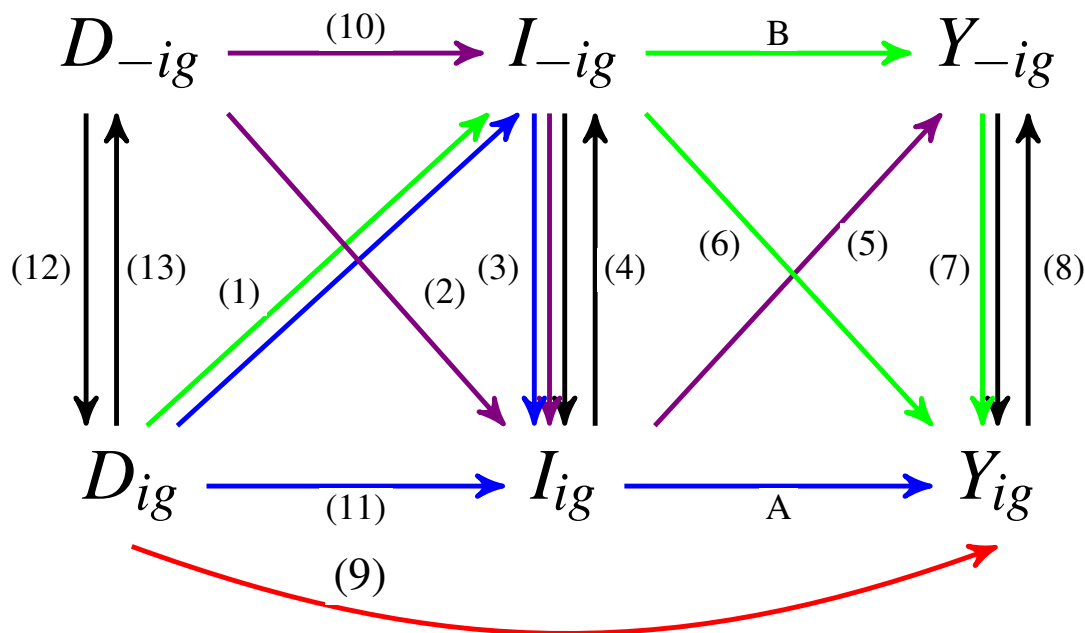
	IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (=1 if purchased)		IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (CMVE)		Working full-time		Working part-time		Studying full-time	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Any insurance purchased	0.033 (0.043)	0.036 (0.044)	-0.974 (0.896)	-0.949 (0.940)	-0.296 (0.270)	-0.322 (0.280)	-0.213 (0.240)	-0.261 (0.254)	0.437* (0.265)	0.467* (0.278)
Controls		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	0.042	0.042	0.539	0.539	0.271	0.271	0.201	0.201	0.232	0.232
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	376	376	376	376	376	376

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table 1 for the definition of outcome variables. Columns 5 to 10 report the estimated coefficients with 376 observations, which is also due to the absence of this information in Kenyan sample at the endline.

we worry about prospective violation of the Stable Unit Treatment Value Assumption (SUTVA) on which consistent LATE estimates depend.

To explore the possibility of confounding due to spillovers, we first identify the potential spillover pathways that may exist in our first- or second stages. These are graphically represented by Figure 4. Let  $D_{ig}$  denote discount coupon receipt by herder  $i$  residing in community  $g$ ,  $I_{ig}$  represent insurance purchase, and  $Y_{ig}$  denote the long-run outcome of this herder. Note that there exists a group of other herders,  $-i$ , whom we refer to as “peers,” also from community  $g$ . We define  $D_{-ig}$  as the peers’ discount coupon receipt,  $I_{-ig}$  as the peers’ decision of whether or not to buy insurance, and  $Y_{-ig}$  as the peers’ long-run outcome. For this analysis, we assume that there are no inter-community spillovers.

Figure 4: DAG: potential spillover interaction



*Notes:* Pathways are indicated by (1)-(13) and A and B.  $D_{ig}$  refers to the discount coupons received by herder  $i$  in community  $g$ ,  $I_{ig}$  is their insurance purchase, and  $Y_{ig}$  their long-run outcome. Other herders from community  $g$ , termed “peers,” are denoted as  $-i$ . We refer to their discount coupons received, insurance purchase, and long-run outcomes as  $D_{-ig}$ ,  $I_{-ig}$ , and  $Y_{-ig}$ , respectively. Our main causal effect of interest is A, where we estimate the LATE of  $I_{ig}$  on  $Y_{ig}$ , instrumenting  $I_{ig}$  by  $D_{ig}$ . The blue arrows present this main specification. The red pathway presents a direct violation of the exclusion restriction. The green pathways present indirect violations of the exclusion restriction and violations of SUTVA, the purple pathways present violations of SUTVA. The black arrows indicate mechanical negative correlations. See Appendix B for more details.

The blue line A represents the main causal effect we are interested in estimating, namely the



effect of  $i$ 's insurance purchase on  $i$ 's long-run outcomes. Since insurance purchase is endogenous, we use exogenous variation created by the randomized discount coupons  $D_{ig}$  as an instrument (pathway (11)) to estimate the LATE. For a detailed description of all the spillover pathways, including examples, please refer to Appendix B.

Given the fact that our research was not designed to measure spillovers, we have limited ability to causally identify many of the potential pathways. Furthermore, if we take the measures of  $D$ ,  $I$  and  $Y$  for  $i$ , these will be mechanically negatively correlated with these measures for  $-i$  (see Appendix B for details). This implies that we can only control for exogenous variation generated by our instruments  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ , on both  $I_{ig}$  and  $I_{-ig}$ , and that any estimated causal effects of  $D_{ig}$  on  $I_{-ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$  may consist of both mechanical correlations as well as actual spillovers. In terms of interpretation of our main effect of interest,  $D_{ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$ , however, this does not matter, as long as we properly control for the other mechanisms.

Columns (3)-(8) of Table 7 show the results of the first-stage spillover estimates. The results are consistent with the existence of the negative mechanical correlations. Columns (3)-(5) show that the coupon receipt of herder  $i$ ,  $D_{ig}$ , and the mean coupon receipt of peers  $-i$ , henceforth  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$ , both have a strong and statistically significant effect on the insurance uptake of  $i$ , but the effect of the latter is negative. However, when insurance uptake of  $i$  is regressed on both  $D_{ig}$  and  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$  simultaneously, only the former remains significant. Columns (6)-(8) show that similarly, coupon receipt of herder  $i$  and the mean coupon receipt of peers  $-i$  both have a strong and statistically significant effect on peers' mean insurance uptake, henceforth  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$ , but the effect of the former is negative. However, when we regress peers' mean uptake on both  $D_{ig}$  and  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$  simultaneously, neither remains significant. These results suggest that that Figure 4 pathways (2) – per Column (5) – as well as (1), and (10) – per Column (8) – are statistically insignificant and thus do not bias our LATE estimates.

Table 7: Spillover effects: First stage and mechanical correlation

	Outcome: Number of coupons received - first three seasons		Outcome: Any insurance purchase - first three seasons					
	$D_{ig}$ : Recipient's	$\bar{D}_{-ig}$ : Peers'	$I_{ig}$ : Recipient's			$\bar{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers'		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
No. of coupons received – first three seasons								
$D_{ig}$ : Recipient's		-0.025*** (0.001)	0.122*** (0.016)		0.132*** (0.034)	-0.003*** (0.001)		-0.001 (0.001)
$\bar{D}_{-ig}$ : Peers'	-31.252*** (0.737)			-3.721*** (0.590)	0.393 (1.247)		0.112*** (0.026)	0.069 (0.064)
Pathway (DAG)	(12)	(13)	(11)	(2)	(2);(11)	(1)	(10)	(1);(10)
Recipient controls (i)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	1.707	1.707	0.200	.	0.200	0.426	.	0.426
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses).

Column (1) and (2) presents the results on outcome  $D_{ig}$  and  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$ , respectively.

Column (1):  $D_{ig} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \theta_2 X_{ig0} + \theta_3 \bar{X}_{-ig0} + v_{1g} + \eta_{1ig}$ ,

Column (2):  $\bar{D}_{-ig} = \theta_4 + \theta_5 D_{ig} + \theta_6 X_{ig0} + \theta_7 \bar{X}_{-ig0} + v_{2g} + \eta_{2ig}$ ,

Column (3) to (5) presents the results on outcome  $I_{ig}$ .

Column (3):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_1 D_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (4):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_2 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (5):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_1 D_{ig} + \beta_3 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (6) to (8) presents the results on outcome  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$ .

Column (6):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_4 D_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (7):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_5 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (8):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_4 D_{ig} + \beta_6 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

\* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons.

As a final step, to confirm the conclusions derived after the analysis of the first stage, we include  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$  as additional instrument, and  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$  as additional endogenous regressor in our main 2SLS specification. Tables B3 to B6 present the second-stage results of re-estimating the main specification (as presented in Appendix Tables 3 to 6) with inclusion of these additional variables. We drop community fixed effects from the specification, leveraging across-community variations due to the miniscule within-community variation in leave-one-out-peers' measures compared to that across villages.<sup>23</sup> The results are qualitatively similar to the main results, except for the positive effect on whether or not children study full-time, which disappears and becomes insignificant. In some specifications we lose statistical power on the education results, due to the addition of another instrument and endogenous regressor, as coefficient estimates on  $\hat{I}_{-ig}$  indicate that there is no effect on  $i$ 's education outcomes. Overall, these checks for robustness to prospective SUTVA violations due to interpersonal spillovers reinforce our central findings.

## 7 Mechanisms

In this section we discuss the potential mechanisms that may explain IBLI's long-term effects. We first analyze the dynamics of long-run effects over time. We then unpack the *ex ante* and *ex post* impacts of IBLI, trying to disentangle the extent to which observed effects result from the mere purchase of insurance - i.e., from the behavioral effects induced by reduced catastrophic risk exposure for a year - or from receipt of an indemnity payment due to a drought - i.e., the buffering effect of payments to compensate for likely loss.

### 7.1 Dynamics of impacts over time

To investigate the dynamics of effects over time, we estimate Equation (2) on the same outcomes reported in the survey at the end of the third sales season - i.e., during the initial experimental period, during which our instrument is strong - at the end of the experiment after the sixth sales season, after which IBLI supply effectively vanished in our survey villages, and then in the endline. We report these results in Appendix Tables C11-C18. We do not observe any effects at any time period for herd size and household cash income (Appendix Table C12).

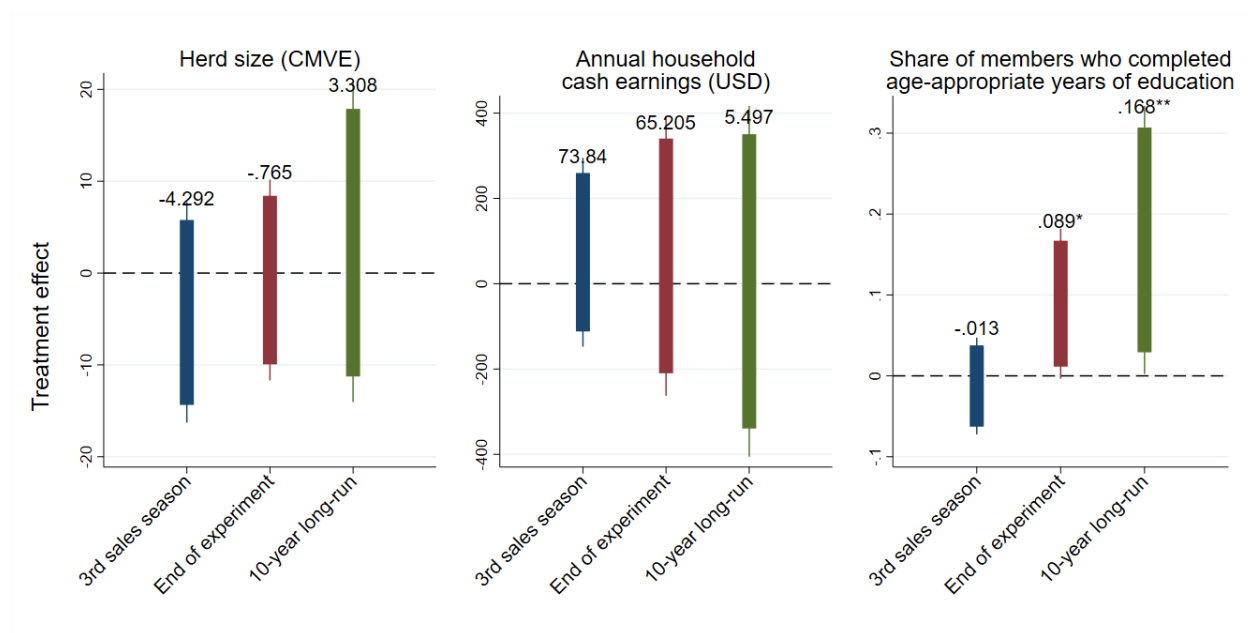
For education no significant effects emerge by the end of the third season, but we see a positive and statistically significant point estimate on the educational effect at the end of the sixth season ( $p$ -value= 0.059), in the direction of the long-term positive effect we observe (Figure 5). These

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<sup>23</sup>By design, within-community variation is very small compared to the variation across villages.

effects are confirmed in the other measures of educational attainment (Appendix Table C13).

Figure 5: Dynamic effects on income, asset, and human capital



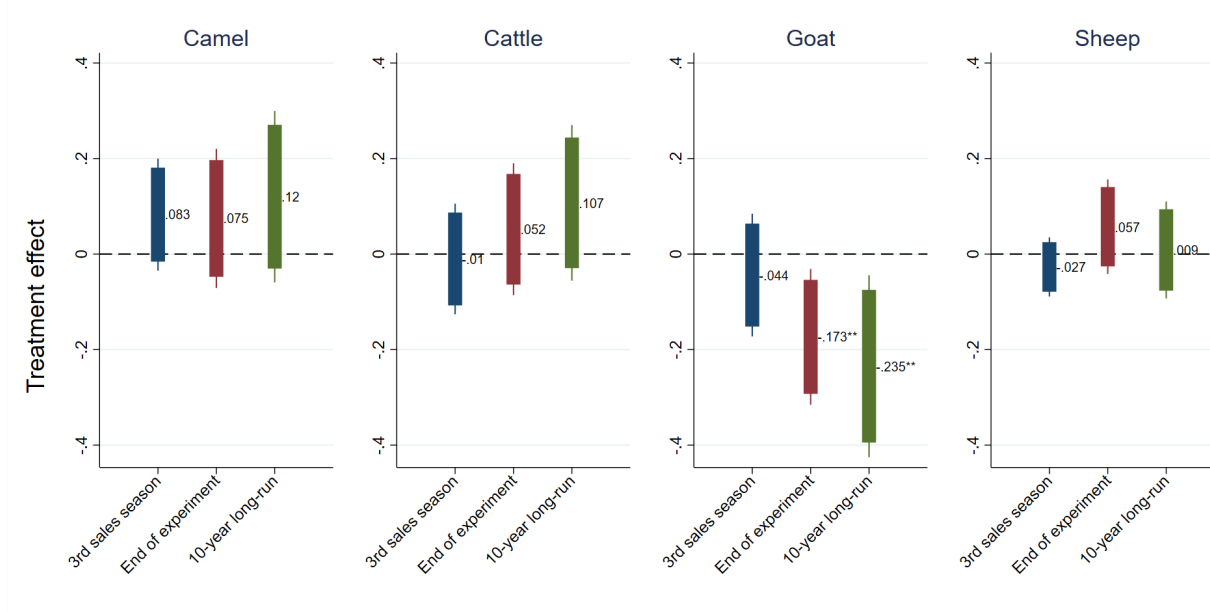
Notes: This figure presents the effects of IBLI uptake in three time periods: i) after the third sales season, after the end of experiment (sixth sales season), and at the 10-year follow up. Box represents the 90 percent confidence interval, and the line represents the 95 percent confidence interval.

For children’s time use we appear underpowered for all estimations run at the 3rd sales season and the end of the experiment and find no evidence of any significant intermediate impacts (Appendix Table C18), while the long-run effect is a substantial and positive increase. For part-time work, the point estimates are positive, with a 15.9 percentage points increase ( $p$ -value 0.121) after year three, and a 10.5 percentage points increase ( $p$ -value 0.281) after the experiment.

