

General Notes on Data

This data comprises the results of successful verification surveys conducted by GiveDirectly from June to November 2011. Successful surveys are defined as those where someone in the recipient household could be reached either in person or by phone – unsuccessful phone surveys are common (phones are often switched off to preserve battery life). When verification surveys are not successful, GiveDirectly attempts to reach the household again in the future.

Identifying data (including names and phone numbers) has been removed from this data to respect the privacy of recipients.

The “Statistics” tab summarizes some key variables.

Notes on Specific Variables

Variable	Explanation	Notes
Link to Anonymous File	Permits link to anonymized variables (if necessary in the future).	
Name of verification file used for survey	Survey questions changed over time – this variable indicates which survey questions and codes correspond to.	While the original survey is most accurate, surveys based on different questionnaires were appended when variables overlapped closely.
Household visited by GD recently?		There are a number of observations where the respondent indicates they were not visited, but report receiving transfers. We surmise this has to do with an interpretation of “recently” – this has been rectified for further surveys.
Transfer received?	Indicates whether respondent reports receiving transfer from Give Direct.	When 2= No is reported, the “Notes” variable provides further information.
Description of trouble (V8)	Description of trouble collecting transfer	In interpreting these comments, it may be helpful to know M Pesa agents have a limited float – so sometimes can not fulfill a large withdrawal (necessitating the customer to go to another agent, or withdraw in installments).

Posted M Pesa fee	This is the amount (from the M Pesa website: http://www.safaricom.co.ke/index.php?id=255) that should have been paid to withdraw based on the amount the respondent indicated they withdrew.	Not filled in if amount withdrawn is missing. If they withdrew in multiple installments compute appropriate fee.
Difference, actual vs expected M Pesa fee	This is the difference between the reported fee and the expected fee (from M Pesa's website).	<p>Possible Reasons for discrepancy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M Pesa agent deliberately overcharged 2. M Pesa agent mistakenly over or under charged 3. Respondent recall error 4. Did not inform us of multiple withdrawals (only stated total amount) <p>GiveDirectly will be providing recipients with information on correct fees at time of enrollment and further investigating this issue.</p>
What sort of tension? (v14)	Description of complaints or tension related to transfers.	Interpreting these comments it is useful to know that for the purpose of the impact evaluation, not all eligible (grass thatched) homes received transfers in these villages.
Notes	Various notes related to entry	