The Digital Financial Inclusion System Creates Stability For Remittances Which Remain Stable During Worldwide Economic Downturns.

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Abstract
The research investigates how digital financial systems impact the stability of remittances which migrant-sending countries receive when their economies face crisis situations. The analysis employs a panel compiled from Global Findex 2021 the World Development Indicators and the IMF World Economic Outlook although data, from these sources do not consistently align and demand modifications that complicate analysis. The research uses three main estimation techniques which include two-way fixed effects and panel quantile regressions and a dynamic GMM approach to study how digital usage affects sending-country GDP variations. The research demonstrates that digital payment systems which include mobile money platforms enable families to preserve their financial stability when their income becomes unpredictable. The research shows minimal effects which sometimes produce conflicting results yet provides useful information for discussions about economic regulation and disaster resistance in developing nations.
The research includes the following essential terms: Digital financial inclusion, Remittances, Economic downturns, Mobile money, Financial resilience.

INTRODUCTION

In developing nations individuals attempt to utilize digital financial services even though this effort often proceeds intermittently and can be perplexing, for users. International economic changes create unexpected events which result in unstable foreign money receipt for families and thus endanger their financial security. The combination of remittances and partially developed digital platforms creates a situation which remains challenging to understand. Research shows mobile money platforms offer new possibilities yet users face two primary problems because the systems provide unstable service and their user interfaces start with basic simplicity but evolve into complex systems (Brunnermeier et al. 2023).
Digital financial inclusion entails having an account on a device and also demands a degree of trust that the platform will function as anticipated. Evidence from Bangladesh for instance demonstrates that certain migrant families handle their remittance receipts efficiently when digital methods are accessible although this advantage relies on the users familiarity, with the technology and the scheduling of their transfers (Mannan & Farhana 2023). In this regard digital inclusion does not progress in a linear manner. The family

development process moves through time but it will sometimes pause before it continues its progression in an unpredictable manner.

Digital tools which are used with varying degrees of consistency create effects that extend into the overall economic system. Research conducted in China demonstrates that digital financial inclusion creates economic growth in areas which before had no access to traditional banking systems (Liu et al.,2021). The research results fail to explain what occurs to remittance funds when migrant workers working abroad experience economic difficulties.

The idea of this study is to know whether higher levels of digital financial inclusion in the receiving country make remittance flows less dependent on the economic conditions of the sending country. The research investigates digital platforms which enable families to sustain financial stability through their migrant workers who face money problems while working abroad. The research into this connection holds significance for areas which experience repeated outside disruptions because families need to adapt their behavior to new technological developments which create both beneficial and unexpected effects.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Digital Financial Inclusion Trends and Context

Research findings about financial service growth in developing nations show contradictory results which make it challenging for analysts to identify patterns. Extensive data collections such as the Global Findex Database provide insights, on account availability and the use of payments although the figures fluctuate in confusing patterns (World Bank, 2022). Certain households adopt methods solely when they perceive them as straightforward but this is not consistently the case. Digital inclusion often varies due to local customs or economic structures that are more robust in certain areas and less so, in others.

The growth of adoption does not advance uniformly across all nations. Information from the World Development Indicators provides records of account ownership and remittance trends (World Bank, 2024). The trends show different patterns which occur every year. Research data about family involvement which analysts can observe in formal institutions produces different results when researchers conduct their studies. The statistics show both positive developments and ongoing difficulties which create difficulties in understanding the current situation.

The IMF World Economic Outlook database outlines output fluctuations, in both less affluent nations (IMF, 2024). These fluctuations impact migrant laborers who adjust to income variations overseas and remittances might decline or fluctuate unpredictably during downturns. Digital financial inclusion plays a role in managing these shifts although the link is not well defined and likely needs more detailed investigation since the association is not straightforward.

Links Between Remittances, Financial Systems, and Digital Tools

Research on remittances from the past shows that international money transfers enable families to enter financial markets yet scientists have not identified the specific mechanisms at work. Research conducted in Central America and Mexico demonstrates

that families who receive remittances establish bank relationships and institutional interactions although they face ongoing challenges which remain difficult to understand. The research by Anzoategui et al. 2014; Aggarwal et al. 2011; Demirgüç-Kunt et al.,2011). The concept is that remittances bring families nearer, to formal structures although trust and accessibility influence all aspects and cause the process to be inconsistent.

Research studies show that remittances generate security risks for nations which accept these funds. Research conducted in different nations shows that families who depend on foreign worker earnings face unpredictable financial security because of worldwide economic market changes (Bettin et al. 2017). Digital technologies show potential to help but their effects on different situations remain uncertain because they produce different outcomes in various domains. The unpredictable nature of tool performance makes it impossible to solve this problem which remains unclear.

Research studies about economic effects on long-term periods show that remittances create positive effects for the development of domestic financial systems (Giuliano & Ruiz-Arranz, 2009). Households which use mobile platforms together with their existing traditional remittance methods will experience varying results from their financial transactions. People use digital technology based on their individual patterns of digital behavior which sometimes occur randomly. Research into digital systems demonstrates that digital transformation generates various points of contact between money transfer services.

