

# Women's Employment, Husbands' Economic Self-Interest and Domestic Violence

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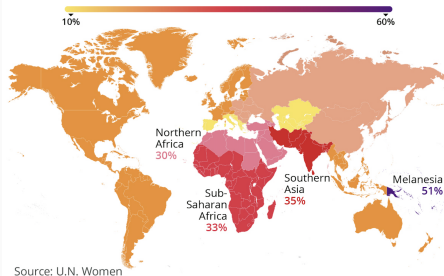
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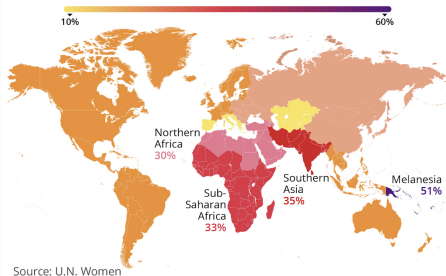


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- **Job ≠ income:**
  - Psychosocial benefits, confidence. Hussam, Kelley, Lane and Zahra 2022, 2023, McKelway 2023.
  - Exposure reduction. Dugan et al., 1999.
  - Earning income using **capacity to work**, health capital. Becker 1962, 2007; Goldin 2016.
    - DV creates economic costs. Adams-Prassl, Huttunen, Nix and Zhang 2023.
    - ↓ DV: Husbands' economic self-interest in the wife's work capacity.

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## **Part II: Uncover the mechanisms:**

- $\downarrow$  in DV is plausibly driven by women's employment.
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  - ~~Exposure Reduction.~~
  - $\uparrow$  in the husband's cost of (physically) incapacitating the wife.

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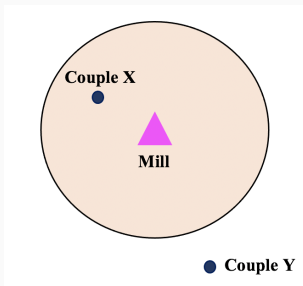
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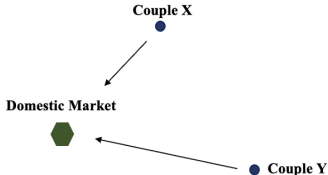
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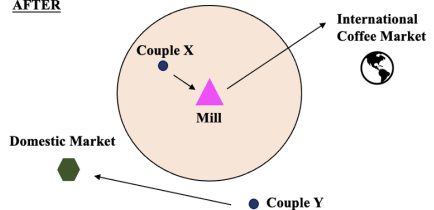
## 2. Time Variation.

- **Both Before & After:** Gendered division of labor + Labor-intensive tasks.
- **Before:** W harvests the cherries with H and processes them as an **unpaid family worker** at home. H sells low-quality coffee in the local market for a low price.
- **After:** H sells the cherries to the mill for a **high premium**. W does some processing tasks at the mill as a **wage worker**.

BEFORE



AFTER



W\_x: Wage employment, H\_x: Cost of incapacitating W↑

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- **Spatial Variation:** Within-Outside of the CA. [Hospitals]
- **Monthly Time Variation:** Mills operate during the harvest season, March-July.
  - **Event:** Beginning of the harvest season, March.
  - $\exists$  **months st:** Incapacitation cost changes, other channels are fixed/ ruled out w/ data.
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→ **Policy implication:** Jobs vs. cash transfer to women.

Complements Hussam, Kelley, Lane and Zahra (2022).

II. The interventions and phenomena that increase female employment in developing countries may improve their health and physical security in the household.

- Female labor force participation (FLFP) in developing countries

- Drivers of FLFP and the effects of interventions that can ↑ FLFP.

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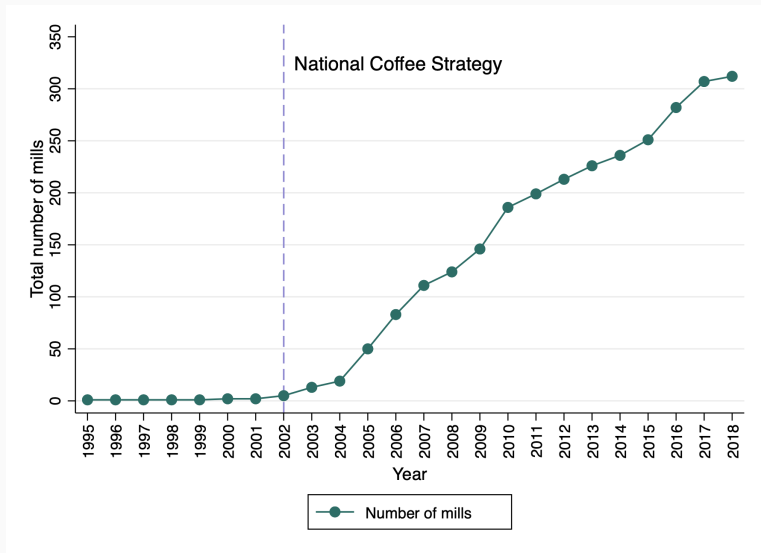
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- **After early 2000s:** Farmers continue to build mills across the country and a rapid expansion took place.

