

Job Change and Self-Control of Waste Pickers: Evidence from a Field Experiment in the Philippines

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Abstract

A job was offered to the waste pickers at a dumpsite in the Philippines. Four different types of offer letters are prepared. The offers differed on the incentive scheme of payment and the frequency of paying it. The 112 waste pickers each received one type of the offer. The number of taking up an offer is observed. Those who received the once in three days payment scheme were significantly more likely to take up the offered job compared to the everyday payment. The result is interpreted as an evidence of self-control using a job change by the waste pickers.

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