

## **SUMMARY**

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My SRO research this summer was on the impact of remittances in Mexico, both internal (from family members in other regions of Mexico) and external (from family members abroad) on health, poverty and expenditure in Mexico. The project has been undertaken for over a year now and I joined the team at a time when large datasets of excellent quality had been worked on extensively and were ready for analysis.

My main project for this summer was to carry out an analysis of the impact of a 1% increase in both internal and external remittances on three different commonly accepted measures of poverty in rural Mexico, I carried out this analysis on two very large datasets – the INEGI national household survey data and the Progresa Oportunadas data which targets only the poorest rural households around Mexico city. I then analyzed the results by year, first on a national basis and next, in the case of the INEGI data on a regional basis.

Besides the analysis of poverty I also carried out a few tasks to help other members of the team. These included – helping to automate the measurement of summary statistics and their export to LaTeX format, researching some economic theory on de-trending and collecting recent research from the internet on topics relevant to the group. Technical skills that were used or learnt over the course of my SRO period were Stata, Excel, and some amount of LaTeX formatting.