# Context: Rapid Expansion of Coffee Mills



- What predicts mill placement? → Historical number of coffee trees (1999) and the FAO coffee suitability index.

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# Harvesting







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- Data on mills: Rwanda GeoData, Macchievello and Morjaria (2020)
  - **Geocoded, universe of mills with information on year of operation.**
  - Complement with:
    - Historical number of coffee trees using 1999 Coffee Census.
    - FAO-GAEZ coffee suitability index.
- Demographic Health Survey (DHS) 2004/5, '10/11, '13/'14, '19
  - **Geocoded**, nationally representative, repeated cross-section.
  - **Working, working for cash, experiencing DV in the past 12 months.**
  - Occupation, household decisions.
- Integrated HH Living Conditions Survey (EICV) 2005/6, '11, '13/'14, '16/17
  - Individual **earnings** of couples.
  - Household **monthly consumption** and agricultural production (crops).
  - Not geocoded, log mills per capita at the district level.
- Hospital Management Information System Data (HMIS), 2012-2019
  - **Geocoded, monthly** panel data of hospitals.
  - **Universe of hospitalizations due to gender based violence**, age>18 → DV.
  - Placebo Outcome: Universe of monthly non-DV hospitalizations.

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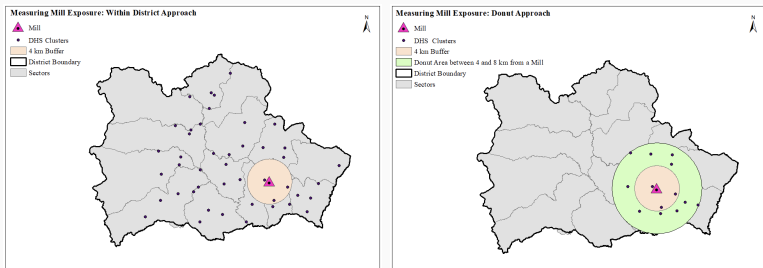
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- $(\mathbf{X}_s \times t)$ : (Historical number of coffee trees, FAO-GAEZ coffee suitability index)  $\times$  linear time-trends.

# Measuring Mill Exposure: DHS Clusters



## 1. Within District Approach [Left]

- Treatment: CA - 4 km buffer zone around a mill.
- Control: Outside of the CA within the district. ( $\approx 800 \text{ km}^2$ )

## 2. Donut Approach [Right]

- Control: Donut area between 4 and 8 km from a mill.

## Results: Self-Reported Women's Employment and DV

	Within District			Donut		
	(1) Work	(2) Cash Work	(3) Domestic Violence	(4) Work	(5) Cash Work	(6) Domestic Violence
Mill	-0.00 (0.01)	0.07*** (0.02)	-0.10*** (0.03)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.06*** (0.02)	-0.07* (0.04)
Observations	10154	9068	3609	5409	4853	1830
Dependent variable mean	0.88	0.39	0.35	0.88	0.44	0.38

- Working ↔
- Working for cash ↑
- DV↓ in the past 12 months.

## Results: Husbands' Employment

	Within District		Donut	
	(1) Work	(2) Cash Work	(3) Work	(4) Cash Work
Mill	-0.00 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.04 (0.04)
Observations	4342	3790	2317	2110
Dependent variable mean	0.87	0.81	0.91	0.82

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- Working for cash ↔ in the past 12 months.

No sorting in agri occupations



## Results: Women's and Their Husbands' Earnings

	All Sample		Occupation: Agriculture	
	Log of Last Daily Earnings		Log of Last Daily Earnings	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Wife	Husband	Wife	Husband
Log of Mills per capita in the District	0.94*** (0.15)	1.72*** (0.15)	1.12*** (0.15)	1.71*** (0.17)
Observations	4948	10055	4192	7237
Dependent variable mean	6.60	7.02	6.39	6.68

- Individual last daily earnings both for W and H  $\uparrow$ .
- Results are robust to IHS transformation.

