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Preface

This interim report is based on the first year of a two-year research “Changes in Indian Agricultural Villages: A Microeconomic Analysis” conducted at the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan, for the fiscal years of 2004 - 2005.

During the first year, all of the research participants have visited the rural villages of Andhra Pradesh, India. We have also visited for the first time our research partner, The Mamidipudi Venkatarangaiya Foundation and its residential bridge camp in Alur, Ranga Reddy. The participants have learned that MVF has been a pioneer in liberating child labor in the state of AP, and that wealth factors, a usual suspect in child labor, may not suffice to explain the achievement of MVF activities. This is something economists have yet to formalize in development economics. With a joint research project with MVF, one will be able to study its program effects and the adjustment mechanisms of households who decided to take their children from the work and send to the schools.

In our research project, we collect household panel data before and after the MVF interventions. The Japanese team and MVF have collaborated in searching for a suitable study area. The first round of survey has taken place in February, 2005, by MVF staffs and further rounds will be expected in the next fiscal year. We would like to thank all who have helped and cooperated with the Japanese

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