Goats’ share of herd responds promptly to treatment (Appendix Table C14). We see negative and significant 17.3 percentage points reduction in the share of goats by the end of the experiment, relative to a 23 percent control mean, significant at the five percent level. The point estimate after the third sales season is also negative, but noisy. Immediately after the third sales season we observe a marginally insignificant increase in camels’ share of herd size, by 8.3 percentage points ( $p$ -value 0.161), which largely persists from the end of the experiment to the long-run follow-up. For cattle there are also positive point estimates from the end of the experiment onward, but these are less precisely estimated. (Figure 6)

These results suggest that induced insurance purchase promptly caused insured herders to shift herd composition – to a smaller share of small ruminants and a larger share of large ruminants – leading to child labor and educational attainment effects that materialized cumulatively over time.

Figure 6: Dynamic effects on herd composition



Notes: This figure presents the effects of IBLI uptake in three time periods: i) after the third sales season, after the end of experiment (sixth sales season), and at the 10-year follow up. Box represents the 90 percent confidence interval, and the line represents the 95 percent confidence interval.

This is consistent with multiple prospective mechanisms. It may be that the formal financial insurance product reduced the need for precautionary savings in-kind, in the form of highly liquid goats, to cover drought-related expenditures on food (to replace lost milk production), fodder, water, and veterinary expenses. IBLI indemnity payments provide an alternative to cover such costs. A second candidate mechanism consistent with these results is that households induced to purchase IBLI had to liquidate goats to buy insurance. We often heard herders say they "sold a goat to insure a cow". A third, complementary explanation to those first two is that households invest more in camels (Appendix Table C23), a higher-return, more drought-resistant asset than goats, but much lumpier investments. By reducing households' need for liquidity during or following a drought, IBLI may have induced households to re-balance their livestock portfolio towards lumpier, more productive but less liquid species. These induced herd composition changes reinforced household investment in children's education, because while children routinely manage goats, camels are large, strong and ornery, managed overwhelmingly by adult men. Our results suggest that the observed changes in herd composition preceded or coincided with changes in education, suggesting that induced changes in production strategies may have driven changes in the marginal productivity of child labor, thereby boosting investments in education, similar to Shah and Steinberg (2017).

## 7.2 Indemnity payments as lump sum transfers

Another potential mechanism that may explain our long-run effects could be that the indemnity payment from insurance provided a lump sum cash transfer to households, and helped relieve savings or liquidity constraints. This would parallel prior studies on the effects of cash transfer interventions (Angelucci, Attanasio, and Di Maro, 2012; Haushofer and Shapiro, 2016; Blattman et al., 2016; Baird, McIntosh, and Özler, 2019). If households were savings constrained, these indemnity payments could have provided cash to purchase (or refrain from distress selling) lumpy assets such as camels and cattle, explaining changes in herd composition. Or liquidity-constrained households might have used indemnity payments for education-related expenditures, explaining the observed changes in educational attainment.

To investigate these potential channels we test for an effect of receipt of indemnity payments, which are conditional on both (instrumented) insurance purchase and a drought subsequently (and exogenously) occurring, by estimating the following second-stage equation:

$$y_{ijT} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{ij} + \gamma_2 \widehat{I}_{ij} \times R_{jt} + \gamma_3 y_{ij0} + \gamma_4 X_{ij0} + \gamma_5 D_{ij4}^{\prime=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijT} \quad (6)$$

where  $R_{jt}$  is an exogenous indemnity payment rate specific to the index unit for the three periods of insurance uptake for which we instrument, as determined by the NDVI realization and the pre-specified IBLI contract terms. The receipt of an indemnity payment is the combined effect of being insured and experiencing a weather shock. The latter is exogenous, and absorbed through the location fixed effect, so the coefficient on  $\widehat{I}_{ij} \times R_{jt}$  is the direct effect of the indemnity payment on outcomes ( $\gamma_2$ ).

Note that during the initial three sales seasons, payouts were only observed once in Kenya, and not at all in Ethiopia. The coefficient  $\gamma_1$  captures the effect of insurance uptake on the outcome in the absence of a payout, which we can think of as the “peace-of-mind” (*ex ante*) effect of insurance (Tafere, Barrett, and Lentz, 2019). The combined effects of purchasing insurance and receiving the indemnity payment are captured by  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ , which is the marginal effect of interest in the event an indemnity payout occurs.

Appendix Tables C19 to C22 show the results of estimating Equation (6) for the primary and secondary outcomes. The marginal effect of receiving insurance and an indemnity payment ( $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ ) appears in the first row of the bottom panel of the tables, its  $p$ -value in the second row. Appendix Table C19 shows that there are no meaningful nor significant effects for herd size or cash earnings. For education, we see that the coefficient on insurance purchase remains strong and positive, irrespective of the indemnity payment. The indemnity payment did not have statistically

significant effect on education either. The combined effect of insurance and indemnity payment, however, is positive, a 18 percentage points increase, and statistically significant, with a  $p$ -value of 0.039. Appendix Tables C20 C21 and C22 also show that none of the direct effects of indemnity payments on either pre-specified primary or secondary outcomes are statistically significant. Female-headed households are often more liquidity constrained, but we find no meaningful differences based on gender of household head either. Cash indemnity payments had negligible effects on education and herd composition, ruling out savings or liquidity constraints as the mechanisms driving our results. This is consistent with broader findings in the literature that cash transfers' short-run effects do not always persist to generate long-term effects (Araujo, Bosch, and Schady, 2017; Baird, McIntosh, and Özler, 2019; Blattman, Dercon, and Franklin, 2022; Blattman, Fiala, and Martinez, 2020). Rather, the long-term effects we observe come from induced behavioral effects that result from reducing pastoralists' *ex ante* exposure to catastrophic risk.

## 8 Conclusions

A sizable literature has established that catastrophic covariate shocks can have adverse effects on long-run human capital accumulation. It would seem to follow, therefore, that insurance against such shocks can boost human capital accumulation, but direct evidence on this important question has been lacking to date. We exploit the randomized encouragement design of the original impact evaluation of index-based livestock insurance (IBLI), a catastrophic drought insurance product introduced among pastoralist populations in northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia in 2010-12, and followed up with the original survey households ten years later to test that hypothesis.

We find that insurance coverage sharply changed household's production strategies and increased children's educational attainment. Insured households decreased the small ruminant - goats and sheep - share of their herd by 83 percent in favor of largestock (mainly camels), while the share of household members who completed age-appropriate education rises 146%, to 28 percent. The share of children studying full-time increased sharply in insured households and that change is much more pronounced among boys than girls, consistent with reduced household demand for (mainly boys') labor herding goats. Importantly, these effects are driven entirely by the insurance coverage itself rather than by receipt of cash indemnity payments triggered by drought events, suggesting that the reduced *ex ante* risk exposure through insurance coverage and the behavioral changes that induces generate the observed long-term effects, not financial liquidity enhancements through lump-sum cash transfers due to indemnity payments. Insurance does not, however, increase herd sizes nor cash income, and has only a statistically insignificant positive impact on total

household income at decadal scale.

Our research illuminates both the important role of formal risk mitigation instruments can play for human capital accumulation and the need for complementary interventions, rather than depending on single policy instruments to achieve all development objectives. Our results are especially and immediately relevant for the major, four-country initiative now underway to scale the IBLI-based drought insurance program to reach 1.6 million pastoralists across the Horn of Africa. While this can help protect human capital from drought shocks and thereby promote children's education, complementary interventions will likely be necessary to help relieve the continuing, severe poverty that afflicts many pastoralist households in the region.



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# Appendix

## A Balance and Attrition

### A.1 Balance

This subsection presents specification in which we test the balance of the randomized coupon offers for each season. We estimate the following equation for our pre-specified set of balance variables that were selected following Jensen, Barrett, and Mude (2017) and Takahashi et al. (2016)<sup>24</sup>:

$$k_{ijt} = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 D_{ijt} + \rho_j + v_{ijt} \quad (7)$$

where  $k_{ijt}$  denotes a characteristic of a household  $i$  in location  $j$  in sales season  $t$ ,  $D_{ijt}$  is an indicator for whether or not the household  $i$  in location  $j$  received a discount coupon in sales season  $t$ ,  $\rho_j$  is a location fixed effects, and  $v_{ijt}$  is an error term.

In addition to the coefficient estimates and standard errors, we use the normalized difference as a scale-invariant measure of the size of the difference, which we calculate by:

$$\text{Normalized Difference} = \frac{\bar{X}_{treatment} - \bar{X}_{control}}{\sqrt{(s_{treatment}^2 + s_{control}^2)/2}} \quad (8)$$

where  $\bar{X}$  represents the mean and  $s$  the standard deviation of a variable.

As stated in the main body of the text, results reported in Table A1 show that randomization was balanced across observables.

### A.2 Attrition

This subsection presents specification in which we test the attrition, and additional analysis of attrition. At baseline, 1439 households participated in our panel survey. Ten years later we were able to track 1179, or 82% of these households (Table A2).

We first verify if we have differential attrition. Because our main instrument uses the number

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<sup>24</sup>Variables include: age of the household head, an indicator for male-headed household, years of education of the household head, adult equivalent, dependency ratio, herd size in TLU, annual income per capita in USD, and whether the household owned or farmed on agricultural land in the last 12 months.



of seasons that a household received a coupon during the first three sales seasons, we test the existence of differential attrition by estimating Eq. (9):

$$\text{Attrition}_{ijT} = \delta_0 + \delta_1 D_{ij} + \gamma_j + \omega_{ij} \quad (9)$$

where  $\text{Attrition}_{ijT}$  is an indicator of attrition that equals 1 if a household  $i$  in location  $j$  was interviewed at baseline (2009 in Kenya, 2012 in Ethiopia), but not during the long-run follow-up survey round (2020 in Kenya and 2022 in Ethiopia).  $D_{ij}$  is the number of sales seasons out of the initial three where a household received a discount coupon.  $\gamma_j$  represents location fixed effects, and  $\omega_{ij}$  error term. Column (1) of Table A4 reports the regression results, and we do not find significant differential attrition by our instrument. As pre-specified in our pre-analysis plan we also estimate differential attrition based on cumulative coupons receipt in all six sales seasons, and Column (2) of Table A4 shows our results are similar.

Discount rates may separately affect the probability of a household to attrit differentially, conditional on receiving a discount coupon. Therefore, we estimate the following equation to evaluate attrition by discount coupon receipt and discount rate for each sales season separately:

$$\text{Attrition}_{ijt} = \kappa_0 + \kappa_1 D_{ijt} + \kappa_2 \text{Discount Rate}_{ijt} + \kappa_3 \text{Absent}_{ijt} + \rho_j + \omega_{ijt} \quad (10)$$

where  $D_{ijt}$  is an indicator equal to one if a household  $i$  in location  $j$  in sales season  $t$  received a discount coupon.  $\text{Discount Rate}_{ijt}$  is the coupon discount rate in percentages, defined as zero if the household did not receive any coupon. Since some households drop out from the panel survey in a specific round, to return a round later, we include  $\text{Absent}_{ijt}$ , an indicator denoting that the household was absent from the panel survey in specific sales season  $t$ .  $\rho_j$  represents location fixed effects, and  $\omega_{ijt}$  is the robust standard error. The estimated results reported in Table A6 show that there is no differential attrition by discount coupon receipt status other than the pooled analysis in sales season 3, where those who received a discount coupon are significantly less likely to attrit than those who did not receive a discount coupon, statistically significant at the 90 percent level. We do not find the discount rates have any effect on attrition.

Finally, we consider selective attrition by our pre-specified observable household characteristics. To do this, we regress each household characteristics on the attrition indicator – i.e., we estimate the following equation:

$$X_{ij0} = \zeta_0 + \zeta_1 \text{Attrition}_{ijT} + \rho_j^1 + \sigma_{ijt}^1 \quad (11)$$

where  $X_{ij0}$  is the vector of characteristics of household  $i$  in community  $j$  at baseline. In addition to each coefficients, we also conduct joint significance test to verify if a series of characteristics of attrited group is jointly statistically different from that of the retained group. As reported in the main text, Table A3 shows that households that are female-headed, that have fewer adults, and that do not own agricultural land were more likely to attrit from the sample.

As per the pre-analysis plan, we also test the selective attrition by regressing the attrition indicator on the vector of baseline household characteristics. We estimate the following equation:

$$Attrition_{ijT} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 X_{ij0} + \rho_j^2 + \sigma_{ijt}^2 \quad (12)$$

where all variables are defined the same as Equation 11. Reported results in Table A5 shows that an additional adult household member makes a household significantly less likely to attrit by 1 percentage point, and this estimate is significant at the 10 percent level. None of the other pre-specified observables significantly predict attrition.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>25</sup>In this table, we replace the missing values with a mean of existing observations and include a dummy variable indicating missing in the regression, to utilize information from all households. We use winsorized value for income per adult equivalent, earnings from livestock sale, and livestock expenditure.

Table A1: Balance of coupon distribution

	Received coupon vs. No coupon						F-test
	2010 JF 2012 AS	2011 JF 2013 JF	2011 AS 2013 AS	2012 AS 2014 JF	2013 JF 2014 AS	2013 AS 2015 JF	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Sales Season Kenya: Sales Season Ethiopia:							
Age of the household head	0.493 (1.05) [0.0515]	1.37 (1.04) [0.0862]	-0.243 (1.01) [0.0173]	0.0224 (0.959) [0.0309]	1.28 (0.944) [0.101]	0.0177 (1.09) [0.00159]	3.94 {0.685}
Male headed household (=1)	-0.0206 (0.0248) [0.0345]	-0.0265 (0.0244) [0.0235]	-0.0340 (0.0243) [0.00977]	-0.0373 (0.0245) [-0.00182]	0.00494 (0.0251) [0.0790]	-0.0253 (0.0284) [-0.0608]	7.14 {0.308}
Education of household head	-0.238 (0.171) [-0.121]	-0.0563 (0.170) [-0.0606]	-0.0407 (0.163) [-0.0805]	0.0914 (0.155) [-0.0370]	-0.224 (0.158) [-0.153]	0.183 (0.157) [0.0777]	5.99 {0.424}
Adult equivalent	-0.00907 (0.120) [0.0308]	0.0569 (0.118) [0.0414]	-0.108 (0.119) [-0.00252]	-0.0176 (0.116) [0.0267]	-0.137 (0.119) [-0.0253]	-0.142 (0.147) [-0.0707]	3.43 {0.753}
Dependency ratio	-0.00238 (0.0118) [0.0446]	-0.00368 (0.0114) [0.0462]	0.00527 (0.0113) [0.0940]	0.0125 (0.0110) [0.129]	0.0148 (0.0109) [0.138]	-0.0123 (0.0123) [-0.0634]	4.59 {0.597}
Herd size (CMVE)	1.14 (1.63) [-0.0200]	-0.917 (1.61) [-0.0637]	-0.252 (1.69) [-0.0410]	-1.36 (1.44) [-0.0261]	0.453 (1.15) [0.0794]	-2.06 (1.87) [-0.0876]	3.17 {0.787}
Annual income per AE (USD)	-4.77 (10.2) [-0.0438]	-15.8 (15.5) [-0.113]	-3.28 (13.7) [-0.0875]	11.1 (10.6) [0.0173]	-2.64 (12.8) [-0.0829]	-20.0 (16.4) [-0.0816]	4.03 {0.673}
Own or farm agricultural land	-0.0293* (0.0174) [0.152]	-0.00378 (0.0170) [0.204]	0.0151 (0.0157) [0.290]	0.0221 (0.0166) [0.259]	-0.0169 (0.0159) [0.180]	-0.00445 (0.0190) [-0.00469]	6.95 {0.326}
F statistics of Joint F-test:	5.988	4.702	4.279	8.845	8.241	8.770	
P-value of Joint F-test:	0.649	0.789	0.831	0.356	0.410	0.362	

Notes: Each cell reports the results from individual regression estimating Equation (7):  $y_{ijt} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{Received Coupon}_{ijt} + \gamma_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ , where  $y_{ijt}$  denotes a characteristic of a household  $i$  in area  $j$  in sales season  $t$ . Columns (1) to (6) report mean differences, robust standard errors (in parentheses), and normalized difference (in square brackets) between the coupon recipients and non-recipients. All estimations include country and community fixed effects. Column (7) reports joint significance test for each variable across seasons where the first row presents the Chi-statistics and the second row presents the p-value of the test statistic in brackets. Dependency ratio is the ratio of dependents – people younger than 15 or older than 64 – to the working-age population, those ages 15-64. See Table 1 notes for definitions of variables. \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01.