Research conducted on BRICS nations demonstrates that digital transformation creates varying impacts on remittances which depend on both the economic status of a country and its institutional authority (Emara & Zhang 2021). Consequently it is difficult to assert a predictable result, for all areas.

Research conducted in East Africa reveals a perspective. Research conducted in Kenya shows digital lending platforms help families deal with unexpected events yet their success depends on how families borrow money and the stability of lending platforms at that time (Suri et al.,2021). The mobile money system in Uganda enables households to improve their financial situation through remittances but only when people trust the system and use it frequently (Munyegera & Matsumoto 2016). The examples show some benefits but they do not provide enough details which makes it difficult to understand the situation fully.

New Approaches on Digital Inclusion, Remittances, and Macro Conditions

Research conducted during the current period demonstrates that platform interoperability technology would enhance digital access yet different countries keep their financial systems independent which blocks their economic growth (Brunnermeier et al. 2023). These challenges influence the ways individuals transfer, save and handle funds for families reliant, on remittances.

Research conducted in Bangladesh shows that families who use tools for remittance management will gain better control but this depends on their digital technology skills (Mannan & Farhana 2023). The research findings show different results between areas which have adopted digital technology and areas which have not adopted digital technology.

Research conducted in China has delivered new information about this subject. Research indicates digital inclusion enables economic growth in regions which previously operated

without established payment systems but it does not explain how remittance flows react when sending nations experience economic decline (Liu et al.,2021; Ahmad et al.,2021; Ozturk & Ullah, 2022). The current research needs additional study because its findings about remittance stability fail to link different studies together while producing conflicting results.

Digital Inclusion, Household Behavior, and Macro Shocks

Research about household behavior patterns demonstrates that digital tools create unpredictable interactions with family planning processes for dealing with unpredictable situations. The Work from Uganda organization shows that mobile technology allows families to manage their restricted financial resources but their success depends on their mobile usage and the current network stability which affects their daily operations (Munyegera & Matsumoto, 2016).

Certain outcomes seem beneficial complicating the task of generalization. The research conducted in Latin America provides restricted knowledge about this topic. The flow of remittances into Mexico could lead to higher banking service usage but banks face major obstacles which extend the time needed for this process (Demirgüç-Kunt et al. 2011). Digital inclusion requires users to develop trust in the system while they must have reliable network access and operational system functionality. The absence of these essential elements makes households hesitant to adopt which results in a slow or complete stop of adoption progress.

The World Bank provides worldwide statistics which show how account ownership and digital payment activities and remittance transactions have evolved (World Bank, 2024). The current situation shows digital inclusion growth during periods of economic stability yet it experiences decline when the economy faces difficult times. This fluctuating link between cycles and digital utilization influences household responses, to international shocks. The research needs to determine how digital payment tools affect remittance stability because these financial transactions experience high volatility when sending countries experience economic challenges.

RESEARCH METHODS

Data Sources and General Approach

The research utilizes secondary datasets revealing diverse trends related to digital financial inclusion, remittances and macroeconomic factors though the data can occasionally seem inconsistent among countries. The model needs a basic structure which prevents the creation of complex tracking systems for digital tools and remittances because it operates in unstable global market conditions. The data sources come from organizations which use similar data presentation methods but the data contains abnormal values and unexpected peaks which need thorough analysis.

Three datasets are employed despite their lack of integration. The Global Findex provides data on account ownership or digital transactions. The numbers in its data points tend to shift at a slow pace. The World Development Indicators offer time series on remittances, income and population although numerous values do not align perfectly when compared between nations. The IMF database records economic output fluctuations in countries where migrants are employed. Scientists encounter difficulties when they need to analyze

their data because research patterns create obstacles for their work. The three sources produce a dataset which shows how each nation presents remittance data alongside digital technology information and macroeconomic cycle statistics although the data points do not match perfectly and sometimes appear rough.

The data needs to undergo cleaning procedures before any model becomes visible. The system shows missing values and strange entries which would become worse if we chose to delete all data. Basic averages enable data replacement of missing values but they fail to address the core issues which affect the data. The data contains outliers because these observations represent actual events which include both crisis situations and rare financial inflows. The method creates an equal data distribution which maintains the original patterns in the data instead of creating artificial uniformity.

Variable Construction and Model Structure

The Findex dataset enables digital inclusion measurement through its payment and digital account indicators which provide quantitative data. These indicators are expressed in percentages and fluctuate irregularly over the years. Despite its simplicity this measure reveals how individuals engage with these platforms. The remittance variable uses the ratio of remittances to GDP as its measurement approach to determine how these financial transfers affect national economic performance. Regarding cycles the IMF data reflects variations, in migrants workplaces with these changes exhibiting diverse patterns. The primary model employs a panel framework allowing each country to be observed times over different periods. This approach aids in understanding how domestic changes within a country may be connected to variations, in remittances. The baseline model contains fixed effects which maintain constant elements that appear in both geographical characteristics and traditional practices. Year effects identify situations where all countries face identical circumstances at the same time. The model avoids complexity. Offers a straightforward method to monitor recurring trends.

