

# TRAVEL GRANT: IMPACT EVALUATION OF THE RIYADH METRO PROJECT

## Abstract

The Riyadh Metro project is scheduled to launch in 2019 and will dramatically alter Riyadh's urban mobility landscape. We aim to undertake a rigorous impact evaluation of the Riyadh Metro project to understand the project's economic and social impact. This will require focusing on a) overall productivity gains through improved worker-firm matching and b) the distributional impact on marginalized groups including women, the elderly and disabled, and low-income individuals. The project aims to develop a thorough understanding of the links between transport and the labor market by mapping the spatial patterns of commuting, land-use regulations and labor market outcomes.

## Expected Impact

Document the effects of better access to public transport on the labor market participation of disadvantaged groups and the matching of workers and firms. This can lead to a better understanding of the relationship between urban mobility and economic growth in the Kingdom.

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