Table A2: N of households present in each round

	Kenya			Ethiopia		
	Total	Original sample	<i>Net</i> replacement	Total	Original sample	<i>Net</i> replacement
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
R1	924	924	.	515	515	.
R2	924	887	37	506	474	32
R3	924	857	30	514	479	3
R4	924	838	19	513	470	8
R5	923	829	8	438	398	
R6	919	785				
R7	868	781				
Balanced sample		712 (77 %)			387 (75 %)	
Initial & Last		781 (85 %)			398 (77 %)	

Notes: This table shows the number of households interviewed in each round. Column (1) and (4) show the number of households surveyed for each round. Column (2) and (5) are defined on the balanced sample in *and*. Column (3) and (6) show the number of households for the replacement. *Balanced sample* and *Initial & Last* show the number of households surveyed in all periods, and R1 and R7, respectively. Balanced sample gives balanced panel across all the rounds. *Net* replacement at round  $t$  is calculated by  $\text{replacement}_t = \text{total}_t - \text{original}_t - \sum_k = 1^{t-1} \text{replace}_k$  for  $t = 2, \dots, T - 1$  and mechanically empty for  $t = 1, T$ .

Table A3: Attrition across baseline characteristics

	Outcome: Interviewed at baseline but not in latest round (=1)
	(1)
Age of the household head	-2.04 (1.33)
Male headed household (=1)	-.0555* (.0335)
Education of household head	.355 (.229)
Adult equivalent	-.383*** (.143)
Dependency ratio	-.00781 (.0151)
Herd size (CMVE)	1.3 (1.95)
Annual income per AE (USD)	20.8 (15.9)
Own or farm agricultural land	-.0478* (.0254)
P-value of joint F-test	0.016
N	1439

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $x_{ijt=0} = \alpha + \beta Attrition_{ijt=T} + \gamma_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$  where  $Attrition_{ijt=T}$  is an indicator variable equals to 1 if an individual household  $i$  in community  $j$  was interviewed at baseline (2009 in Kenya, 2012 in Ethiopia), but not at the latest round (2020 in Kenya and 2022 in Ethiopia).  $X_{ijt=0}$  is the vector of characteristics of household  $i$  in community  $j$  at baseline.  $\gamma_j$  is the community fixed effects to control for the strata-level commonalities.  $\varepsilon_{ijt}$  is the robust standard error. See Table 1 notes for definitions of variables. \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include country and community fixed effects. P-value of joint F-test reports p-value from the joint significance test for all variables across attrition.

Table A4: Differential attrition across cumulative coupon receipt status

	Outcome: Interviewed at baseline but not in latest round (=1)	
	(1)	(2)
N of coupons received – the initial three seasons	-.00764 (.00998)	
N of coupons received – all six seasons		-.00285 (.00734)
N	1439	1439

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the Equation (9):  $Attrition_{ijt=T} = \alpha + \beta_1 Cumulative\ N\ of\ Coupon\ Receipt_{ij} + \beta_2 Cumulative\ Discount\ Rates_{ij} + \gamma_j + \varepsilon_{ij}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include country and community fixed effects.

Table A5: Joint test of selective attrition

	Outcome: Interviewed at baseline but not in latest round (=1)
	(1)
Age of the household head	-.000372 (.000596)
Male headed household (=1)	-.0357 (.0255)
Education of household head	.00429 (.00441)
Adult equivalent	-.0122** (.00526)
Dependency ratio	-.0196 (.0512)
Herd size (CMVE)	.000421 (.000354)
Annual income per AE (USD)	.0000429 (.0000718)
Own or farm agricultural land	-.0482 (.0343)
P-value of joint F-test	0.024
N	1439

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from Equation (11):  $Attrition_{ijt=T} = \alpha + \beta X_{ijt=0} + \gamma_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$  where  $Attrition_{ijt=T}$  is an indicator variable equals to 1 if an individual household  $i$  in community  $j$  was interviewed at baseline (2009 in Kenya, 2012 in Ethiopia), but not at the latest round (2020 in Kenya and 2022 in Ethiopia).  $X_{ijt=0}$  is the vector of characteristics of household  $i$  in community  $j$  at baseline.  $\gamma_j$  is the community fixed effects to control for the strata-level commonalities.  $\varepsilon_{ijt}$  is the robust standard error. See Table 1 notes for definitions of variables. \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include country and community fixed effects. P-value of joint F-test reports joint significance test for all variables (except for fixed effects) across attrition.

Table A6: Differential attrition across coupon receipt status

	Outcome: Interviewed at baseline but not in latest round (=1)
	(1)
<b><i>Sale season 1: 2010 JF (Kenya), 2012 AS (Ethiopia)</i></b>	
Received coupon	.0214 (.026)
Discount Rate	-.000136 (.000498)
<b><i>Sale season 2: 2011 JF (Kenya), 2013 JF (Ethiopia)</i></b>	
Received coupon	-.0362 (.0242)
Discount Rate	.000616 (.000467)
<b><i>Sale season 3: 2011 AS (Kenya), 2013 AS (Ethiopia)</i></b>	
Received coupon	-.0525** (.0249)
Discount Rate	.000704 (.000478)
<b><i>Sale season 4: 2012 AS (Kenya), 2014 JF (Ethiopia)</i></b>	
Received coupon	.00744 (.0252)
Discount Rate	-.000327 (.000474)
<b><i>Sale season 5: 2013 JF (Kenya), 2014 AS (Ethiopia)</i></b>	
Received coupon	.00978 (.0248)
Discount Rate	-.000154 (.000464)
<b><i>Sale season 6: 2013 AS (Kenya), 2015 JF (Ethiopia)</i></b>	
Received coupon	.0394 (.0265)
Discount Rate	-.000524 (.000372)
N	1439

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from Equation (10):  $Attrition_{ijt=T} = \alpha + \sum_{t=1}^6 (\beta_1^t \text{Received Coupon}_{ijt} + \beta_2^t \text{Discount Rate}_{ijt} + \text{Absent}_{ijt}) + \gamma_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ , where  $\text{Received Coupon}_{ijt}$  is an indicator equals to one if a household  $i$  in admin unit  $j$  in sales season  $t$  received a discount coupon,  $\text{Discount Rate}_{ijt}$  is the discount rate from the coupon in percentage term, defined as zero if the household did not receive any coupon.\* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include country and community fixed effects.



## B Spillover

Our estimate of the Local Average Treatment Effect (LATE) is a valid estimator of the causal effect of IBLI if our design satisfies the following assumptions: (i) Stable Unit Treatment Value Assumption (SUTVA); (ii) the exclusion restriction; (iii) monotonicity (iv) exogeneity of the instrument.

To estimate the causal effect of IBLI on long-run outcomes, we use the number of randomized discount coupons received during the first three seasons of IBLI sales as an instrument for whether or not a respondent took up any IBLI during the first three seasons. This is a context where we should anticipate two-sided non-compliance, so we check that we satisfy the monotonicity assumption in Table C2. Our results demonstrate that the likelihood of IBLI take-up in the first three seasons monotonically increases with the number of coupons received during the first three seasons.

If we assume that the receipt of discount coupons and the take-up of insurance do not generate spillovers – and thus SUTVA is not violated – it is unlikely that the exclusion restriction is violated through spillovers. This is because discount coupons were randomly assigned across households in communities. However, if we relax SUTVA, this can lead to spillovers in the second stage, from a herder’s insurance purchase decision onto her peers’ insurance purchase decision; from a herder’s purchase decision onto her peers’ outcomes; or from a herder’s outcomes onto her peers’ outcomes. Furthermore, spillovers may also arise in the first stage, where a herder’s receipt of a discount coupon affects her peers’ insurance purchase. Because the effect of a herder’s discount coupons on their long-run outcomes still runs solely through the herder’s insurance purchase, these spillovers would not violate the exclusion restriction. However, the effect of our instrument on insurance purchase now consists of a direct and an indirect effect.

The potential spillovers in the first- and second-stage can be graphically represented by Figure 4. Let  $D_{ig}$  denote discount coupon receipt by herder  $i$  residing in community  $g$ ,  $I_{ig}$  represent insurance purchase, and  $Y_{ig}$  denote the long-run outcome of this herder. Note that there exists a group of other herders,  $-i$ , whom we refer to as “peers,” that are also from community  $g$ . We can then define  $D_{-ig}$  as the peers’ discount coupon receipt,  $I_{-ig}$  as the peers’ decision of whether or not to buy insurance, and  $Y_{-ig}$  as the peers’ long-run outcome. We assume that there are no inter-community spillovers.

The blue line (A) represents the main causal effect we are interested in estimating, namely the effect of  $i$ ’s insurance purchase on long-run outcomes. Since insurance purchase is endogenous, we use exogenous variation created by the randomized discount coupons  $D_{ig}$  as an instrument (pathway (11)) to estimate the LATE.

Figure 4 summarizes all potential spillovers, of which not all are a concern from the perspective of estimating a valid LATE. For completeness, we start by providing examples of each potential spillover in our context in the list below before we discuss which of those create a concern from the perspective of generating a valid LATE.

- Pathway (1) and (2): The receipt of a discount coupon by a herder affects the likelihood that their peers take-up insurance, and vice versa. In our context, examples of this might be that herder  $i$ , upon receiving the discount coupon, also receives *information* about insurance that they communicate to  $-i$ , which makes  $-i$ , irrespective of their own coupon receipt, more likely to purchase insurance. Alternatively, receiving a discount coupon by  $i$  could lead to *status concerns* that (dis)incentivize  $-i$  to purchase insurance, irrespective of their own coupon receipt.
- Pathway (3) and (4): The insurance purchase by a herder has an effect on the likelihood that their peer purchases insurance and vice versa. Examples of this in our context are *social learning*, where  $-i$  learns about insurance from  $i$ , or *copying*, where  $-i$  wants to exhibit the same behaviour as  $i$ . Another example is *free-riding*, which refers to the fact that  $i$ 's insurance purchase decreases the incentive for  $-i$  to purchase insurance. This may occur because  $i$  and  $-i$  informally share risk through transfers, and  $-i$  anticipates transfers following claim payments by  $i$ , or in case  $-i$  views  $i$ 's insurance purchase as an opportunity to learn about the insurance product.
- Pathway (5) and (6): The insurance purchase by herder  $i$  changes the outcomes of a peer ( $Y_{-ig}$ ) directly, not through the outcomes of  $i$  (see pathway (7) and (8) below). An example would be a case where the willingness to share risk through informal transfers by either  $i$  or  $-i$  is changed as a result of their insurance status. For example, Takahashi, Barrett, and Ikegami (2019) shows that a herder's insurance uptake has no effect on her willingness to transfer to peers, but insurance purchase by peers does increase herder  $i$ 's willingness to transfer. Alternatively, if formal insurance is available, and  $i$  purchases insurance but  $-i$  does not,  $i$  may become less willing to transfer to  $-i$  because  $-i$  refrained from protecting themselves by purchasing insurance and instead decided to free-ride on  $i$ 's insurance purchase (Berg, Blake, and Morsink, 2022).
- Pathway (7) and (8): The outcomes of herder  $i$  affect the outcomes of their peers, or vice versa. This is empirically difficult to distinguish from the mechanisms discussed in pathways (5) and (6). Examples would be where claim payments received by  $i$  increase  $i$ 's income, and as a result,  $i$  increases transfer to  $-i$ .

Based on Figure 4 we can categorize threats to a valid LATE as arising from a combination of violations of the exclusion restriction, SUTVA, and violations of SUTVA only.

From the perspective of the *exclusion restriction*, the only pathways of spillovers that are a concern are pathways from  $D_{ig}$  to  $Y_{ig}$  that do not run through  $I_{ig}$ . These are:

- pathway (1)  $\rightarrow$  (6)
- pathway (1)  $\rightarrow$  B  $\rightarrow$  (7)

The following pathways are not a concern from the perspective of the exclusion restriction, because they all run from  $D_{ig}$  to  $I_{ig}$  to  $Y_{ig}$ :

- pathway (1)  $\rightarrow$  (3)  $\rightarrow$  A;
- pathway (1)  $\rightarrow$  (3)  $\rightarrow$  (5)  $\rightarrow$  (7);
- pathway (11)  $\rightarrow$  (4)  $\rightarrow$  (6);
- pathway (11)  $\rightarrow$  (4)  $\rightarrow$  B  $\rightarrow$  (7).

Any pathways that run from  $D_{-ig}$  to  $Y_{ig}$ , either through  $I_{ig}$  or  $I_{-ig}$  do not pose a violation of the exclusion restriction because they do not affect the causal effect of the instrument  $D_{ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$ . They do, however, change the overall population of compliers to treatment, and – if spillovers exist in the second stage – would thus affect the estimate of the  $\hat{I}_{ig}$  on  $Y_{ig}$ . This can happen through:

- (2)  $\rightarrow$  A;
- (2)  $\rightarrow$  (4)  $\rightarrow$  (6);
- (2)  $\rightarrow$  (4)  $\rightarrow$  B  $\rightarrow$  (7);
- (10)  $\rightarrow$  (3)  $\rightarrow$  A;
- (10)  $\rightarrow$  (3)  $\rightarrow$  (5)  $\rightarrow$  (7);
- (10)  $\rightarrow$  (6)
- (10)  $\rightarrow$  (B)  $\rightarrow$  (7).

As we only have random variation in  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ , we can only estimate the causal pathways (1), (2), (10), and (11). Any effects beyond this coming from  $D_{ig}$  – such as pathway (1)  $\rightarrow$  (3) – cannot be causally interpreted. It is the result of the fact that instrumenting  $I_{-ig}$  with  $D_{ig}$  is required for a causal interpretation, but the existence of (11) implies that the exclusion restriction would be violated if we do so.

Therefore, we first focus on estimating the direct effects on the first stage only, which would include:

- pathway (1):  $D_{ig}$  on  $I_{-ig}$
- pathway (2):  $D_{-ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$
- pathway (10):  $D_{-ig}$  on  $I_{-ig}$
- pathway (11):  $D_{ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$

and the combinations of the two direct effects:

- pathways (1) and (10):  $D_{ig}$  &  $D_{-ig}$  on  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$
- pathways (2) and (11):  $D_{ig}$  &  $D_{-ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$

## B.1 Estimation Strategies

To investigate spillovers empirically, we construct the following variables for  $-i$ :

- $-i$ 's coupon receipt ( $D_{-ig}$ ): This is constructed by creating a variable for each herder  $i$  that is the mean of the number of coupons received in the first three seasons by all other herders ( $-i$ ) in their community  $g$ :

$$\bar{D}_{-ig} := \frac{1}{N_g} \sum_{-ig=1}^{n_g} [\text{No. of coupons received - first three seasons}]_{-ig}$$

where  $[\text{No. of coupons received - first three seasons}]_{-ig}$  is the total number of coupons distributed in the community to all herders except for  $i$  in the initial three seasons.

- $-i$ 's insurance uptake ( $I_{-ig}$ ): This is constructed by creating a variable for each herder  $i$  that is the share of herders  $-i$  out of all herders in the community except for  $i$  that purchased any

insurance during the first three seasons:

$$\bar{I}_{-ig} := \frac{1}{N_g} \sum_{-ig=1}^{n_g} [\text{Any insurance purchased - first three seasons}]_{-ig}$$

where  $[\text{Any insurance purchased - first three seasons}]_{-ig}$  is a binary variable that is one if the households bought insurance at least once in the first three sales seasons.

We also create a vector of control covariates for all herders  $-i$  in community  $g$  in the same way that we create the above-mentioned variables, which we define as  $\bar{X}_{-ig0}$ .

Table B1: Summary statistics of the spillover variables

	Kenya				Ethiopia				Pooled			
	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs
$D_{ig}$ : No. of coupons received – first three seasons	1.78 [0.87]	0.00	3.00	781	1.57 [0.60]	0.00	2.00	398	1.71 [0.79]	0.00	3.00	1179
$I_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	0.41 [0.49]	0.00	1.00	781	0.45 [0.50]	0.00	1.00	398	0.42 [0.49]	0.00	1.00	1179
$\bar{D}_{-ig}$ : Peers' mean no. of coupons received – first three season	1.78 [0.04]	1.65	1.88	781	1.57 [0.09]	1.35	2.00	398	1.71 [0.12]	1.35	2.00	1179
$\bar{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three seasons	0.41 [0.16]	0.13	0.79	781	0.45 [0.17]	0.00	1.00	398	0.42 [0.17]	0.00	1.00	1179
Peers' average: Male headed household (=1)	0.63 [0.25]	0.00	0.88	781	0.79 [0.09]	0.50	1.00	398	0.68 [0.22]	0.00	1.00	1179
Peers' average: Age of the household head	48.08 [6.14]	27.19	59.14	781	50.23 [4.55]	37.11	57.03	398	48.81 [5.74]	27.19	59.14	1179
Peers' average: Share of male children	0.52 [0.06]	0.38	0.64	781	0.49 [0.07]	0.21	0.65	398	0.51 [0.07]	0.21	0.65	1179
Peers' average: Head ever went to school (=1)	0.13 [0.09]	0.00	0.31	781	0.11 [0.09]	0.00	0.30	398	0.13 [0.09]	0.00	0.31	1179
Peers' average: Fully settled (=1)	0.23 [0.23]	0.00	0.92	781	0.76 [0.13]	0.00	0.95	398	0.41 [0.32]	0.00	0.95	1179
Peers' average: Adult equivalent	4.68 [0.55]	3.59	6.37	781	4.94 [0.44]	3.90	6.30	398	4.77 [0.53]	3.59	6.37	1179
Observations	781				398				1179			

Notes: All columns present mean, standard deviation (in square brackets), and the number of observations for each variable.

