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### **EDUCATION**

#### University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics, May 2011 Dissertation: Essays on income shocks and health in Ecuador Committee: Alain de Janvry, Elisabeth Sadoulet, Lia Fernald

#### Williams College

B.A. in Economics and Political Science, May 2003

### **PUBLISHED PAPERS OR BOOK CHAPTERS:**

- Roy, S., Hidrobo, M., Hoddinott, J., Koch, B. and Ahmed, A. (2022). Can transfers and complementary nutrition programming reduce intimate partner violence four years post-program? Experimental evidence from Bangladesh. *Journal of Human Resources*, (in press)
- Sessou, E., Hidrobo, M., Huybregts, L., Roy, S. (2022). Schooling impacts of an unconditional cash transfer program in Mali. *IFPRI Discussion Paper* 2139
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- Hidrobo, M., Hoel, J., Wilson, K. (2021). Efficiency and status in polygynous pastoralist households. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 57:2, 326-342.
- Lees, S., Kyegombe N., Diatta, A., Zogrone, A., Roy S., Hidrobo, M. (2021). Intimate Partner Relationships and Gender Norms in Mali: The Scope of Cash Transfers Targeted to Men to Reduce Intimate Partner Violence. *Violence Against Women*, 27(3-4):447-469.
- Ahmed, A., Hidrobo, M., Hoddinott, J., Koch, B., Roy, S., Tauseef, S. (2020). Social protection and sustainable poverty reduction: Experimental evidence from Bangladesh, *IFPRI Discussion Paper*, 01988
- Hidrobo, M., Karachiwala, N., Roy, S. (2020). The Impacts of Cash transfers on Mental Health and Investments: Experimental evidence from Mali. *IFPRI Discussion Paper*, 01989
- Heath, R., Hidrobo, M., Roy, S. (2020). Cash Transfers, Polygamy, and Intimate Partner Violence: Experimental evidence from Mali. *Journal of Development Economics*, 143
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- Valli, E., Peterman, A., Hidrobo, M. (2019). Economic transfers and social cohesion in a refugee hosting setting. *Journal of Development Studies*, 55, p128-146.
- Roy, S., Hidrobo, M., Hoddinott, J., and Ahmed, A. (2019). Transfers, behavior change communication, and intimate partner violence: Post-program evidence from rural Bangladesh. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 101 (5), p.865-877.
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### **WORKING PAPERS:**

- Deyessa, N., Hidrobo, M., Gilligan, D., Kalva, P. (2023). Intimate partner violence and its association with common mental health illnesses in Amhara and the Oromia Regional States
- Alderman, H., Bolton, P., Gilligan, D., Hidrobo, M., Leight, J., Mulford, M., Tambet, H., Verdelid, L., and Workie, A. (2023). The impact of a graduation program with group therapy on depression and psychosocial, economic and health outcomes: Experimental evidence from Ethiopia
- Peterman, A., Dione, M., Le Port, A., Briaux, J., Lamesse, F., Hidrobo, M. (2023). Disclosure of violence against women and girls in Senegal
- Hidrobo, M., Kosec, K., Gartaula, H., Campenhout, B., Carrillo, L. (2022). Making complementary agricultural resources, technologies, and services more gender-responsive
- Dione, M., Hidrobo, M., Heckert, J., Le Port, A., Peterman, A. (2022). Experimental evidence on a multitopic edutainment television series to change health and gender knowledge, attitudes and behaviors in rural Senegal
- Buller, A., Pichon, M., M., Hidrobo, M., Mulford, M., Amare, T., Sintayehu, T., Tadesse, S., Ranganathan, M., (2022). Cash plus programming and intimate partner violence: A qualitative evaluation of the benefits of group-based platforms for delivering activities in support of the Ethiopian government's Productive Safety Net Programme
- Dione, M., Heckert, J., Hidrobo, M., Le Port, A., Peterman, A., Seye, M. (2021). Short-term impacts of an entertainment education series 'C'est la vie!' on young women's knowledge and attitudes in rural Senegal.