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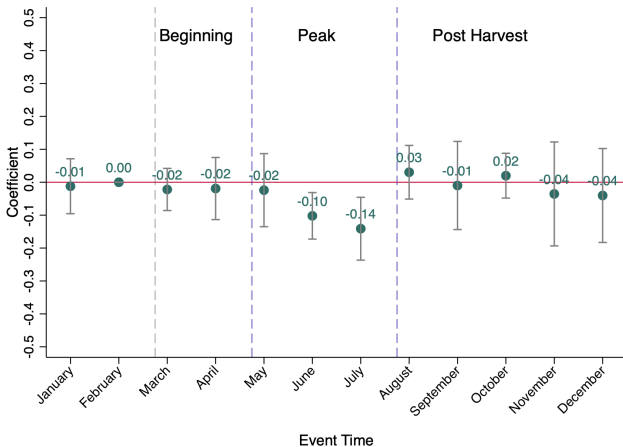
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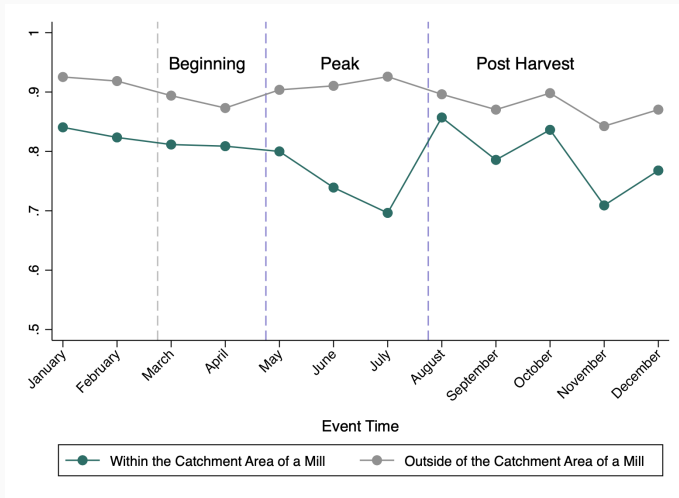
# Women's Monthly Hospitalizations for DV



- Compared to one month before the beginning of the harvest season:
  1. Hospitals in the CAs are less likely to have a DV patient during the peak.
  2. No change in the post-harvest months.
- Placebo: No change in non-DV hospitalizations within the year.

Placebo with non-DV

# Women's Monthly Hospitalizations for DV (Means)



- Post-harvest levels of hospitalizations in the CAs are still lower compared to the cases from the hospitals outside of the CAs.

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- Increase in women's outside options, thus, bargaining power
- Exposure reduction
- Increase in the household earnings
  - Due to husbands' earnings only
  - Due to women's earnings only
- Extractive violence
- Increase in the cost of women's incapacitation
- Male Backlash



## Mechanisms: Increase in Women's Bargaining Power

	Within District			Donut		
	(1) Large HH Purchases	(2) Own Health	(3) Family Visit	(4) Large HH Purchases	(5) Own Health	(6) Family Visit
Mill	0.05** (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)	0.02 (0.02)	0.04* (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	-0.00 (0.02)
Observations	10154	10154	10154	5409	5409	5409
Dependent variable mean	0.69	0.74	0.82	0.71	0.75	0.82

- Making decisions on large HH purchases alone or jointly with the husband ↑
  - Relative to the husband/a family member is making the decision for her.
- Similar results for being the decision maker for using contraception. Contraception

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Dependent variable mean	0.73	0.30	0.34

- Use couples with **plausibly no change in exposure** before-after a mill.
  - **Wife in agriculture - Husband in a non-agricultural manual job.**
    - Already not seeing each other during work hours before a mill.
    - Mill: Shock to W's earnings, W do not report a higher number of hours spent at work.
- ↓ in DV even among couples with no change in exposure.

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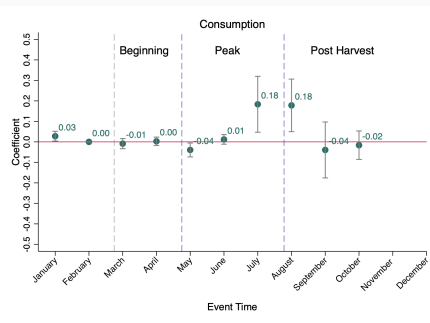
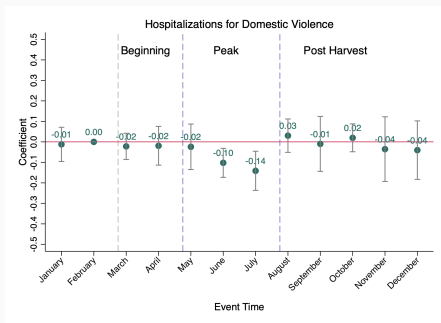
	Couples with Different Occupations	
	(1) Woman's Log of Last Daily Earnings: Agriculture	(2) Husband's Log of Last Daily Earnings: Non-Agriculture
Log of Mills per capita in the District	2.78*** (0.68)	-0.42 (0.91)
Observations	2291	1089
Dependent variable mean	5.08	7.51

- Wife in agriculture - Husband in a non-agricultural manual job.
  - ↑ in the wife's earnings, **no change in the husband's earnings**.
- DV↓ even among couples where an ↑ in HH resources is only via women's paid employment.
  - ↑ in the wife's contribution to HH earnings is a plausible mechanism.
    - Extractive violence is not the dominant mechanism.