We show the summary statistics of these variables in Table B1. By construction – because all herders are included as  $i$  in  $D_{ig}$  and  $Y_{ig}$ , and they are also included as  $-i$  in  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$  and  $\bar{Y}_{-ig}$  – the means of these  $-i$  variables across the entire sample are always the same as the mean for the  $i$  variables, but the standard deviation is reduced. As a result, if one were to estimate correlations between these two variables, mechanically, we would expect a negative correlation.

Furthermore, the nature of our randomization was such that 33 communities (16 sublocations in Kenya and 17 kebeles in Ethiopia) were selected, and a list of households in the community was used to draw a random sample of households for inclusion in the study. In the second stage, per community, households were randomized to either receive discount coupons or not. In each round, 60% of these sampled households (80% in Ethiopia) were assigned to receive a coupon and 40% (20% in Ethiopia) were assigned not to receive a coupon. It implies that conditional on

being selected for the study sample in a location,  $-i$ 's likelihood of being randomly assigned to receive a coupon is conditional on  $i$ 's treatment assignment. As a result, treatment assignment of  $i$  is mechanically negatively correlated to treatment assignment of  $-i$ . This is demonstrated in Table 7.

Columns (1) and (2) of Table 7 show that an increase of 1 in the mean number of coupons received during the first three seasons by  $-i$  decreases the number of coupons received by  $i$  during the first three seasons by -31, relative to a control mean of 1.7 coupons. The inverse relationship demonstrates that one additional coupon received by  $i$  reduces the mean number of coupons received by peers by -0.025.

## B.2 Results

If we want to understand the causal effect of the instrument  $D_{ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$ , we need to control for any potential mechanical and/or spillover effects of  $D_{-ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$ , either direct or indirect, via  $I_{-ig}$ . Therefore we estimate three equations for each outcome  $I_{ig}$  and  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$  as below. First, for herder  $i$ 's purchase:

$$\text{pathway (11): } I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_1 D_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{pathway (2): } I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_2 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig} \quad (14)$$

$$\text{pathway (2); (11): } I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_1 D_{ig} + \beta_3 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig} \quad (15)$$

where  $X_{ig0}$  refers to a vector of recipient's baseline controls and  $\bar{X}_{-ig0}$  to a vector of the means of peers' baseline controls. We include  $D_{ig}$  and  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$ , separately and jointly. In equation (13) we can then interpret  $\beta_1$  as the direct effect of  $D_{ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$  (pathway (11)), in equation (14)  $\beta_2$  as the direct effect of  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$  (pathway (2)), and in equation (15)  $\beta_3$  as capturing the indirect effect of  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$  on  $I_{ig}$ , that runs through  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$ .

For the mean purchase of peers,  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$ ,

$$\text{pathway (1): } \bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_4 D_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig} \quad (16)$$

$$\text{pathway (10): } \bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_5 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig} \quad (17)$$

$$\text{pathway (1); (10): } \bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_4 D_{ig} + \beta_6 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig} \quad (18)$$

where we include  $D_{ig}$  and  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$ , separately and jointly. In equation (16) we can then interpret  $\beta_4$  as the direct effect of  $D_{ig}$  on  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$  (pathway (1)), in equation (17)  $\beta_5$  as the direct effect of  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$

on  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$  (pathway (10)), and in equation (18)  $\beta_6$  as capturing the indirect effect of  $D_{ig}$  on  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$ , that runs through  $I_{ig}$ .

Columns (3)-(8) of Table 7 show the results of the first-stage spillovers. Column (3) repeats the first-stage results presented so far in the paper, which show that an increase of 1 in the number of coupons received by the recipient in the first three seasons increases their likelihood of purchasing any insurance during the first three seasons by 12.3 percentage points. Column (4) shows that an increase of 1 standard deviation in the peers' mean number of coupons received reduces the likelihood of purchase of any insurance in the first three seasons by the recipient by 44.1 percentage points (SD of  $\bar{D}_{-ig} = 0.12$ ;  $0.12 * (-3.672) = 44.06$ ). Column (5) shows that if we use the two variables of coupon receipts –  $D_{ig}$ ,  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$ , then the effects from the recipient's coupons is the only effect that is significant.

Columns (6)-(8) present the results for the mean insurance purchase by peers,  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$ . Column (6) shows that an increase of 1 in the number of coupons received by the recipient decreases the mean likelihood that peers purchase insurance by 0.3 percentage points. Column (7) shows, however, that a 1 standard deviation increase in the peers' mean number of coupons received increases the mean likelihood that peers purchase insurance by 1.3 percentage points (SD of  $\bar{D}_{-ig} = 0.12$ ;  $0.12 * 0.111 = 0.0133$ ). This is consistent with the effect we expect of our exogenous instrument on insurance purchase. When both the coupon receipt of the recipient and mean coupon receipt of peers are included, neither is statistically significant (Column (8)).

In Tables B3-B6, we re-estimate the second-stage estimations presented in Tables 3 to 6, but including  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$  as an additional instrument and  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$  as an additional endogenous variable. Coefficient estimates are mostly not significant, but the results are qualitatively similar to the main results. Even if they are statistically not significant, the signs and the magnitude of the coefficients are the same, although they lack in statistical significance due to the loss of statistical power by introducing another instruments into estimations where the statistical power was already quite low.

Table B3 reports the effects on primary outcomes – herd size, cash earnings, and education. Similar to Table 3, the effects of recipients' own insurance purchase on herd size and cash earnings are not significant. For education we find that – in the specification without controls – both the recipients' insurance purchase as well as the peers' mean insurance purchase have a positive and significant effect on education. For the effect of the recipients' insurance purchase we observe a 15.7 percentage points increase in the share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education ( $p$ -value: 0.580). If we include recipients' control only, we observe a 12.5 percentage points increase ( $p$ -value: 0.516). If we include all controls, we observe a 24.7 percentage points increase with a  $p$ -value of 0.349. We do not observe a statistically significant effect of peers' mean

insurance purchase in all specifications, although due to potential reverse causality between  $I_{ig}$  and  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$  this should not be interpreted as casual effect.

Table B4 reports that the effects on the herd composition, which also shows that results are qualitatively similar to the main results. In the specification without controls, the predicted insurance purchase by the recipient,  $\hat{I}_{ig}$ , now suggests a 22 percentage points increase, significant at the 10% significance level. Furthermore, in the specification with controls, the predicted insurance purchase increases the share of cattle by 36.0 percentage points, but this effect is also not robust to the exclusion of controls. Columns (7) to (9) show negative effects of the recipients' insurance purchase on the share of goats, albeit it being statistically insignificant in Column (9) ( $p$ -value 0.746), and the point estimates varying between 24.0 percentage points without controls to 11.1 percentage points with both recipients' and peers' controls. These results are consistent with Table 4, where a decline of 23.5 percentage points was noted. It's also important to highlight that the coefficient on  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$  is negative and not statistically significant.

Table B5 presents the effects on the prespecified secondary outcomes: herd management expenditure (USD), milk income, livestock loss evaluated by CMVE, distress sales (CMVE), and livestock sale. These findings are qualitatively consistent with Tables 5, where no significant effect is observed. The signs and the effects of  $\hat{I}_{ig}$  are also similar except when we include peers' control for livestock loss and distress sales. Additionally, we don't observe any significant effects stemming from the peers' mean likelihood of purchasing insurance.

Table B6 presents the effects on other prespecified secondary outcomes, including recent IBLI uptake both at intensive and extensive margins, as well as children's activities. None of the effects of  $\hat{I}_{ig}$  are significant, mirroring our findings in Table 6 qualitatively. However, we do not observe the previously noted positive significant effect on studying full time. Although imprecisely estimated, the effect size is notable: an increase of 65 percentage points without controls ( $p$ -value 0.191) and 25.3 percentage points with full controls ( $p$ -value 0.805). We do not observe any significant effects from peers' mean likelihood of purchasing insurance.

For robustness, we repeat the analyses presented in Table B2 to B6 with cluster standard errors at the village level. The results reported in Table E10 to E14 show that our results using robust standard error is robust to the clustering of the standard errors at the village level.

We also repeat the same analyses with community fixed effects. The results in Table 7 to E18 show that the community fixed effect was decreasing the precision of the estimate. Considering the fact that the our spillover is measured at the community level, so the community fixed effects will take away variations at the community level, which leaves very little variations for peers' insurance uptake or coupon receipts.



Table B2: Spillover effects: First stage and mechanical correlation

	Outcome: Number of coupons received - first three seasons		Outcome: Any insurance purchase - first three seasons					
	$D_{ig}$ : Recipient's	$\bar{D}_{-ig}$ : Peers'	$I_{ig}$ : Recipient's			$\bar{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers'		
No. of coupons received – first three seasons	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
$D_{ig}$ : Recipient's		-0.019*** (0.002)	0.117*** (0.017)		0.104*** (0.018)	-0.007 (0.006)		-0.019*** (0.005)
$\bar{D}_{-ig}$ : Peers'	-2.741*** (0.308)			-0.977*** (0.227)	-0.693*** (0.231)		-0.564*** (0.078)	-0.615*** (0.080)
Pathway (DAG)	(12)	(13)	(11)	(2)	(2);(11)	(1)	(10)	(1);(10)
Recipient controls (i)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Control mean	1.707	1.707	0.200	.	0.200	0.426	.	0.426
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses).

Column (1) and (2) presents the results on outcome  $D_{ig}$  and  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$ , respectively.

Column (1):  $D_{ig} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \theta_2 X_{ig0} + \theta_3 \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \eta_{1ig}$ ,

Column (2):  $\bar{D}_{-ig} = \theta_4 + \theta_5 D_{ig} + \theta_6 X_{ig0} + \theta_7 \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \eta_{2ig}$ ,

Column (3) to (5) presents the results on outcome  $I_{ig}$ .

Column (3):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_1 D_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (4):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_2 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (5):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_1 D_{ig} + \beta_3 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (6) to (8) presents the results on outcome  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$ .

Column (6):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_4 D_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (7):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_5 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (8):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_4 D_{ig} + \beta_6 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

\* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons.

Table B3: Spillover effects on prespecified primary outcomes: Herd size, earnings, education with two endogenous variables

	Herd size (CMVE)			Annual household cash earnings (USD)			Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
$\widehat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	4.246 (11.012)	5.993 (10.628)	3.165 (9.010)	0.023 (220.714)	7.840 (224.607)	22.238 (215.365)	0.106 (0.119)	0.117 (0.115)	0.129 (0.079)
$\widehat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	131.264** (54.730)	111.870*** (41.550)	10.719 (15.373)	589.876 (1000.537)	-569.251 (1217.766)	787.677 (487.051)	-1.539* (0.913)	-1.472 (0.922)	-0.095 (0.227)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	14.265	14.265	14.265	529.673	529.673	529.673	0.095	0.095	0.095
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Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	762	762	762

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \widehat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \gamma_2 X_{-ig0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$  where we instrument  $\widehat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\widehat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

Table B4: Spillover effects on Prespecified primary outcome: Herd composition with two endogenous variables

	Outcome: N of animal type in CMVE / Total N of animals in CMVE											
	Camel			Cattle			Goats			Sheep		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
$\widehat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	0.098 (0.152)	0.090 (0.099)	0.127 (0.097)	0.175 (1.747)	0.186 (0.487)	0.124 (0.089)	-0.261 (0.193)	-0.261 (0.200)	-0.254** (0.108)	-0.030 (0.135)	-0.008 (0.091)	0.004 (0.053)
$\widehat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	-2.474** (1.232)	-0.637 (0.536)	-0.007 (0.246)	32.427 (69.077)	8.798 (6.668)	0.467 (0.308)	-2.534*** (0.886)	-2.636*** (0.925)	-0.350 (0.293)	-2.356 (2.079)	-1.430 (0.908)	-0.226 (0.158)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	0.263	0.263	0.263	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.284	0.284	0.284	0.121	0.121	0.121
Village FE												
Observations	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

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Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

Table B5: Spillover effects on prespecified secondary outcomes with two endogenous variables

	Herd management expenditure (USD)			Milk Income			Livestock loss (CMVE)			Distress sales (CMVE)			Livestock Sale (CMVE)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
$\hat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	35.429 (113.562)	29.961 (98.475)	3.402 (91.040)	205.089 (516.843)	284.159 (454.177)	378.493 (412.453)	5.267 (7.473)	5.307 (7.371)	1.807 (2.545)	0.393 (1.559)	0.047 (1.129)	-0.204 (0.574)	-0.793 (1.677)	-0.716 (1.690)	-0.967 (1.457)
$\hat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	1489.534** (674.661)	861.249 (624.342)	120.678 (292.683)	-6687.054*** (2005.814)	-3554.462*** (1246.619)	-300.849 (513.536)	136.511*** (35.796)	130.911*** (37.465)	4.721 (24.851)	29.887** (12.457)	21.145*** (7.733)	7.290*** (2.286)	17.302*** (6.239)	18.314*** (6.340)	7.114* (4.127)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	167.891	167.891	167.891	359.879	359.879	359.879	5.448	5.448	5.448	0.292	0.292	0.292	1.872	1.872	1.872
Village FE															
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	781	781	781	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1 \hat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \gamma_2 X_{-ig0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \varepsilon_{ijt}$  where we instrument  $\hat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\hat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons.

Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

Table B6: Spillover effects on prespecified secondary outcomes: IBLI purchase and children's activities

	IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (=1 if purchased)			IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (CMVE)			Working full-time			Working part-time			Studying full-time		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
$\hat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	0.102 (0.158)	0.098 (0.147)	0.050 (0.058)	-0.164 (1.926)	-0.172 (1.956)	-0.718 (1.013)	-0.206 (0.731)	-0.157 (0.686)	-0.540 (0.525)	-0.894 (2.249)	-0.978 (1.812)	0.042 (0.560)	6.858 (527.741)	0.905 (2.251)	0.376 (0.301)
$\hat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	2.978*** (0.808)	2.685*** (0.783)	0.641*** (0.233)	35.806*** (11.250)	35.566*** (13.378)	11.383* (6.151)	2.629 (14.857)	2.923 (6.812)	-4.012 (6.267)	-11.805 (21.258)	-8.557 (11.523)	5.403 (6.350)	204.618 (16604.937)	7.843 (29.073)	-2.139 (3.164)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.539	0.539	0.539	0.271	0.271	0.271	0.201	0.201	0.201	0.232	0.232	0.232
village FE															
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	376	376	376	376	376	376	376	376	376

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1 \hat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \gamma_2 X_{-ig0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \varepsilon_{ijT}$  where we instrument  $\hat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\hat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons.

Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

## **C Tables and Figures Referenced in Text**

Table C1: Summary statistics of outcome variables

	Kenya				Ethiopia				Pooled			
	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs
Herd size (CMVE)	12.96 [24.46]	0.00	349.80	781	16.51 [38.72]	0.00	498.78	398	14.16 [30.07]	0.00	498.78	1179
Share of camels in herd (CMVE)	0.31 [0.38]	0.00	1.00	619	0.10 [0.22]	0.00	1.00	395	0.23 [0.34]	0.00	1.00	1014
Share of cattle in herd (CMVE)	0.21 [0.35]	0.00	1.00	619	0.65 [0.23]	0.00	1.00	395	0.38 [0.38]	0.00	1.00	1014
Share of goats in herd (CMVE)	0.34 [0.35]	0.00	1.00	619	0.18 [0.17]	0.00	1.00	395	0.28 [0.30]	0.00	1.00	1014
Share of sheep in herd (CMVE)	0.14 [0.20]	0.00	1.00	619	0.06 [0.08]	0.00	0.83	395	0.11 [0.17]	0.00	1.00	1014
Annual total household cash earning (USD)	515.08 [671.37]	0.00	5636.45	781	564.31 [597.82]	0.00	3649.52	398	531.70 [647.64]	0.00	5636.45	1179
Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education	0.12 [0.24]	0.00	1.00	701	0.16 [0.35]	0.00	1.00	190	0.13 [0.27]	0.00	1.00	891
Herd management expenditure (USD)	139.34 [290.75]	0.00	3648.66	666	227.00 [425.09]	0.00	4817.14	398	172.13 [349.53]	0.00	4817.14	1064
Annual milk income (USD) (earnings and in-kind)	540.99 [1361.23]	0.00	21957.05	781	85.18 [246.72]	0.00	2125.04	398	387.12 [1137.50]	0.00	21957.05	1179
Livestock lost in the past 12 months (CMVE)	3.00 [6.38]	0.00	56.80	781	9.95 [24.68]	0.00	352.32	398	5.35 [15.59]	0.00	352.32	1179
N of lost camel	1.08 [3.25]	0.00	28.00	578	0.57 [2.29]	0.00	25.00	398	0.87 [2.91]	0.00	28.00	976
N of lost cattle	0.53 [2.46]	0.00	40.00	578	8.36 [22.47]	0.00	300.00	398	3.73 [14.97]	0.00	300.00	976
N of lost goats/sheep	17.95 [32.47]	0.00	270.00	578	1.02 [3.09]	0.00	52.32	398	11.05 [26.40]	0.00	270.00	976
Distress sale in the past 12 months (CMVE)	0.49 [2.01]	0.00	25.60	781	. [.]	.	.	0	0.49 [2.01]	0.00	25.60	781
Share of children working full-time	. [.]	.	.	0	0.28 [0.31]	0.00	1.00	376	0.28 [0.31]	0.00	1.00	376
Share of children working part-time	. [.]	.	.	0	0.18 [0.30]	0.00	1.00	376	0.18 [0.30]	0.00	1.00	376
Share of children studying full-time	. [.]	.	.	0	0.23 [0.29]	0.00	1.00	376	0.23 [0.29]	0.00	1.00	376
IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (=1 if purchased)	0.00 [0.04]	0.00	1.00	781	0.15 [0.36]	0.00	1.00	398	0.05 [0.22]	0.00	1.00	1179
IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (CMVE)	0.02 [0.49]	0.00	13.80	781	1.80 [7.22]	0.00	100.00	398	0.62 [4.30]	0.00	100.00	1179
Observations				781				398				1179

Notes: All columns present mean, standard deviation (in square brackets), and the number of observations for each variable.

Table C2: Checking monotonicity assumption

Number of coupons recipient's received	Number of seasons purchase IBLI (%)			
	0	1	2	3
0	80.000	16.250	3.750	0.000
1	67.797	27.119	4.802	0.282
2	51.646	38.821	9.185	0.347
3	48.214	34.524	17.262	0.000

Number of coupons recipient's received	Number of seasons purchase IBLI (%)	
	0	1
0	80.000	20.000
1	67.797	32.203
2	51.646	48.354
3	48.214	51.786



Table C3: Effects on income

	Aggregate	Mutually exclusive categories (USD)								
	Annual total household income (USD)	Annual in-kind milk income (USD)	Annual earnings from milk (USD)	Annual in-kind slaughter income (USD)	Annual earnings from slaughter (USD)	Annual animal birth income (USD)	Annual in-kind crop income (USD)	Annual earnings income from crop (USD)	Annual employment (food for work) income (USD)	Annual earnings from the rest (USD)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Any insurance purchased	352.660 (519.093)	313.145 (310.904)	67.790 (158.605)	-20.556 (37.165)	51.142 (35.010)	-39.456 (97.891)	48.641*** (17.186)	4.041 (29.899)	-11.043 (8.964)	-46.675 (204.839)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	1082.818	84.062	275.816	45.156	28.629	134.929	10.346	15.679	2.835	485.365
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

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Table C4: Effects on income - extensive margin

	= 1 if the outcome > 0									
	Annual total income (aggregated)	Annual in-kind milk income (USD)	Annual earnings from milk (USD)	Annual in-kind slaughter income (USD)	Annual earnings from slaughter (USD)	Annual animal birth income (USD)	Annual in-kind crop income (USD)	Annual earnings income from crop (USD)	Annual employment (food for work) income (USD)	Annual earnings from the rest (USD)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Any insurance purchased	0.083 (0.054)	0.054 (0.115)	0.082 (0.114)	-0.078 (0.122)	-0.065 (0.089)	0.107 (0.120)	0.069 (0.079)	0.018 (0.067)	0.033 (0.058)	0.056 (0.098)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.956	0.224	0.517	0.384	0.151	0.723	0.075	0.063	0.034	0.881
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE=0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Appendix Table E6 and Appendix Table E7 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C5: Education - School-aged during experiment

	Maximum years of education	Total years of education	Average years of education
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Any insurance purchased	1.964 (1.348)	4.842 (3.025)	2.303** (1.112)
Controls	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	6.715	8.488	4.860
Observations	770	1179	770

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. The outcomes were measured for the cohort of household members who were 5-17 years old at one point during the pilot experiment. Maximum years of education is the maximum number of years education among cohort, total years of education is the sum of the number of years education among cohort, and the average years of education is the average number of years education among cohort members.

Table C6: Education - not yet school age during the experiment but were at endline

	Share of age-appropriate education	Maximum years of education	Total years of education	Average years of education
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Any insurance purchased	-0.095 (0.111)	0.204 (0.625)	-0.441 (0.742)	0.106 (0.460)
Baseline outcome				
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.152	1.891	1.738	1.335
Observations	885	885	1179	885

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{l}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. The outcomes were measured for the cohort of household members who were not yet school age during the experiment but were at endline. Maximum years of education is the maximum number of years education among cohort, total years of education is the sum of the number of years education among cohort, and the average years of education is the average number of years education among cohort members.

Table C7: Effects on various measures of educational attainment

	Maximum years of education	Total years of education	Average years of education	Share of household members				
				who completed age-appropriate years of education	who completed any schooling	who completed 4 years of primary education	who completed primary education	who completed secondary education
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Any insurance purchased	1.964 (1.348)	4.842 (3.025)	2.303** (1.112)	0.168** (0.084)	0.208* (0.122)	0.162 (0.126)	0.142 (0.111)	0.002 (0.049)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	6.715	8.488	4.860	0.115	0.646	0.549	0.204	0.033
Observations	770	1179	770	762	770	770	770	770

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^6 + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijT}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Please refer to Table C5 for the definition of maximum years of education, total years of education, and average years of education. Other variables are the share of cohort members who completed age-appropriate education, any schooling, 4 years of primary school (half of the primary education), primary education, and secondary education. Cohort members are the household members who were school-aged children at least once during the experiment.

Table C8: Effects on educational attainment by gender

	Share of members who completed age-appropriate education	Maximum years of education	Total years of education	Average years of education
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>Panel A: Male</b>				
Any insurance purchased	0.137 (0.095)	3.901** (1.647)	6.314** (3.171)	3.115** (1.389)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.108	6.289	8.668	4.900
Observations	530	533	533	533
<b>Panel B: Female</b>				
Any insurance purchased	0.141 (0.129)	0.624 (1.333)	0.279 (2.660)	0.952 (1.291)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.144	6.186	8.135	5.557
Observations	435	427	427	427

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Please refer to Table C5 for the definition of maximum years of education, total years of education, and average years of education.

Table C9: Education – missing values imputed with average

	Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education			
	Without missing values imputed		With missing values imputed	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Any insurance purchased	0.173** (0.088)	0.168** (0.084)	0.086 (0.065)	0.082 (0.065)
Controls		✓		✓
Control mean	0.115	0.115	0.123	0.123
Observations	762	762	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C10: Effects on the number of young adults (18-25 years old, Kenya only)

	N of young adults		Share of young adults	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Any insurance purchased	0.206 (0.311)	0.090 (0.274)		
Baseline N of young adults	0.040 (0.039)	-0.221*** (0.041)		
Adult equivalent		0.268*** (0.023)		0.023*** (0.004)
Baseline average education of young adults			0.012*** (0.002)	0.007*** (0.002)
Baseline share of young adults			-0.251*** (0.040)	-0.144*** (0.043)
Controls		✓		✓
Control mean	0.774	0.774		
Observations	781	781	479	479

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\widehat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.



Table C11: Herd composition large versus small ruminants - short-run and long-run

	N of animals (CMVE) / Total herd size (CMVE)					
	Camels and cattle			Goats and sheep		
	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Any insurance purchased	0.071 (0.071)	0.124 (0.090)	0.230** (0.115)	-0.071 (0.071)	-0.124 (0.090)	-0.230** (0.115)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.669	0.643	0.596	0.331	0.357	0.404
Observations	1085	1009	987	1085	1009	987

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C12: Herd size, earnings, and education —short-run and long-run

	Herd size (CMVE)			Total household cash earning (USD)			Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education		
	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Any insurance purchased	-4.292 (6.122)	-0.765 (5.580)	3.308 (8.856)	73.840 (112.952)	65.205 (167.282)	5.497 (209.810)	-0.013 (0.031)	0.089* (0.047)	0.168** (0.084)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	20.648	17.931	14.265	421.759	629.263	529.673	0.038	0.050	0.115
Observations	1165	1118	1179	1165	1118	1179	955	921	762

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{l}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE=0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C13: Education - short-run and long-run

	Maximum years of education			Total years of education			Average years of education		
	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Any insurance purchased	-0.032 (0.601)	0.812 (0.889)	1.964 (1.348)	-0.543 (0.896)	-0.012 (1.941)	4.842 (3.025)	-0.046 (0.252)	0.219 (0.561)	2.303** (1.112)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	1.212	4.712	6.715	1.617	8.023	8.488	0.487	2.119	4.860
Observations	982	948	770	1165	1118	1179	982	948	770

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{l}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C14: Herd composition — short-run and long-run

	Outcome: N of animal type in CMVE / Total N of animals in CMVE											
	Camel			Cattle			Goat			Sheep		
	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Any insurance purchased	0.083 (0.060)	0.075 (0.074)	0.120 (0.092)	-0.010 (0.059)	0.052 (0.070)	0.107 (0.083)	-0.044 (0.066)	-0.173** (0.073)	-0.235** (0.097)	-0.027 (0.032)	0.057 (0.051)	0.009 (0.052)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.301	0.258	0.263	0.369	0.385	0.332	0.221	0.228	0.284	0.109	0.128	0.121
Observations	1085	1009	987	1085	1009	987	1085	1009	987	1085	1009	987

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C15: Herd management expenditure and milk income — short-run and long-run

	Herd management expenditure (USD)			Annual milk income (USD)		
	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Any insurance purchased	483.665 (3445.306)	378.105 (1732.750)	2.634 (89.841)	20.828 (238.605)	230.424 (244.888)	377.169 (401.425)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	3489.562	2370.027	167.891	386.486	414.137	359.879
Observations	1156	1118	1179	1165	1118	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C16: Distress sale and livestock sale — short-run and long-run

	Distress sales (CMVE)			Livestock sale (CMVE)		
	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Any insurance purchased	0.332 (1.741)	-0.037 (4.054)	-0.389 (0.532)	-1.189 (2.595)	0.957 (4.210)	-1.078 (1.449)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	2.669	4.045	0.292	6.605	8.775	1.872
Observations	1096	1089	781	1096	1089	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{T}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C17: Livestock loss by animal type — short-run and long-run

	N of lost animals								
	Camel			Cattle			Goats/Sheep		
	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Any insurance purchased	-0.507 (1.233)	0.224 (0.382)	0.245 (1.119)	0.299 (2.037)	-0.803 (0.813)	1.169 (2.014)	15.776 (12.147)	0.684 (5.489)	-7.142 (9.452)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	1.832	0.585	0.982	2.058	1.110	3.539	19.940	9.337	11.788
Observations	943	823	896	943	823	896	943	823	896

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{\neq 6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C18: Time use of children — short-run and long-run

	Working full-time			Working part-time			Studying full-time		
	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run	3rd sales season	End of experiment	10-year long-run
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Any insurance purchased	-0.074 (0.097)	-0.001 (0.088)	-0.322 (0.280)	0.159 (0.103)	0.105 (0.098)	-0.261 (0.254)	-0.131 (0.096)	-0.114 (0.089)	0.467* (0.278)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.427	0.409	0.271	0.289	0.291	0.201	0.177	0.167	0.232
Observations	1040	1030	376	1040	1030	376	1040	1030	376

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{l}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.



Table C19: Payout effect on herd size, earnings, education

	Herd size (CMVE)		Annual household cash earnings (USD)		Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Any insurance purchased ( $\gamma_1$ )	2.010 (9.019)	3.468 (9.169)	-3.790 (215.4)	9.794 (215.3)	0.158* (0.0840)	0.158* (0.0813)
Any insurance purchased $\times$ Indemnity rate ( $\gamma_2$ )	7.086 (41.84)	-16.47 (38.79)	-295.6 (2514.4)	-439.8 (2344.3)	-1.116 (0.961)	-1.196 (1.010)
Coef: $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$	9.096	-13.002	-299.383	-429.972	-0.958	-1.038
p-val.: $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$	0.917	0.681	0.910	0.851	0.198	0.295
Controls		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	14.265	14.265	529.673	529.673	0.095	0.095
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	762	762

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{ij} + \gamma_2 \widehat{\text{Payout}}_{ij} + \gamma_3 y_{ij0} + \gamma_4 X_{ij0} + \gamma_5 D_{ij4}^T + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but not more than three times, within the initial three seasons. Any payout receipt similarly refers to whether a household received any payout during the same period. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C20: Payout effect on herd composition

	Outcome: N of animal type in CMVE / Total N of animals in CMVE							
	Camel		Cattle		Goats		Sheep	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Any insurance purchased ( $\gamma_1$ )	0.121 (0.0930)	0.118 (0.0935)	0.116 (0.0832)	0.115 (0.0832)	-0.231** (0.0974)	-0.242** (0.0989)	-0.00900 (0.0537)	0.00841 (0.0531)
Any insurance purchased $\times$ Indemnity rate ( $\gamma_2$ )	0.204 (0.816)	0.180 (0.791)	-0.816 (1.495)	-0.785 (1.538)	0.671 (1.211)	0.780 (1.228)	0.168 (0.294)	0.0186 (0.224)
Coef: $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$	0.325	0.298	-0.700	-0.670	0.440	0.538	0.159	0.027
p-val.: $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$	0.922	0.697	0.536	0.662	0.464	0.658	0.585	0.890
Controls		✓		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	0.263	0.263	0.332	0.332	0.284	0.284	0.121	0.121
Observations	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{ij} + \gamma_2 \widehat{\text{Payout}}_{ij} + \gamma_3 y_{ij0} + \gamma_4 X_{ij0} + \gamma_5 D_{ij4}^T + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but not more than three times, within the initial three seasons. Any payout receipt similarly refers to whether a household received any payout during the same period. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C21: Payout effects on secondary outcomes: Herd management expenditure and milk income

	Herd management expenditure (USD)		Milk Income		Livestock loss (CMVE)		Distress sales (CMVE)		Livestock Sale (CMVE)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Any insurance purchased ( $\gamma_1$ )	1.209 (94.65)	3.744 (94.93)	348.4 (406.9)	418.0 (416.0)	1.597 (2.977)	1.669 (2.873)	-0.345 (0.552)	-0.404 (0.557)	-1.330 (1.501)	-1.210 (1.492)
Any insurance purchased $\times$ Indemnity rate ( $\gamma_2$ )	145.4 (1310.3)	-113.6 (1332.5)	-3802.3** (1924.8)	-4170.2** (1933.9)	22.44 (27.40)	17.48 (21.27)	1.221 (1.991)	1.291 (2.373)	19.25 (15.36)	13.53 (12.05)
Coef: $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$	146.620	-109.817	-3453.891	-3752.237	24.039	19.153	0.876	0.887	17.922	12.316
p-val.: $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$	0.915	0.932	0.065	0.022	0.466	0.347	0.537	0.642	0.196	0.285
Controls		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	167.891	167.891	359.879	359.879	5.448	5.448	0.292	0.292	1.872	1.872
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	781	781	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijT} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{ij} + \gamma_2 \widehat{\text{Payout}}_{ij} + \gamma_3 y_{ij0} + \gamma_4 X_{ij0} + \gamma_5 D_{ij4}^T + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijT}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but not more than three times, within the initial three seasons. Any payout receipt similarly refers to whether a household received any payout during the same period. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C22: Payout effects on secondary outcomes: IBLI purchase

	IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (=1 if purchased)		IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (CMVE)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Any insurance purchased ( $\gamma_1$ )	0.0346 (0.0446)	0.0375 (0.0450)	-1.005 (0.926)	-0.993 (0.982)
Any insurance purchased $\times$ Indemnity rate ( $\gamma_2$ )	-0.123 (0.155)	-0.162 (0.171)	3.273 (3.184)	4.453 (4.634)
Coef: $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$	-0.088	-0.124	2.268	3.460
p-val.: $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2$	0.428	0.355	0.296	0.358
Controls		✓		✓
Control mean	0.042	0.042	0.539	0.539
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{ij} + \gamma_2 \widehat{\text{Payout}}_{ij} + \gamma_3 y_{ij0} + \gamma_4 X_{ij0} + \gamma_5 D_{ij4}^T + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but not more than three times, within the initial three seasons. Any payout receipt similarly refers to whether a household received any payout during the same period. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table C23: Number of animals by animal type

	N of animals (CMVE)				Raw N of animals			
	Camel	Cattle	Goat	Sheep	Camel	Cattle	Goat	Sheep
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Any insurance purchased	1.680 (4.479)	-1.117 (4.879)	-0.486 (0.937)	-0.256 (0.578)	0.953 (2.746)	-1.117 (4.879)	-6.401 (7.910)	-3.332 (5.221)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	10.678	7.455	3.525	3.417	6.471	7.455	23.266	22.666
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

# Online Appendix

## D Robustness Check

### D.1 Herd size, livestock loss, animals insured in TLU (in contrast to CMVE)

In the analysis above, we used cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) to aggregate the number of animals across animal species, instead of tropical livestock unit (TLU) that are typically used as a measure of the value of livestock assets. Since CMVE is a new aggregation unit to be used, we also construct variables in TLU i) to confirm that the values in CMVE is reasonable, and ii) to run the same estimations again with variables in TLU to check if the results are robust to changes in aggregation units.