- Aker, J., Gilligan, D., Hidrobo, M., Palloni, G., Schick, A., Tambet, H. (2021). Measuring bias in household welfare estimates from survey fatigue.
- Gilligan, D., Hidrobo, M., Palloni, G., Tambet, H. (2021). Mobile Nutrition? Randomized Evidence on the Effectiveness and Distributional Impacts of a Mobile Phone-Based Information Service in Tanzania
- Gilligan, D., Hidrobo, M., Hoddinott, J., Roy, S., Schwab, B. (2014). Much ado about modalities: Multi country experiments on the effects of cash and food transfers on consumption patterns.
- Hidrobo, M. (2014). "Assessing the differential impact of Conditional Cash Transfer programs on Indigenous Peoples based on quantitative studies: The case for Ecuador," in J. Hoddinott, A. Quisumbing, and M. Bustelo. (Eds.), *Enhancing the Effectiveness of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs for Indigenous Peoples*. Washington, DC.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

### International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC

- *Senior Research Fellow*, April 2019-present: projects include evaluating social protection programs in Latin America and West Africa, evaluating agriculture and nutrition programs in West Africa with a focus on gender issues, and evaluating interventions to reduce intimate partner violence.
- *Research Fellow*, May 2013-March 2019: projects include evaluating social protection programs in Latin America and West Africa, evaluating agriculture and nutrition programs in West Africa with a focus on gender issues, and contributing to the 2015 State of Food and Agriculture publication.
- *Postdoctoral Fellow*, August 2011-May 2013: projects include evaluating social protection programs in Latin America and agriculture and nutrition programs in West Africa.

### University of California, Berkeley, CA

- *Research Assistant* for Professor Lia Fernald, 2009-2011: conducted research on topics related to early childhood development and cash transfer programs
- *Research Assistant* for Professor David Levine/Consultant at Yale University for Professor Chris Udry, 2006-2008: designed an evaluation to measure the impact of The Hunger Project (a community empowerment program) in Ghana.
- *Research assistant* for Professor Alix Peterson Zwane, 2005-2006: investigated the competitiveness of wholesale markets for fruits and vegetables in the United States.

### The World Bank, Washington, DC

*Short term consultant*, June-August 2006: provided research and analytical support to project managers working on the World Development Report 2008: Agriculture and Development.

### American Institutes for Research, Washington, DC

*Research Assistant*, 2003-2005: Projects included evaluating the Model Institutes for Excellence (MIE) program; creating and maintaining a database for the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC); and aiding in the creation of national assessment tests (NAEP) in civics and economics.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Graduate Student Instructor for Development Economics (EEP 151/ECON 171 undergraduate) at the University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2007

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

2022 Edutainment to reduce gender-based violence in West Africa, \$300,000 USD 2021 Resilience through social protection and nutrition, \$329,000 USD

2020	Cash Transfer and Intimate Partner Violence Research Collaborative Phase II, \$1,800,000 USD
2018	Cash Transfer and Intimate Partner Violence Research Collaborative, \$737,092 USD
2018	Evaluation of <i>C'est la vie!</i> on gender based violence and sexual and reproductive health, \$1,200,000 USD
2017	Transfers, behavior change communication, and long-term impacts on intimate partner violence, Bangladesh, \$165,000 USD
2016	Impact Evaluation of Mali's Programme de Filets Sociaux Jigisemejiri, Midline and Endline, \$1,217,228 USD
2016	The effects of cash transfers on intrahousehold dynamics and intimate partner violence in Mali, \$165,000 USD
2016	World Bank/SVRI Award for Innovations to Prevent Gender-Based Violence, \$80,000 USD
2016	Impact evaluation of an integrated poultry value chain and nutrition intervention (SE LEVER) in Burkina Faso, \$3,849,993
2014	Impact Evaluation of Mali's Programme de Filets Sociaux Jigisemejiri, Baseline, \$553, 696 USD
2014	Increasing milk production through incentives and savings in dairy value chains in northern Senegal, Strategic Innovation Funds Award, \$200,000 USD
2012	Expanding Lessons from a Randomized Impact Evaluation of Cash and Food Transfers in Ecuador, Timor-Leste, Uganda and Yemen, \$292,964 USD
2010	Dissertation Research Award, Institute of Business and Economics Research (IBER)
2008-2009	Mentored Research Award, University of California, Berkeley
2006	Graduate Student Summer Award, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation

# **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Affiliations:	American Economic Association
Languages:	English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (working knowledge)