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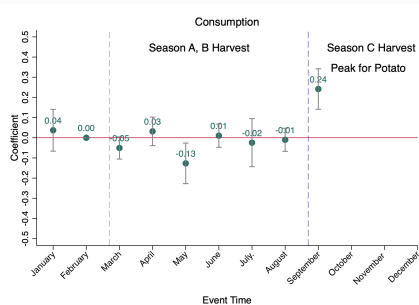
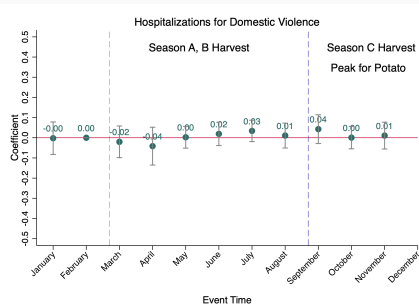
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1. When incapacitation cost  $\downarrow$  in August, DV reverts to its pre-harvest level.
  2. Income effect for hospitalizations: During August, **no change in DV & higher consumption relative to pre-harvest.**
  3. Keeping women's outside options fixed: Plausibly, the wife's outside option in the CA is similar in Jul-Aug.
- Seasonality of the cost of women's incapacitation supports seasonality of DV hospitalizations.

# Mechanisms: Increase in the Cost of Women's Incapacitation

- **Irish Potato Regions:** When the value of the wife's work capacity is fixed within the year → **No change** in DV hospitalizations within the year.



- \* No major  $\uparrow$  in the value of women's work capacity for their unpaid tasks within the year.
- \* Women mostly do not engage in paid employment.



## Potential mechanisms behind the effect of a mill on DV:

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  - **Due to women's earnings only**
- ~~Extractive violence~~
- **Increase in the cost of women's incapacitation** ✓
  - ~~Income effect for DV hospitalizations~~

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  - 1b. Divorce rates are higher compared to Ethiopia.
  - 2a. **Couples work together:** Employer-Employee relationship.
  - 2b. **The wife shares her earnings with the husband:** Higher share of women decide jointly with their husbands on how to use their earnings compared to Ethiopia.

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- Pre-trends
  - Exploit the number of years individuals are exposed to a mill opening using an event study. Event Study
- Placebo Test
  - Treatment: Women in areas that do not have a mill yet. Placebo
- Recent econometrics literature on DID and event studies
  - Goodman-Bacon (2021) decomposition, test proposed in de Chaisemartin and D'Haultfœuille (2020).
  - Results are robust to using estimators proposed in de Chaisemartin and D'Haultfœuille (2020) and Sun and Abraham (2020). DCDH SA
- Measuring mill exposure
  - Different CA sizes: 5 and 10 km Different CA
  - Within CA: 2 km buffer vs. the donut between 2 and 4 km. Within CA

- Using the expansion of coffee mills in Rwanda as a natural experiment + novel monthly DV hospitalizations, present evidence which suggests that:
    - Providing employment opportunities to women ↓ DV when the husband has economic self-interest in the wife's work capacity.
    - ↑ in women's outside options and contribution to HH resources also operate as mechanisms.
  - Shed light on **how** phenomena that affect female employment in developing countries may affect DV.
    - **Policy implication:** Jobs vs. cash transfer to women.  
Complements Hussam, Kelley, Lane and Zahra (2022).
    - **Implication for the other side of the coin:** Shocks that may lead to women's unemployment may worsen DV.
- Climate change-induced weather shocks, automating agriculture.



Thank you!



## Appendix

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# Rapid Expansion of Coffee Mills

Expansion

## Legend

▲ Mill

□ Sectors without Coffee Trees

### Sectors with Coffee Trees

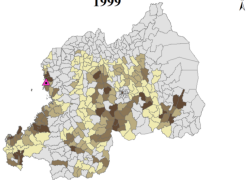
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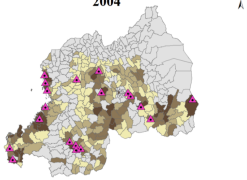
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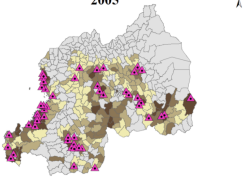
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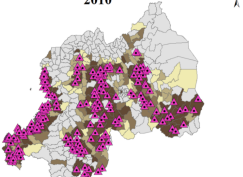
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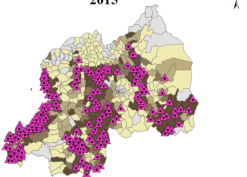
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# Identifying Assumption

## Assumption:

- A mill opening at a specific location in a given year is uncorrelated with other determinants of changes in
  - women's paid employment
  - DV.
- What predicts a mill opening?