Table D5 (rows 3 to 11) reports the summary statistics of the variables in TLU. The main difference between CMVE and TLU conversions is that the CMVE puts a larger weight on camels and shoats than does the TLU conversion.

Table D1 shows that our findings in the previous section regarding the herd sizes are robust to the changes in the unit of aggregation. The results are consistent with the results using CMVE measure in terms of sign, magnitude, and statistical significance, as expected. Note that the pattern for the composition for each country is also consistent. We confirm all the null results on TLU lost, TLU distress sales, TLU sold, and recent purchase of IBLI in the last 12 months window.

The extreme values mentioned above may have been driven by a few individuals who work as traders and own/manage a large herd. Since it is not possible with our data to separate the traders out, we include the sub-sample analysis using baseline herd quantiles and winsorized herd size value at 99th percentile. The results reported in Table D3 suggest that by winsorizing the value at 99th percentile we have an estimate with higher precision, especially from Ethiopia. Also the sign of the coefficient in Ethiopia has been changed to positive (Compare to Column (1)-(2) of Table 3) and the sub-sample analysis seem to suggest that the magnitude of the positive coefficients on herd size is driven by the herders from the lower baseline herd size quantile. Combining all these results indicates that the extreme values do not seem to be driving the results presented in the main analysis.

We also present the results from quantile regression, looking at the effects at 15th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 85th percentile values. Table ?? shows that the estimated coefficients are positive at all quantiles, and was statistically significant at 25th and 50th percentile, suggesting that even

mechanically IBLI increases the herd size at a low-middle quantile. Note that only 37% of the sample households maintains the original herd size quartile until the endline.

## **D.2 Adding round 2 outcomes as control**

In our main specification, we only control for baseline (round 1) outcome variable. Since we use IBLI purchase experiences and coupon receipt status of the initial three sales seasons as an endogenous variables and instruments, the information collected in round 2 could serve as a baseline for the information from the sales season 2 and 3 in Kenya and sales season 3 in Ethiopia. Therefore, we check if our results are robust to the inclusion of the outcome variables from round 2 of the panel, in addition to the current specification.

Overall, we find consistent results with the main regression in terms of signs and statistical significance. For most outcome variables, we have the information from the round 2.

Table D6 reports that on the primary outcomes. The magnitude and signs are similar to the main results in general. One change to note is that the children's education variable, in the current version, suffers from a large decrease in sample size – which results in a change in statistical significance of the coefficient estimates in column (8).

Table D7 reports that on the livestock compositions. The signs and statistical significance are similar. The magnitude of the coefficient estimates becomes larger for camel, cattle, and goat (in absolute value), which is in line with the hypothesis of shifting to the larger asset.

Table D8 shows that on the secondary outcomes. Note that we exclude the variable “IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (CMVE)” because we do not control for the round 2 as well as baseline. Again, we find similar results that all the coefficient of variables of interests are null. Herd management expenditure becomes positive once we control for the one at round 2, but it is still very close to zero.

Table D9 shows that on livestock losses. Signs are similar. Magnitude of coefficients are larger for camel and smaller for cattle as compared to the original estimates. Note that sample size is smaller.

Table D1: Effects on livestock measured by TLU

	Herd size	Camel	Cattle	Goat	Sheep	Livestock loss	Distress sales	Sold	IBLI purchase (in the last 12 months)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Any insurance purchased	3.087 (8.054)	0.107 (0.089)	0.124 (0.082)	-0.237** (0.096)	0.005 (0.052)	0.691 (2.248)	-0.326 (0.496)	-1.216 (1.391)	-0.448 (0.536)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	12.922	0.249	0.363	0.270	0.117	5.109	0.287	1.689	0.319
Observations	1179	987	987	987	987	1124	781	1131	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.



Table D2: Herd size – Cattle Market Value Equivalent versus Tropical Livestock Units

	N of animals / Total herd size		N of animals		
	CMVE	TLU	CMVE	TLU	RAW
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<b>Panel A: Goats and sheep</b>					
Any insurance purchased	-0.121** (0.058)	-0.121** (0.058)	-0.381 (0.559)	-0.649 (0.562)	-4.993 (4.830)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.202	0.194	1.898	1.692	17.219
Observations	1974	1974	2358	2034	2358
<b>Panel B: Camel and cattle</b>					
Any insurance purchased	0.133* (0.070)	0.134* (0.069)	0.159 (3.454)	-0.188 (3.867)	-0.218 (2.898)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	0.298	0.306	6.408	5.852	4.802
Observations	1974	1974	2358	2034	2358

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table D3: Heterogeneous effects on herd size (CMVE) by baseline herdsize

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Any insurance purchased	11.301 (7.097)	7.072 (10.543)	10.305 (13.540)	11.255 (7.094)	5.651 (6.077)
Any insurance purchased × 25 to 50%-quantile	-1.184 (25.544)				
Any insurance purchased × 50 to 75%-quantile	-10.912 (16.525)				
Any insurance purchased × more than 75%-quantile	-15.740 (22.397)	-11.896 (24.270)			
Any insurance purchased × more than 50%-quantile			-12.250 (18.812)		
Any insurance purchased × more than 25%-quantile				-9.367 (13.930)	
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	14.265	14.265	14.265	14.265	13.145
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \widehat{I}_{ij} + \beta_{Hetero} \widehat{I}_{ij} \times \widehat{H}_{ij0} + \beta_1 H_{ij0} + \beta_2 y_{ij0} + \beta_3 X_{ij0} + \beta_4 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table C1 for the definition of outcome variables. Column (5) shows the results of main regression with winsorize herd size at 99%.

Table D4: Effects on herd size at different quantile in endline

	10th %-tile	20th %-tile	30th %-tile	40th %-tile	50th %-tile	60th %-tile	70th %-tile	80th %-tile	90th %-tile
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Any insurance purchased	1.214 (1.213)	1.983 (1.453)	3.005* (1.686)	3.826* (2.027)	5.220 (4.190)	4.743 (4.162)	7.572 (14.474)	8.008 (19.975)	6.746 (15.652)

Notes: All the columns include control variables. Control mean is 14.265. Sample size is 1179 across all the columns. The table shows the coefficient estimates from the following IV-quantile equation for every 10 percentile quantiles:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{I=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table E6 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table D5: Summary statistics of additional outcome variables

	Kenya				Ethiopia				Pooled			
	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs
Camel+Cattle/Herd size (CMVE)	0.52 [0.41]	0.00	1.00	619	0.75 [0.19]	0.00	1.00	395	0.61 [0.36]	0.00	1.00	1014
Goat+Sheep/Herd size (CMVE)	0.48 [0.41]	0.00	1.00	619	0.25 [0.19]	0.00	1.00	395	0.39 [0.36]	0.00	1.00	1014
Herd size in TLU	12.17 [22.88]	0.00	336.09	781	14.00 [33.46]	0.00	440.23	398	12.79 [26.92]	0.00	440.23	1179
Camel/Herd size (TLU)	0.30 [0.37]	0.00	1.00	619	0.08 [0.18]	0.00	1.00	395	0.22 [0.33]	0.00	1.00	1014
Cattle/Herd size (TLU)	0.21 [0.35]	0.00	1.00	619	0.73 [0.22]	0.00	1.00	395	0.41 [0.40]	0.00	1.00	1014
Goat/Herd size (TLU)	0.35 [0.34]	0.00	1.00	619	0.14 [0.15]	0.00	1.00	395	0.27 [0.30]	0.00	1.00	1014
Sheep/Herd size (TLU)	0.14 [0.20]	0.00	1.00	619	0.05 [0.07]	0.00	0.83	395	0.11 [0.17]	0.00	1.00	1014
Livestock loss (TLU)	2.87 [5.99]	0.00	52.69	781	9.32 [23.79]	0.00	332.70	398	5.05 [14.96]	0.00	332.70	1179
Distress sales (TLU)	0.48 [1.90]	0.00	22.86	781	. [.]	.	.	0	0.48 [1.90]	0.00	22.86	781
Livestock sale (TLU)	1.49 [3.98]	0.00	53.66	781	2.38 [3.91]	0.00	40.71	398	1.79 [3.98]	0.00	53.66	1179
TLU insured in the past 12 months	0.02 [0.44]	0.00	12.43	781	1.05 [4.16]	0.00	57.14	398	0.36 [2.49]	0.00	57.14	1179
Total years of education in a HH (among children 5-17 yo)	9.80 [9.38]	0.00	49.00	729	6.13 [6.21]	0.00	38.00	398	8.50 [8.58]	0.00	49.00	1127
Average years of education in a HH (among children 5-17 yo)	3.20 [2.63]	0.00	12.50	729	1.42 [1.45]	0.00	7.60	398	2.57 [2.44]	0.00	12.50	1127
N of camel (CMVE)	9.37 [18.08]	0.00	128.00	619	3.09 [9.37]	0.00	107.50	398	6.91 [15.57]	0.00	128.00	1017
N of cattle (CMVE)	3.19 [11.69]	0.00	200.00	619	10.28 [26.30]	0.00	358.00	398	5.96 [19.11]	0.00	358.00	1017
N of goat (CMVE)	2.25 [2.71]	0.00	20.00	619	2.24 [5.67]	0.00	96.00	398	2.25 [4.12]	0.00	96.00	1017
N of sheep (CMVE)	1.55 [2.29]	0.00	15.00	619	0.90 [2.83]	0.00	48.00	398	1.30 [2.53]	0.00	48.00	1017
Observations	781				398				1179			

Notes: Notes: All columns present mean, standard deviation (in square brackets), and the number of observations for each variable. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Herd size in CMVE is the sum of the animals herded by the household, aggregated using cattle market-value equivalent. The variables are constructed by the sum of ratio of cattle market-value equivalent ratio.

Table D6: Effects on primary outcomes (Adding outcomes at R2 as controls)

	Herd size (CMVE)		Total household cash earning (USD)		Max. years of education		Max. years of education (Children)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Any insurance purchased	2.418 (9.818)	3.767 (9.850)	-13.858 (224.684)	-1.102 (223.393)	1.663 (1.173)	1.233 (1.130)	2.653* (1.404)	3.110** (1.421)
Controls		✓		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	14.265	14.265	529.673	529.673	7.127	7.127	4.776	4.776
Observations	1166	1166	1166	1166	781	781	924	924

Table D7: Effects on livestock composition (Adding outcomes at R2 as controls)

	N of animals in CMVE / Total herd size in CMVE							
	Camel		Cattle		Goat		Sheep	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Any insurance purchased	0.153 (0.104)	0.149 (0.104)	0.137 (0.094)	0.134 (0.093)	-0.265** (0.111)	-0.273** (0.111)	-0.018 (0.060)	0.001 (0.059)
Controls		✓		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	0.263	0.263	0.332	0.332	0.284	0.284	0.121	0.121
Observations	973	973	973	973	973	973	973	973

Table D8: Effects on secondary outcomes (Adding outcomes at R2 as controls)

	Herd management expenditure (USD)		Milk Income		Livestock loss (CMVE)		Distress sales (CMVE)		Livestock Sale (CMVE)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Any insurance purchased	22.548 (97.512)	24.856 (97.367)	342.240 (453.036)	422.208 (460.982)	1.139 (2.667)	1.184 (2.571)	-0.383 (0.514)	-0.438 (0.522)	-1.135 (1.445)	-1.066 (1.435)
Controls		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	167.891	167.891	359.879	359.879	5.448	5.448	0.292	0.292	1.872	1.872
Observations	1166	1166	1158	1158	1179	1179	779	779	1179	1179

Table D9: Effects on livestock loss by animal type (adding outcomes at R2 as controls)

	N of lost animals					
	Camel		Cattle		Goat/Sheep	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Any insurance purchased	1.038 (1.169)	1.125 (1.151)	0.202 (2.664)	-0.024 (2.432)	-8.366 (9.793)	-8.133 (9.577)
Controls		✓		✓		✓
Control mean	0.982	0.982	3.539	3.539	11.788	11.788
Observations	691	691	691	691	691	691

## E Additional Tables and Figures Referenced in Text

Table E1: The average market values of animals

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	<b>Marsabit, Kenya</b>			<b>Borana, Ethiopia</b>		
	KES	Cattle Equivalent	Data Rounds	Birr	Cattle Equivalent	Data Rounds
<b>Camel</b>	25,132	1.6	1-7	7,447	2.5	1-4
<b>Cattle</b>	15,617	1.0	1-7	3,023	1.0	1-4
<b>Sheep</b>	1,515	0.1	7			
<b>Goats</b>	1,561	0.1	7			
<b>Sheep or Goat</b>	2,308	0.15	1-6	484	0.16	1-4

Table E2: Balance of coupon distribution in Kenya

Sales Season:	Received coupon vs. No coupon						
	2010 JF	2011 JF	2011 AS	2012 AS	2013 JF	2013 AS	F-test
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Age of the household head	1.45 (1.19) [0.0801]	1.12 (1.20) [0.0553]	0.0112 (1.21) [0.00141]	-0.276 (1.07) [-0.0144]	1.24 (1.05) [0.0754]	-2.39* (1.31) [-0.144]	7.25 {0.298}
Male headed household (=1)	-0.0167 (0.0296) [-0.0349]	-0.0141 (0.0291) [-0.0343]	-0.0286 (0.0291) [-0.0556]	-0.0309 (0.0298) [-0.0585]	0.0148 (0.0304) [0.0270]	-0.0293 (0.0369) [-0.0594]	3.52 {0.741}
Education of household head	-0.281 (0.216) [-0.0884]	-0.0645 (0.213) [-0.0156]	-0.0430 (0.214) [-0.00885]	0.122 (0.204) [0.0441]	-0.261 (0.206) [-0.0852]	0.290 (0.235) [0.0942]	5.42 {0.492}
Adult equivalent	0.114 (0.130) [0.0564]	0.119 (0.136) [0.0635]	-0.0305 (0.136) [-0.0147]	-0.0232 (0.137) [-0.00878]	-0.177 (0.134) [-0.0829]	-0.120 (0.180) [-0.0592]	3.88 {0.693}
Dependency ratio	0.00525 (0.0143) [0.0253]	-0.00582 (0.0135) [-0.0282]	0.00206 (0.0137) [0.0130]	0.0223 (0.0136) [0.113]	0.00104 (0.0129) [0.00562]	-0.00847 (0.0158) [-0.0373]	3.38 {0.760}
Herd size (CMVE)	1.37 (2.02) [0.0316]	-0.743 (2.00) [-0.0178]	1.21 (1.83) [0.0151]	-0.688 (1.38) [-0.0378]	1.09 (1.11) [0.0605]	-1.02 (1.64) [-0.0514]	2.69 {0.847}
Annual income per AE (USD)	-17.0 (13.1) [-0.0845]	-19.6 (19.5) [-0.0671]	-1.73 (18.2) [-0.00778]	13.9 (14.1) [0.0632]	3.46 (17.1) [0.0128]	-19.3 (24.5) [-0.0678]	4.40 {0.623}
Own or farm agricultural land	-0.0215 (0.0168) [-0.0394]	-0.0206 (0.0160) [-0.0566]	0.0428** (0.0168) [0.131]	0.0206 (0.0179) [0.0395]	-0.0227 (0.0181) [-0.0537]	-0.00401 (0.0234) [0.00644]	13.0 {0.0440}
F statistics of Joint F-test:	6.785	5.215	9.014	7.057	7.741	7.754	
P-value of Joint F-test:	0.560	0.734	0.341	0.530	0.459	0.458	

Notes: Each cell reports the results from individual regression estimating Equation (7):  $y_{ijt} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{Received Coupon}_{ijt} + \gamma_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ , where  $y_{ijt}$  denotes a characteristic of a household  $i$  in area  $j$  in sales season  $t$ . Columns (1) to (6) report mean differences, robust standard errors (in parentheses), and normalized difference (in square brackets) between the coupon recipients and non-recipients. All estimations include country and community fixed effects. Columns (1) to (6) report mean differences, robust standard errors (in parentheses), and normalized difference (in square brackets) between the coupon recipients and non-recipients. Column (7) reports joint significance test for each variable across seasons where the first row presents the Chi-statistics and the second row presents the p-value of the test statistic in brackets. Dependency ratio is the ratio of dependents – people younger than 15 or older than 64 – to the working-age population, those ages 15-64. See Table 1 notes for definitions of variables. \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01.

