

Changes to the RCTR Trial AEARCTR-0004008 "Integrate nutrition education and stimulation parenting interventions into the public health system: evidence from China"

At baseline, we successfully surveyed 1,025 children and their households in March and April, 2019. After the baseline, we randomly assigned the sampled natural villages into the treatment group and the control group as proposed in the RCTR Trial AEARCTR-0004008.

According to the pre-analysis plan of this study, the intervention should have started in May 2019 and lasted for exactly one year. However, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak, Save the Children did not provide intervention from January 24th to April 30th, 2020. To meet the goal of providing the intervention for exactly one year, Save the Children resumed the intervention (bi-weekly home visits and monthly group sessions) on May 8, 2020 and plans to end the intervention on July 31, 2020. By extending the intervention, children in the treatment group will be provided the intervention for 12 months.

Initially, as outlined the pre-analysis plan, we planned to collect end-line data in May or June 2020. Due to COVID-19, the endline survey will start on August 1, 2020 and last for about two weeks.

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