# Sector Level Baseline Characteristics that Predict Mill Opening

	(1) First Mill in 2005-10	(2) Mill by 2018
Log Coffee Trees in 1999	0.03*** (0.01)	0.04*** (0.01)
FAO-GAEZ Coffee Suitability Index	0.07* (0.04)	0.03 (0.04)
Log Population in 2002	-0.10 (0.49)	-0.14 (0.49)
Log Female Population in 2002	0.07 (0.49)	0.20 (0.49)
Share of Self-Employed Women in 2002	0.27 (0.55)	0.17 (0.54)
Share of Unpaid Worker Women in 2002	0.00 (0.58)	0.44 (0.58)
Share of Primary-Educated Women in 2002	1.45 (1.09)	1.38 (1.08)
Share of Primary-Educated Men in 2002	-0.14 (1.20)	-0.40 (1.19)
Number of daughters per Woman in 2002	-0.22 (0.22)	-0.13 (0.22)
Share of Women in a Consensual Union in 2002	-1.20 (0.78)	-0.57 (0.77)
Share of Women in a Polygamous Marriage in 2002	0.17 (1.94)	-1.80 (1.94)
Share of Women without Assets in 2002	0.32 (0.57)	0.02 (0.57)
Genocide Intensity Index at the Commune Level	-0.02 (0.04)	-0.04 (0.03)
District FE	✓	✓
Number of Observations	348	348
Dependent variable mean	0.26	0.39
Adjusted $R^2$	0.24	0.39

Notes: FAO-GAEZ coffee suitability and genocide intensity index are both standardized. The data is at the sector level. \*\*\* p<.01, \*\* p<.05, \* p<.1

Table A2: Summary Statistics for Women: DHS Women's Recode

	All		Not Exposed to a mill		Exposed to a mill	
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.
<i>Panel A: Main dependent variables</i>						
Worked in the past 12 months	0.88	0.33	0.88	0.33	0.88	0.32
Worked for cash in the past 12 months	0.39	0.49	0.36	0.48	0.45	0.50
Experienced domestic violence in the past 12 months	0.34	0.47	0.34	0.47	0.37	0.48
<i>Panel B: Controls</i>						
Husband lives in the house	0.88	0.32	0.88	0.32	0.87	0.33
Husband's age	42.64	9.79	42.36	9.81	43.47	9.67
Husband's Occupation: Agricultural	0.70	0.46	0.69	0.46	0.71	0.45
Husband's education in years	4.34	3.75	4.34	3.80	4.34	3.59
Occupation: Agricultural	0.75	0.43	0.74	0.44	0.77	0.42
Marital status: Married	0.74	0.44	0.71	0.45	0.80	0.40
Monogamy (No other wives)	0.89	0.31	0.88	0.32	0.92	0.27
Number of unions: One	0.84	0.37	0.84	0.37	0.85	0.36
Age at first marriage	19.85	3.31	19.73	3.28	20.19	3.38
Years since marriage	16.72	6.45	16.56	6.50	17.21	6.27
Education in years	4.00	3.53	3.90	3.57	4.29	3.40
Muslim	0.02	0.13	0.02	0.14	0.01	0.11
Christian	0.96	0.19	0.96	0.19	0.97	0.17
Has children aged 5 and under	0.75	0.43	0.76	0.43	0.72	0.45
Type of residence: Rural	0.84	0.37	0.83	0.38	0.86	0.35
Household has a radio	0.62	0.49	0.61	0.49	0.63	0.48
Household's main floor material is cement	0.17	0.38	0.17	0.38	0.17	0.38
Household has electricity	0.14	0.34	0.13	0.34	0.15	0.36
Household wealth is above the median	0.51	0.50	0.51	0.50	0.51	0.50
Observations	12300		9209		3091	

Notes: Sample consists of partnered women who married before the expansion of the mills. "Exposed to the mill" represents being in the catchment area of a mill. Catchment area radius is 4 km.