Table E3: Balance of coupon distribution in Ethiopia

Sales Season:	Received coupon vs. No coupon						F-test
	2012 AS	2013 JF	2013 AS	2014 JF	2014 AS	2015 JF	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
Age of the household head	-2.23 (2.22) [-0.125]	2.11 (2.10) [0.120]	-0.939 (1.84) [-0.0449]	0.825 (2.07) [0.0426]	1.39 (2.03) [0.0885]	4.27** (1.88) [0.239]	8.37 {0.212}
Male headed household (=1)	-0.0316 (0.0450) [-0.0810]	-0.0631 (0.0435) [-0.168]	-0.0486 (0.0433) [-0.126]	-0.0546 (0.0418) [-0.143]	-0.0216 (0.0437) [-0.0616]	-0.0182 (0.0439) [-0.0556]	6.21 {0.400}
Education of household head	-0.115 (0.238) [-0.0672]	-0.0322 (0.230) [-0.0196]	-0.0341 (0.115) [-0.0283]	0.00161 (0.0886) [0.00246]	-0.112 (0.0996) [-0.128]	-0.0191 (0.0727) [-0.0389]	1.75 {0.941}
Adult equivalent	-0.359 (0.277) [-0.167]	-0.127 (0.242) [-0.0695]	-0.319 (0.239) [-0.160]	-0.00255 (0.221) [0.00102]	-0.0307 (0.250) [-0.0175]	-0.181 (0.254) [-0.0861]	4.43 {0.618}
Dependency ratio	-0.0241 (0.0195) [-0.127]	0.00260 (0.0207) [0.00747]	0.0141 (0.0192) [0.0876]	-0.0139 (0.0173) [-0.0773]	0.0517*** (0.0199) [0.281]	-0.0191 (0.0196) [-0.108]	10.9 {0.0920}
Herd size (CMVE)	0.473 (2.47) [0.00220]	-1.43 (2.34) [-0.0605]	-4.26 (3.82) [-0.156]	-3.17 (3.81) [-0.118]	-1.26 (3.01) [-0.0491]	-3.89 (4.30) [-0.127]	3.47 {0.748}
Annual income per AE (USD)	30.0*** (11.5) [0.233]	-4.73 (20.3) [-0.0218]	-7.54 (11.5) [-0.0876]	3.58 (9.81) [0.0223]	-19.0* (11.0) [-0.190]	-21.2 (13.4) [-0.193]	13.4 {0.0370}
Own or farm agricultural land	-0.0514 (0.0468) [-0.120]	0.0457 (0.0477) [0.106]	-0.0613* (0.0356) [-0.112]	0.0260 (0.0377) [0.0914]	-0.00126 (0.0327) [0.0277]	-0.00522 (0.0324) [0.00581]	5.81 {0.444}
F statistics of Joint F-test:	12.397	5.190	6.158	5.790	12.697	11.247	
P-value of Joint F-test:	0.134	0.737	0.629	0.671	0.123	0.188	

Notes: Each cell reports the results from individual regression estimating Equation (7):  $y_{ijt} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{Received Coupon}_{ijt} + \gamma_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$ , where  $y_{ijt}$  denotes a characteristic of a household  $i$  in area  $j$  in sales season  $t$ . Columns (1) to (6) report mean differences, robust standard errors (in parentheses), and normalized difference (in square brackets) between the coupon recipients and non-recipients. All estimations include country and community fixed effects. Columns (1) to (6) report mean differences, robust standard errors (in parentheses), and normalized difference (in square brackets) between the coupon recipients and non-recipients. Column (7) reports joint significance test for each variable across seasons where the first row presents the Chi-statistics and the second row presents the p-value of the test statistic in brackets. Dependency ratio is the ratio of dependents – people younger than 15 or older than 64 – to the working-age population, those ages 15-64. See Table 1 notes for definitions of variables. \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01.



Table E4: First stage regression results

	Number of seasons respondent purchased ANY IBLI – all six seasons											
	Pooled				Kenya				Ethiopia			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Cum. coupon receipt (N)	0.127*** (0.021)				0.160*** (0.024)				0.045 (0.042)			
Coupon Receipt (Season 1)		0.256*** (0.059)		0.156* (0.087)		0.266*** (0.067)		0.193* (0.114)		0.188 (0.117)		0.188 (0.149)
Coupon Receipt (Season 2)		0.169*** (0.061)		0.075 (0.084)		0.219*** (0.068)		0.104 (0.109)		0.004 (0.130)		-0.078 (0.161)
Coupon Receipt (Season 3)		0.120** (0.059)		0.054 (0.090)		0.245*** (0.067)		0.191* (0.115)		-0.267** (0.120)		-0.372** (0.163)
Coupon Receipt (Season 4)		0.058 (0.059)		-0.067 (0.088)		0.072 (0.068)		0.025 (0.113)		-0.012 (0.115)		-0.223 (0.153)
Coupon Receipt (Season 5)		0.056 (0.061)		-0.107 (0.085)		0.015 (0.070)		-0.090 (0.107)		0.145 (0.127)		-0.064 (0.156)
Coupon Receipt (Season 6)		0.073 (0.066)		-0.037 (0.090)		0.156** (0.074)		0.119 (0.108)		-0.086 (0.129)		-0.301* (0.161)
Discount rate (Season 1)			0.005*** (0.001)	0.003 (0.002)			0.006*** (0.002)	0.002 (0.003)			0.004** (0.002)	0.002 (0.003)
Discount rate (Season 2)			0.003*** (0.001)	0.003 (0.002)			0.005*** (0.002)	0.003 (0.003)			0.002 (0.002)	0.002 (0.002)
Discount rate (Season 3)			0.003** (0.001)	0.002 (0.002)			0.005*** (0.002)	0.002 (0.003)			0.000 (0.002)	0.003 (0.003)
Discount rate (Season 4)			0.002* (0.001)	0.003* (0.002)			0.002 (0.002)	0.001 (0.003)			0.003 (0.002)	0.005** (0.002)
Discount rate (Season 5)			0.003** (0.001)	0.004** (0.002)			0.001 (0.002)	0.003 (0.003)			0.004** (0.002)	0.005** (0.002)
Discount rate (Season 6)			0.002** (0.001)	0.003* (0.001)			0.002* (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)			0.003 (0.002)	0.005** (0.002)
Effective F-stat	35.965	5.809	7.930	4.664	43.297	8.033	6.768	4.220	1.129	1.514	2.527	2.550
10% Critical Value	16.380	12.680	12.843	13.479	16.380	12.684	12.965	13.627	16.380	13.411	14.164	14.260
N	1179	1168	1168	1168	781	781	781	781	398	387	387	387

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equations:  $IBLI_{i,u,j} = \alpha^0 + \alpha^1 y_{i,u,j,t=0} + \alpha^2 x_{i,u,j,t=0} + \alpha^3 Discount_{i,u,j} + \gamma + \mu_{i,u,j}$ , where  $IBLI_{i,u,j} = \sum_{t \in [C]} I_{i,u,j,t}^{IBLI}$  where  $I_{i,u,j,t}^{IBLI} = 1$  if  $IBLI_{i,u,j,t} > 0$ ,  $Discount_{i,u,j} = \sum_{t \in [C]} I_{i,u,j,t}^{Discount}$  where  $I_{i,u,j,t}^{Discount} = 1$  if  $Discount_{i,u,j,t} > 0$  and  $C=[2010JF, 2011JF, 2011AS, 2012AS, 2013JF, 2013AS]$  in Kenya, and  $2012AS, 2013JF, 2013AS, 2014JF, 2014AS, 2015JF$  in Ethiopia. \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include country and community fixed effects. In columns (1), (5) and (9), the reported 10% critical values are from Stock and Yogo (2005) and in other columns they are from Olea and Pflueger (2013), which are the cutoffs that we compare effective F-statistics with to determine whether the instrument is weak.

Table E5: First stage – using coupon receipt status of individual sales season

	Outcome: Respondent purchased ANY IBLI in each season					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<b>Panel A: Pooled sample</b>						
Coupon Receipt (Season 1)	0.236*** (0.023)					
Coupon Receipt (Season 2)		0.078*** (0.022)				
Coupon Receipt (Season 3)			0.128*** (0.017)			
Coupon Receipt (Season 4)				0.067*** (0.017)		
Coupon Receipt (Season 5)					0.070*** (0.016)	
Coupon Receipt (Season 6)						0.058*** (0.013)
Effective F-stat	105.823	12.690	55.896	15.817	19.533	19.782
10% Critical Value	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380
N	1168	1168	1176	1175	1173	1171
<b>Panel B: Kenya</b>						
Coupon Receipt (Season 1)	0.236*** (0.027)					
Coupon Receipt (Season 2)		0.095*** (0.025)				
Coupon Receipt (Season 3)			0.148*** (0.021)			
Coupon Receipt (Season 4)				0.050** (0.020)		
Coupon Receipt (Season 5)					-0.001 (0.016)	
Coupon Receipt (Season 6)						0.043*** (0.012)
Effective F-stat	77.545	14.627	49.695	6.225	0.008	13.244
10% Critical Value	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380
N	781	781	781	781	781	781
<b>Panel C: Ethiopia</b>						
Coupon Receipt (Season 1)	0.233*** (0.043)					
Coupon Receipt (Season 2)		0.022 (0.045)				
Coupon Receipt (Season 3)			0.068*** (0.026)			
Coupon Receipt (Season 4)				0.115*** (0.030)		
Coupon Receipt (Season 5)					0.284*** (0.034)	
Coupon Receipt (Season 6)						0.091*** (0.033)
Effective F-stat	29.017	0.238	7.062	14.461	68.124	7.661
10% Critical Value	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380	16.380
N	387	387	395	394	392	390

Notes: Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equations:  $IBLI_{i,u,j} = \alpha^0 + \alpha^1 y_{i,u,j,t=0} + \alpha^2 x_{i,u,j,t=0} + \alpha^3 Discount_{i,u,j} + \gamma + \mu_{i,u,j}$ , where  $IBLI_{i,u,j} = 1$  if  $IBLI_{i,u,j,t} > 0$ ,  $Discount_{i,u,j} = 1$  if  $Discount_{i,u,j,t} > 0$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include country and community fixed effects. In all columns, the reported 10% critical values are from Stock and Yogo (2005), which are the cutoffs that we compare effective F-statistics with to determine whether the instrument is weak.

Table E6: Summary statistics of the income variables

	Kenya				Ethiopia				Pooled			
	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs
<i>Pre-specified outcomes</i>												
Annual total household cash earning (USD)	515.08 [671.37]	0.00	5636.45	781	564.31 [597.82]	0.00	3649.52	398	531.70 [647.64]	0.00	5636.45	1179
Annual milk income (USD) (earnings and in-kind)	540.99 [1361.23]	0.00	21957.05	781	85.18 [246.72]	0.00	2125.04	398	387.12 [1137.50]	0.00	21957.05	1179
<i>Exclusive categories</i>												
Annual total household income (USD)	1293.43 [1805.24]	0.00	22689.29	781	770.89 [904.29]	0.00	9333.62	398	1117.03 [1579.41]	0.00	22689.29	1179
Annual animal birth income (USD)	159.93 [472.62]	0.00	7589.79	781	96.06 [365.90]	0.00	5292.39	398	138.37 [440.38]	0.00	7589.79	1179
Annual employment (food for work) income (USD)	1.32 [8.36]	0.00	147.96	781	5.33 [43.47]	0.00	649.64	398	2.67 [26.21]	0.00	649.64	1179
Annual in-kind crop income (USD)	12.40 [68.85]	0.00	995.77	781	17.08 [90.95]	0.00	962.43	398	13.98 [77.01]	0.00	995.77	1179
Annual earnings from crop (USD)	15.49 [116.13]	0.00	1972.76	781	18.45 [72.96]	0.00	750.69	398	16.49 [103.56]	0.00	1972.76	1179
Annual in-kind milk income (USD)	137.60 [1002.75]	0.00	18970.03	781	79.02 [233.12]	0.00	2125.04	398	117.83 [827.57]	0.00	18970.03	1179
Annual sales from milk (USD)	403.39 [613.90]	0.00	4154.44	781	6.16 [35.70]	0.00	309.90	398	269.30 [534.12]	0.00	4154.44	1179
Annual in-kind slaughter income (USD)	63.71 [148.58]	0.00	2367.31	781	2.93 [19.76]	0.00	254.45	398	43.19 [124.80]	0.00	2367.31	1179
Annual earnings from slaughter (USD)	10.22 [67.15]	0.00	1127.29	781	54.56 [199.41]	0.00	1539.88	398	25.19 [129.72]	0.00	1539.88	1179
Annual earnings from the rest (USD)	489.38 [664.12]	0.00	5636.45	781	491.30 [500.31]	0.00	2221.28	398	490.02 [613.51]	0.00	5636.45	1179
Observations	781				398				1179			

Notes: The first two rows display our pre-specified income-related variables. The annual total household income represents the sum of all mutually exclusive categories for each component of income listed below. The currency is converted to USD using the exchange rates: KES/USD = 106.45 in 2020 and ETB/USD = 51.952 in 2022.

Table E7: Summary statistics of the baseline income variables

	Kenya				Ethiopia				Pooled			
	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs	Mean/SD	Min	Max	Obs
<b>Baseline pre-specified outcomes</b>												
Baseline annual total household cash earning (USD)	516.55 [828.25]	0.00	6877.83	781	462.92 [594.14]	0.00	5423.73	398	498.44 [757.52]	0.00	6877.83	1179
Baseline annual milk income (USD) (earnings and in-kind)	886.04 [1668.25]	0.00	12192.44	781	161.81 [265.31]	0.00	2496.61	398	641.56 [1408.50]	0.00	12192.44	1179
<b>Baseline exclusive categories</b>												
Baseline annual total household income (USD)	1570.34 [2038.94]	0.00	16205.37	781	770.81 [830.57]	4.52	9820.90	398	1300.44 [1768.68]	0.00	16205.37	1179
Baseline annual animal birth income (USD)	130.64 [210.53]	0.00	2053.01	781	58.98 [103.70]	0.00	1107.34	398	106.45 [184.72]	0.00	2053.01	1179
Baseline annual employment (food for work) income (USD)	5.24 [57.25]	0.00	1120.88	781	50.67 [82.32]	0.00	424.86	398	20.58 [70.11]	0.00	1120.88	1179
Baseline annual in-kind crop income (USD)	0.00 [0.00]	0.00	0.00	781	0.00 [0.00]	0.00	0.00	398	0.00 [0.00]	0.00	0.00	1179
Baseline annual earnings from crop (USD)	14.41 [138.19]	0.00	2262.44	781	14.28 [48.33]	0.00	406.78	398	14.36 [115.90]	0.00	2262.44	1179
Baseline annual in-kind milk income (USD)	862.16 [1650.78]	0.00	12192.44	781	155.10 [261.07]	0.00	2496.61	398	623.48 [1392.56]	0.00	12192.44	1179
Baseline annual sales from milk (USD)	23.87 [54.27]	0.00	437.17	781	6.71 [28.00]	0.00	175.76	398	18.08 [47.75]	0.00	437.17	1179
Baseline annual in-kind slaughter income (USD)	31.88 [56.82]	0.00	840.34	781	36.44 [95.45]	0.00	793.22	398	33.42 [72.20]	0.00	840.34	1179
Baseline annual earnings from slaughter (USD)	5.14 [82.39]	0.00	2262.44	781	5.34 [22.84]	0.00	216.50	398	5.21 [68.34]	0.00	2262.44	1179
Baseline annual earnings from the rest (USD)	497.00 [814.35]	0.00	6877.83	781	443.31 [594.36]	0.00	5423.73	398	478.88 [747.54]	0.00	6877.83	1179
Observations	781				398				1179			

Notes: The first two rows display our pre-specified income-related variables. The annual total household income represents the sum of all mutually exclusive categories for each component of income listed below. The currency is converted to USD using the exchange rates: KES/USD = 77.35 in 2009 and ETB/USD = 17.70 in 2012.