# Summary Stats: DHS - Baseline

Table A3: Summary Statistics for Women based on Treatment Status: 2005 DHS Women's Recode (Before Rapid Expansion/Baseline)

	Never Treated Sector Level		Before Treatment Sector Level	
	Mean	Std. Dev.	Mean	Std. Dev.
<i>Panel A: Main dependent variables</i>				
Worked in the past 12 months	0.83	0.37	0.84	0.36
Worked for cash in the past 12 months	0.18	0.39	0.19	0.40
Experienced domestic violence in the past 12 months	0.22	0.42	0.22	0.41
<i>Panel B: Controls</i>				
Husband lives in the house	0.89	0.31	0.86	0.34
Husband's age	41.03	9.67	41.91	9.55
Husband's Occupation: Agricultural	0.71	0.45	0.82	0.38
Husband's education in years	4.25	3.90	3.66	3.32
Occupation: Agricultural	0.72	0.45	0.79	0.41
Marital status: Married	0.61	0.49	0.70	0.46
Monogamy (No other wives)	0.86	0.34	0.88	0.33
Number of unions: One	0.83	0.37	0.83	0.38
Age at first marriage	19.65	3.36	19.92	3.28
Years since marriage	14.99	6.83	15.53	7.06
Education in years	3.58	3.61	3.58	3.24
Muslim	0.02	0.15	0.02	0.13
Christian	0.96	0.21	0.97	0.17
Has children aged 5 and under	0.85	0.36	0.82	0.38
Type of residence: Rural	0.80	0.40	0.87	0.34
Household has a radio	0.53	0.50	0.54	0.50
Household's main floor material is cement	0.15	0.35	0.10	0.31
Household has electricity	0.07	0.25	0.03	0.16
Household wealth is above the median	0.51	0.50	0.46	0.50
Observations	2348		1123	

*Notes:* Sample consists of partnered women who married before the expansion of the mills. "Treatment" represents a mill opening. Since a mill serves only to its catchment area, after treatment is at the catchment area level rather than the sector level. Catchment area radius is 4 km.

# Balance Check I

Table A11: Balance Check: Within District Approach

	Husband		Women		
	(1) Occupation: Agricultural	(2) Education in Years	(3) Occupation: Agricultural	(4) Education in Years	(5) Civil Marriage
Mill	0.00 (0.02)	0.03 (0.14)	-0.00 (0.02)	0.01 (0.13)	-0.01 (0.02)
Observations	10413	10413	10413	10413	10413
Dependent variable mean	0.69	4.35	0.74	4.03	0.74
	Women		Household		
	(1) Age at: First Marriage	(2) Religion: Christian	(3) Residence: Rural	(4) Cement Floor	(5) Electricity
Mill	0.02 (0.05)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.03 (0.02)	0.01 (0.01)	0.02 (0.01)
Observations	10413	10413	10413	10413	10413
Dependent variable mean	19.89	0.97	0.83	0.18	0.14

*Notes:* Robust standard errors clustered at the sector level are in parentheses. 4 km catchment area is used for the treatment group. Within district approach is used for the control group. The estimates are based on DHS data and estimated with the main specification presented in Section 5.2.1

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# Balance Check II

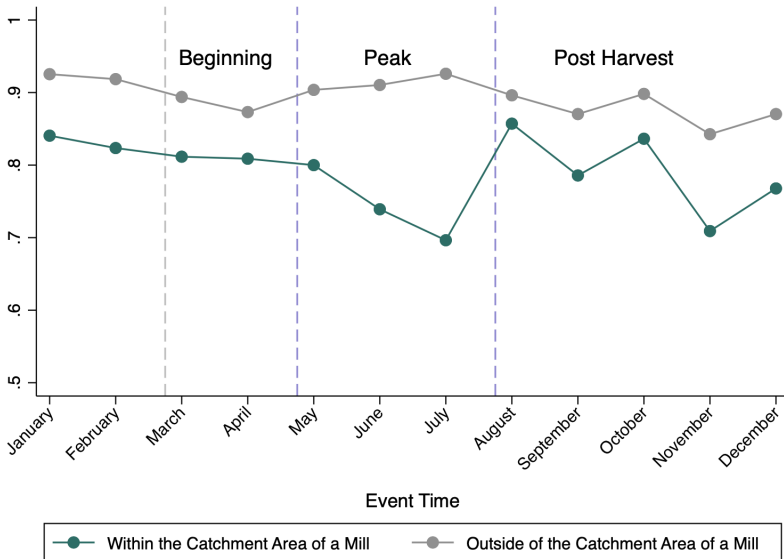
Table A12: Balance Check: Donut Approach

	Husband		Women		
	(1) Occupation: Agricultural	(2) Education in Years	(3) Occupation: Agricultural	(4) Education in Years	(5) Civil Marriage
Mill	-0.01 (0.02)	-0.08 (0.15)	0.01 (0.02)	-0.07 (0.16)	-0.02 (0.02)
Observations	5283	5283	5283	5283	5283
Dependent variable mean	0.68	4.47	0.74	4.40	0.79
	Women		Household		
	(1) Age at: First Marriage	(2) Religion: Christian	(3) Residence: Rural	(4) Cement Floor	(5) Electricity
Mill	0.00 (0.06)	-0.00 (0.01)	0.04 (0.03)	0.01 (0.01)	0.02 (0.01)
Observations	5283	5283	5283	5283	5283
Dependent variable mean	20.16	0.96	0.81	0.21	0.17

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# Summary Stats: HMIS

Results HMIS



	(1) Managers	(2) Sales	(3) Agricultural Self-Employed	(4) Agricultural Employee	(5) Manual Skilled & Unskilled
Mill	0.00 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.02)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.02)
Observations	4962	4962	4962	4962	4962
Dependent variable mean	0.03	0.07	0.75	0.07	0.05

- No change in occupations.

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Mill	0.01 (0.01)	0.03* (0.02)	-0.04 (0.03)	0.00 (0.02)	0.01 (0.03)
Observations	2107	2107	2107	2107	2107
Dependent variable mean	0.05	0.06	0.62	0.07	0.17

- No sorting in agricultural occupations.

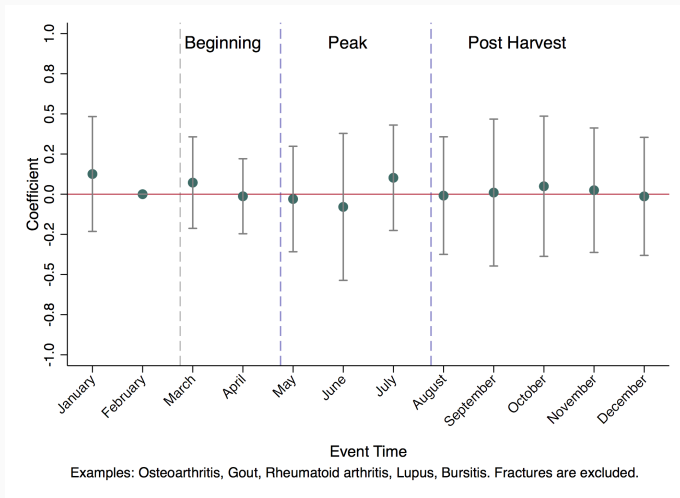
$$Y_{idt} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Mill_{idt} + \mathbf{X}_{it}\phi + \lambda_c + \alpha_d + \gamma_{dt} + (\mathbf{X}_d \times t)\theta + \epsilon_{idt}. \quad (1)$$

- $Y_{idt}$ : Log earnings of woman/husband  $i$ , in district  $d$  and year  $t$ .
- $Mill_{idt}$ : Log of the total number of mills per capita in the district of residence of a woman/husband  $i$  at year  $t$ .
- $\mathbf{X}_{it}$ : Individual controls of the woman and her partner.
- $\lambda_c, \omega_m, \alpha_d, \gamma_{dt}$ : Cohort FE, District FE, District-by-year FE.
- $(\mathbf{X}_d \times t)$ : (Historical number of coffee trees, FAO-GAEZ coffee suitability index)  $\times$  linear time-trends.

## IHS of Women's Last Daily Earnings

	(1) All Sample	(2) Occupation: Agriculture
Log of Mills per capita in the District	3.55*** (0.24)	3.77*** (0.26)
Observations	18176	17375
Dependent variable mean	6.60	6.39

# Placebo Test: Women's Monthly Hospitalizations for non-DV



- No change within the year.

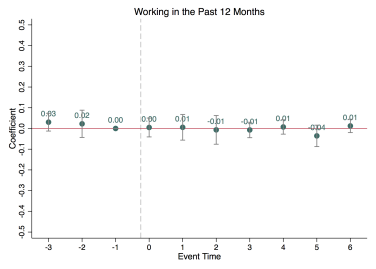
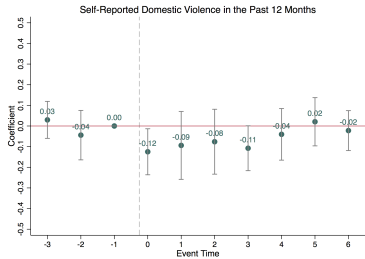
# Mechanisms: Increase in Women's Bargaining Power