Table E8: IV quantile regressions on N of animals (CMVE)

	10th %-tile	20th %-tile	30th %-tile	40th %-tile	50th %-tile	60th %-tile	70th %-tile	80th %-tile	90th %-tile
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Panel A: Effects on N of camel (CMVE)									
Any insurance purchased	-0.325 (0.778)	-0.303 (0.910)	-0.551 (1.291)	0.165 (1.156)	0.523 (0.930)	0.307 (0.778)	0.630 (5.462)	2.155 (12789.285)	1.142 (7.531)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	8.062	8.062	8.062	8.062	8.062	8.062	8.062	8.062	8.062
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179
Panel B: Effects on N of cattle (CMVE)									
Any insurance purchased	0.049 (0.477)	-0.009 (0.426)	-0.284 (0.449)	-0.287 (0.548)	0.345 (1.231)	0.338 (0.921)	1.335 (3.104)	1.770 (2.631)	0.794 (.)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179
Panel C: Effects on N of goat (CMVE)									
Any insurance purchased	-0.917 (2.343)	-0.862* (0.468)	-0.679* (0.394)	-0.750 (0.529)	-0.744 (0.747)	-0.728 (0.822)	-0.687 (0.606)	-1.105 (1.193)	-2.059 (3.284)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300	2.300
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179
Panel D: Effects on N of sheep (CMVE)									
Any insurance purchased	-0.101 (0.201)	-0.150 (0.242)	-0.117 (0.223)	-0.205 (0.264)	-0.356 (0.394)	-0.374 (0.500)	-0.394 (0.520)	-0.418 (0.509)	-0.720 (2.082)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	1.496	1.496	1.496	1.496	1.496	1.496	1.496	1.496	1.496
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: The table shows the coefficient estimates from the following IV-quantile equation for every 10 percentile quantiles:

$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{i=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijT}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE=0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table E6 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table E9: IV quantile regressions on raw N of animals

	10th %-tile	20th %-tile	30th %-tile	40th %-tile	50th %-tile	60th %-tile	70th %-tile	80th %-tile	90th %-tile
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Panel A: Effects on raw N of camel									
Any insurance purchased	-0.207 (0.482)	-0.197 (0.559)	-0.406 (0.782)	0.076 (0.682)	0.283 (0.503)	0.291 (5.402)	0.276 (3.244)	0.166 (1.440)	1.013 (.)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	4.849	4.849	4.849	4.849	4.849	4.849	4.849	4.849	4.849
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179
Panel B: Effects on raw N of cattle									
Any insurance purchased	0.049 (0.477)	-0.009 (0.426)	-0.284 (0.449)	-0.287 (0.548)	0.345 (1.231)	0.338 (0.921)	1.335 (3.104)	1.770 (2.631)	0.794 (.)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754	4.754
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179
Panel C: Effects on raw N of goat									
Any insurance purchased	-12.317 (15.826)	-8.472* (4.934)	-6.606* (3.759)	-7.195 (4.950)	-2.302 (4.937)	-6.530 (8.847)	-5.840 (5.973)	-6.227 (9.726)	-7.560 (.)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	20.551	20.551	20.551	20.551	20.551	20.551	20.551	20.551	20.551
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179
Panel D: Effects on raw N of sheep									
Any insurance purchased	-0.935 (1.925)	-1.295 (2.199)	-1.021 (1.990)	-4.410 (3.226)	-1.558 (2.565)	-1.936 (2.327)	-3.332 (3.591)	-3.934 (3.404)	-6.450 (13.217)
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	13.887	13.887	13.887	13.887	13.887	13.887	13.887	13.887	13.887
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: The table shows the coefficient estimates from the following IV-quantile equation for every 10 percentile quantiles:

$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ij} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{i=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijT}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE=0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep. Please refer to Table E6 for the definition of outcome variables.

Table E10: Spillover effects: First stage and mechanical correlation

	Outcome: Number of coupons received - first three seasons		Outcome: Any insurance purchase - first three seasons					
	$D_{ig}$ : Recipient's	$\bar{D}_{-ig}$ : Peers'	$I_{ig}$ : Recipient's			$\bar{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers'		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
No. of coupons received – first three seasons								
$D_{ig}$ : Recipient's		-0.019*** (0.002)	0.117*** (0.016)		0.104*** (0.018)	-0.007*** (0.002)		-0.019** (0.009)
$\bar{D}_{-ig}$ : Peers'	-2.741*** (0.748)			-0.977** (0.368)	-0.693* (0.358)		-0.564 (0.337)	-0.615 (0.364)
Pathway (DAG)	(12)	(13)	(11)	(2)	(2);(11)	(1)	(10)	(1);(10)
Recipient controls (i)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Control mean	1.707	1.707	0.200	.	0.200	0.426	.	0.426
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and cluster standard errors at the community level (in parentheses).

Column (1) and (2) presents the results on outcome  $D_{ig}$  and  $\bar{D}_{-ig}$ , respectively.

Column (1):  $D_{ig} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \theta_2 X_{ig0} + \theta_3 \bar{X}_{-ig0} + v_{1g} + \eta_{1ig}$ ,

Column (2):  $\bar{D}_{-ig} = \theta_4 + \theta_5 D_{ig} + \theta_6 X_{ig0} + \theta_7 \bar{X}_{-ig0} + v_{2g} + \eta_{2ig}$ ,

Column (3) to (5) presents the results on outcome  $I_{ig}$ .

Column (3):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_1 D_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (4):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_2 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (5):  $I_{ig} = \alpha + \beta_1 D_{ig} + \beta_3 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (6) to (8) presents the results on outcome  $\bar{I}_{-ig}$ .

Column (6):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_4 D_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (7):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_5 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \beta_6 I_{ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

Column (8):  $\bar{I}_{-ig} = \alpha + \beta_4 D_{ig} + \beta_6 \bar{D}_{-ig} + \rho X_{ig0} + \gamma \bar{X}_{-ig0} + \delta_g + \varepsilon_{ig}$ ,

\* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons.

Table E11: Spillover effects on prespecified primary outcomes: Herd size, earnings, education with two endogenous variables

	Herd size (CMVE)			Total household cash earning (USD)			Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
$\widehat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	4.246 (8.318)	5.993 (7.309)	3.165 (5.940)	0.023 (278.488)	7.840 (287.668)	22.238 (275.089)	0.139 (0.090)	0.147 (0.092)	0.144 (0.089)
$\widehat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	131.264 (195.558)	111.870 (142.342)	10.719 (25.558)	589.876 (1929.528)	-569.251 (2363.955)	787.677 (781.079)	-0.268 (1.390)	-0.376 (1.483)	-0.056 (0.412)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	14.265	14.265	14.265	529.673	529.673	529.673	0.115	0.115	0.115
Clustered standard errors	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	762	762	762

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and cluster standard errors at the village level (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \widehat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \gamma_2 X_{-ig0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijT}$  where we instrument  $\widehat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\widehat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.



Table E12: Spillover effects on Prespecified primary outcome: Herd composition with two endogenous variables

	Outcome: N of animal type in CMVE / Total N of animals in CMVE											
	Camel			Cattle			Goats			Sheep		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
$\widehat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	0.098 (0.122)	0.090 (0.107)	0.127 (0.095)	0.175 (0.703)	0.186 (0.238)	0.124 (0.112)	-0.261 (0.160)	-0.261 (0.170)	-0.254** (0.122)	-0.030 (0.119)	-0.008 (0.072)	0.004 (0.047)
$\widehat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	-2.474 (5.373)	-0.637 (0.981)	-0.007 (0.457)	32.427 (358.856)	8.798 (30.662)	0.467 (0.550)	-2.534 (4.400)	-2.636 (4.035)	-0.350 (0.605)	-2.356 (10.275)	-1.430 (3.502)	-0.226 (0.241)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	0.263	0.263	0.263	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.284	0.284	0.284	0.121	0.121	0.121
Clustered standard errors	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village
Observations	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and cluster standard errors at the village level (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE}\widehat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1\widehat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1y_{ij0} + \beta_2X_{ij0} + \gamma_2X_{-ig0} + \beta_3D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijT}$  where we instrument  $\widehat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\widehat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

Table E13: Spillover effects on prespecified secondary outcomes with two endogenous variables

	Herd management expenditure (USD)			Milk Income			Livestock loss (CMVE)			Distress sales (CMVE)			Livestock Sale (CMVE)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
$\widehat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	35.429 (122.935)	29.961 (105.699)	3.402 (91.154)	205.089 (300.213)	284.159 (314.270)	378.493 (310.056)	5.267 (6.053)	5.307 (5.649)	1.807 (2.540)	0.393 (1.938)	0.047 (0.979)	-0.204 (0.456)	-0.793 (1.768)	-0.716 (1.776)	-0.967 (1.637)
$\widehat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	1489.534 (2035.175)	861.249 (1241.513)	120.678 (321.032)	-6687.054 (10479.348)	-3554.462 (4498.627)	-300.849 (883.089)	136.511 (187.233)	130.911 (169.883)	4.721 (26.676)	29.887 (75.571)	21.145 (36.332)	7.290 (5.183)	17.302 (18.842)	18.314 (18.907)	7.114 (5.828)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	167.891	167.891	167.891	359.879	359.879	359.879	5.448	5.448	5.448	0.292	0.292	0.292	1.872	1.872	1.872
Clustered standard errors	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	781	781	781	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and cluster standard errors at the village level (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \widehat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \gamma_2 X_{-ig0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$  where we instrument  $\widehat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\widehat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

Table E14: Spillover effects on prespecified secondary outcomes: IBLI purchase and children’s activities

	IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (=1 if purchased)			IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (CMVE)			Working full-time			Working part-time			Studying full-time		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
$\hat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	0.102 (0.110)	0.098 (0.096)	0.050 (0.040)	-0.164 (1.492)	-0.172 (1.419)	-0.718 (1.069)	-0.206 (1.472)	-0.157 (1.245)	-0.540 (0.572)	-0.894 (5.047)	-0.978 (3.602)	0.042 (0.628)	6.858 (2255.375)	0.905 (5.775)	0.376 (0.284)
$\hat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers’ any insurance purchase – first three season	2.978 (4.071)	2.685 (3.588)	0.641 (0.581)	35.806 (47.615)	35.566 (47.276)	11.383 (11.190)	2.629 (38.357)	2.923 (18.285)	-4.012 (10.289)	-11.805 (86.333)	-8.557 (40.728)	5.403 (10.880)	204.618 (71969.529)	7.843 (105.137)	-2.139 (3.415)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers’ controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.539	0.539	0.539	0.271	0.271	0.271	0.201	0.201	0.201	0.232	0.232	0.232
Clustered standard errors	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village	village
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	376	376	376	376	376	376	376	376	376

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and cluster standard errors at the village level (in parentheses) from the following equation:  $y_{ijt} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \hat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1 \hat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \gamma_2 X_{-ig0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{t=6} + \rho_j + \varepsilon_{ijt}$  where we instrument  $\hat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\hat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

Table E15: Spillover effects on prespecified primary outcomes: Herd size, earnings, education with two endogenous variables

	Herd size (CMVE)			Total household cash earning (USD)			Share of members who completed age-appropriate years of education		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
$\widehat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	2.485 (11.228)	3.842 (11.385)	1.385 (20.523)	-75.051 (242.389)	-58.264 (242.576)	90.851 (593.405)	0.620 (0.592)	0.655 (0.612)	-0.004 (0.250)
$\widehat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	17.482 (168.443)	22.499 (167.831)	-74.563 (855.009)	-2924.113 (4643.308)	-2669.384 (4492.280)	2968.337 (20878.732)	17.631 (23.413)	19.381 (24.435)	-6.724 (9.597)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	14.265	14.265	14.265	529.673	529.673	529.673	0.115	0.115	0.115
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	762	762	762

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \widehat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \gamma_2 X_{-ig0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{i=6} + \varepsilon_{ijT}$  where we instrument  $\widehat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\widehat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

Table E16: Spillover effects on Prespecified primary outcome: Herd composition with two endogenous variables

	Outcome: N of animal type in CMVE / Total N of animals in CMVE											
	Camel			Cattle			Goats			Sheep		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
$\widehat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	0.220*	0.215*	-0.612	0.019	0.008	0.480	-0.240**	-0.244**	-0.123	-0.007	0.016	0.275
	(0.125)	(0.123)	(0.557)	(0.131)	(0.139)	(0.308)	(0.101)	(0.105)	(0.337)	(0.051)	(0.051)	(0.241)
$\widehat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	4.044	3.854	-26.969	-3.674	-3.999	13.694	-0.643	-0.366	4.090	0.009	0.304	9.877
	(3.602)	(3.425)	(21.025)	(3.591)	(3.915)	(11.235)	(1.173)	(1.237)	(12.059)	(0.620)	(0.666)	(8.544)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	0.263	0.263	0.263	0.332	0.332	0.332	0.284	0.284	0.284	0.121	0.121	0.121
Observations	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987	987

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

$y_{ijT} = \beta_0 + \beta_{LATE} \widehat{I}_{ig} + \gamma_1 \widehat{I}_{-ig} + \beta_1 y_{ij0} + \beta_2 X_{ij0} + \gamma_2 X_{-ig0} + \beta_3 D_{ij4}^{i=6} + \varepsilon_{ijT}$  where we instrument  $\widehat{I}_{ig}$  and  $\widehat{I}_{-ig}$  by both  $D_{ig}$  and  $D_{-ig}$ . \* denotes significance at 0.10; \*\* at 0.05; and \*\*\* at 0.01. All columns include community fixed effects. Any insurance purchased refers to the act of purchasing insurance at least once, but up to three times, within the initial three seasons. Cattle market-value equivalent (CMVE) is a unit to aggregate the animals across different animal types based on their market values using panel survey data. In Kenya, 1 CMVE= 0.625 camel=1 cattle=10 goats/sheep, and in Ethiopia, 1 CMVE=4 camel=1 cattle=6.25 goats/sheep.

Table E17: Spillover effects on prespecified secondary outcomes with two endogenous variables

	Herd management expenditure (USD)			Milk Income			Livestock loss (CMVE)			Distress sales (CMVE)			Livestock Sale (CMVE)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
$\hat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	-49.242 (131.793)	-53.497 (132.739)	430.819 (378.649)	420.711 (456.734)	503.728 (474.293)	-419.281 (756.493)	5.119 (6.787)	5.010 (6.518)	-1.876 (10.156)	-0.495 (0.678)	-0.547 (0.702)	-0.489 (0.705)	-0.823 (1.886)	-0.704 (1.913)	-6.473 (4.139)
$\hat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase – first three season	-2215.108 (3350.528)	-2348.016 (3375.063)	16642.890 (14771.434)	4676.117 (6564.952)	5317.075 (7064.740)	-30971.069 (29616.079)	140.758 (204.793)	132.229 (194.592)	-133.233 (423.671)	-7.195 (42.322)	-6.924 (42.544)	-5.275 (42.782)	13.647 (38.681)	15.597 (40.584)	-208.848 (156.800)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓
Control mean	167.891	167.891	167.891	359.879	359.879	359.879	5.448	5.448	5.448	0.292	0.292	0.292	1.872	1.872	1.872
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	781	781	781	1179	1179	1179

Notes: All columns present coefficient estimates and robust standard errors (in parentheses) from the following equation:

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Table E18: Spillover effects on prespecified secondary outcomes: IBLI purchase and children's activities

	IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (=1 if purchased)			IBLI uptake in the past 12 months (CMVE)			Working full-time			Working part-time			Studying full-time		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
$\hat{I}_{ig}$ : Any insurance purchase - first three seasons	0.030 (0.070)	0.038 (0.071)	-0.102 (0.194)	-1.985 (1.902)	-2.047 (2.052)	7.502 (6.764)	0.074 (0.797)	0.260 (1.005)	-0.031 (0.962)	-0.145 (0.620)	-0.005 (0.774)	0.252 (1.006)	-0.654 (1.684)	-0.583 (1.591)	-0.305 (1.382)
$\hat{I}_{-ig}$ : Peers' any insurance purchase - first three season	-0.147 (1.285)	0.086 (1.284)	-5.334 (8.659)	-43.215 (55.114)	-45.933 (58.709)	328.898 (296.039)	10.420 (26.915)	16.261 (32.876)	7.158 (29.453)	1.911 (19.695)	7.198 (24.515)	13.459 (30.616)	-30.763 (53.801)	-29.402 (50.693)	-20.298 (41.435)
Recipient controls (i)		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Peers' controls (-i)			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Control mean	0.042	0.042	0.042	0.539	0.539	0.539	0.271	0.271	0.271	0.201	0.201	0.201	0.232	0.232	0.232
Observations	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179	376	376	376	376	376	376	376	376	376

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