BP Mechanism

	Within District			Donut		
	(1) Joint	(2) Wife	(3) Husband	(4) Joint	(5) Wife	(6) Husband
Mill	0.06* (0.03)	-0.04 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.02)	0.06* (0.03)	-0.03 (0.03)	-0.03 (0.02)
Observations	2638	2638	2638	1506	1506	1506
Dependent variable mean	0.87	0.10	0.04	0.88	0.09	0.03

- Making decisions on using contraception jointly with the husband ↑



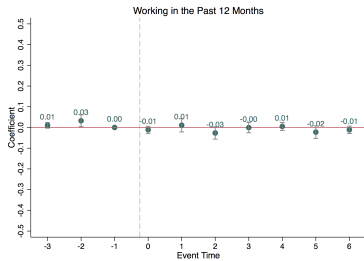
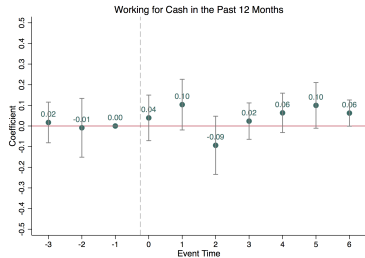
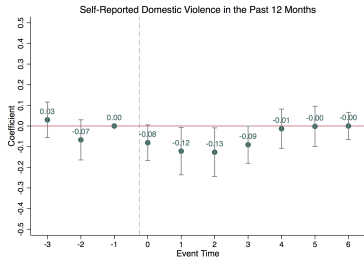


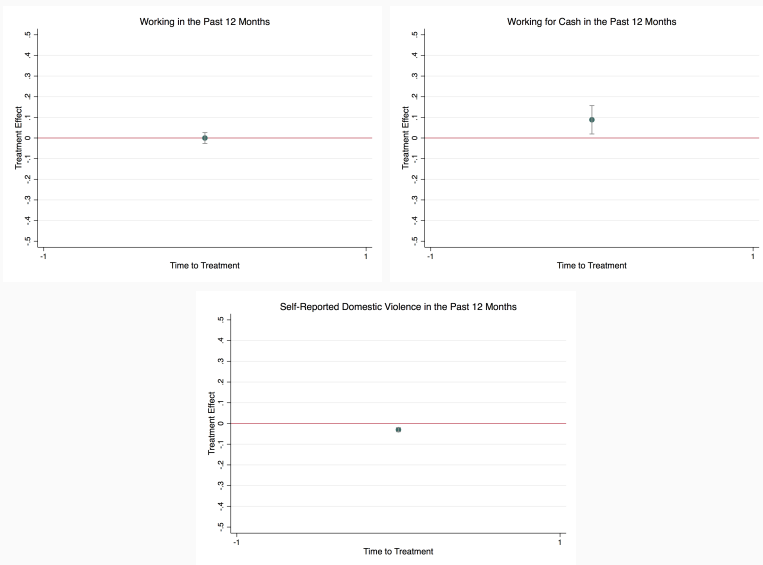
# Placebo Test: Outcome Variables before a Mill Opening

Robustness

	Within District			Donut		
	(1) Work	(2) Cash	(3) Violence	(4) Work	(5) Cash	(6) Violence
Mill	0.02 (0.02)	0.03 (0.03)	0.06 (0.05)	0.01 (0.01)	0.02 (0.04)	0.05 (0.06)
Observations	7314	6455	2651	3533	3534	1494
Dependent variable mean	0.87	0.56	0.34	0.98	0.55	0.35

- Treatment: Women in areas that will receive a mill and become CAs in the upcoming years.
- Control: Outside of the future CAs.
- Falsely assuming that the treatment group is exposed to a mill.
- Outcome variables are balanced across the groups before a mill.





	4 km			5 km			10 km		
	(1) Work	(2) Cash	(3) Violence	(4) Work	(5) Cash	(6) Violence	(7) Work	(8) Cash	(9) Violence
Mill	-0.00 (0.01)	0.06*** (0.02)	-0.09*** (0.03)	-0.01 (0.01)	0.04* (0.02)	-0.06* (0.04)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.04)
Observations	10471	9321	3692	10471	9321	3692	10471	9321	3692
Dependent variable mean	0.87	0.58	0.35	0.87	0.58	0.35	0.87	0.58	0.35

- Buffer radius  $\uparrow$  = Couples who reside in the periphery of the 4 km catchment area are now in the treatment group.
- Effects fade out as buffer radius  $\uparrow$ .

	Within District		
	(1) Work	(2) Cash Work	(3) Domestic Violence
Mill	-0.00 (0.02)	0.06* (0.03)	-0.10* (0.06)
Observations	4804	3614	1579
Dependent variable mean	0.73	0.30	0.34

# Coffee Sorting in a Mill

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# Transportation of harvest within the CA Context







# Harvesting Coffee Cherries

Context