The research aims to establish if digital platforms reduce the volatility of remittances which occurs during economic downturns. Researches can analyze how digital access affects the magnitude of remittance decreases which happen during crises by using remittance and digital access data. The framework contains its fundamental building blocks which form its structure. Scientists can use the method to test their hypotheses through its established procedure yet it generates results with some degree of uncertainty.

Estimation Procedure and Robustness Steps

A conventional fixed effects estimator accompanied by standard errors is utilized to execute the baseline model. This approach handles outliers, among countries effectively though it continues to face challenges when data are erratic. The system operates within acceptable limits because it contains panels and shows different performance levels. The system produces different versions through this setup which either changes the error system or removes specific data points. The research investigates whether the interaction term maintains a consistent pattern without requiring any particular statistical methods.

The fundamental dynamic model contains a time-based delay which affects the remittance variable. The measurement indicates the duration which past remittance amounts need to exist before their effects start showing up in current value measurements. If the lag is significant remittance flows could exhibit persistence. The

digital inclusion factor produces financial stability through its data patterns but researchers need to exercise caution when working with this data because its patterns tend to shift.

The study also performs typical stability checks. The analysis includes three methods to handle missing data which involve removing countries with extensive missing observations and testing various time periods and different digital inclusion measurement approaches. The research verifies whether the main results depend too heavily on these variables.

Model Equations and Simple Analytical Setup

The main concept uses a panel framework which shows how digital inclusion and external economic cycles affect remittances. The model shows a basic structure according to theory but it demonstrates how the system develops through time. The fundamental equation is expressed as:

$Remit_{it} = \alpha_i + \lambda_t + \beta_1 Digital_{it} + \beta_2 Cycle_t + \beta_3 (Digital_{it} \times Cycle_t) + \varepsilon_{it}^*$.

This framework maintains customs via α_i and international trends through λ_t. Although the equation appears straightforward the data continue to exhibit patterns hence the outcomes should be interpreted carefully.

An additional equation incorporates one lag for remittances since these transfers might not vary rapidly from year, to year. The method generates a model which appears as follows:

$Remit_{it} = \delta Remit_{it-1} + \beta_1 Digital_{it} + \beta_2 Cycle_t + \beta_3 (Digital_{it} \times Cycle_t) + \alpha_i + \lambda_t + u_{it}$. The equation demonstrates remittance patterns through its application of lag terms. The high δ value shows that previous data points have a strong influence on the current measurement values. Digital inclusion could impact this dynamic although the pattern is not consistently uniform, across nations.

A concluding formula evaluates whether digital inclusion follows a -linear trend. To achieve this the model incorporates a digital use term resulting in a structure such, as:

The model includes the following variables: $Remit_{it} = \alpha_i + \lambda_t + \gamma_1 Digital_{it} + \gamma_2 (Digital_{it}^2) + \gamma_3 Cycle_t + \gamma_4 (Digital_{it} \times Cycle_t)$. E_{it}. The modification helps determine when digital tools produce significant effects which exceed a specific point of measurement. The model uses its functionality to study digital inclusion development patterns instead of looking for any non-linear patterns in growth.

RESULTS

The first analysis of the data set showed irregularities because digital metrics showed steady changes but remittances experienced major fluctuations which became most pronounced during times of foreign economic downturns. The data contains two separate patterns because remittance payments create abrupt changes which disrupt the data structure yet digital patterns between years demonstrate minimal and consistent variation. The descriptive statistics provide me with some understanding about the current situation. The measurement results show wide variation without any recognizable pattern. The operational systems which countries use create permanent distinctions which become visible through the analysis of basic summary data.

Table 1: Descriptive Snapshot.

Variable	Mean	Std. Dev	Min	Max	Obs
Remittances (% GDP)	5.2	6.8	0.1	38.4	780
Digital Index	0.41	0.22	0.03	0.92	640
Foreign Cycle	2.1	3.6	-8.4	11.2	820
GDP per Capita (USD)	5,48	6,21	480	28,9	780

The descriptions reveal mostly shifting market values but the digital index demonstrates only slight changes during this time span. The foreign cycle progresses in increments, which appears linked to the fact that global circumstances shift more rapidly than household conditions. The economic performance of different countries produces varying per capita economic results because their GDP levels and population numbers differ from each other. These factors contribute to the impression that digital indicators evolve gradually and remittances fluctuate when external conditions are volatile.

The following section examines correlations but it does not present any findings. It is more an exploration of movement patterns. The relationship between inclusion and remittances shows no evidence of existence yet the foreign cycle shows a significant negative pattern. This aligns with the notion that workers' earnings decrease when the foreign factor declines. The direct link between status and remittances, in this straightforward way proves uninformative so more complex models are needed to determine if any clearer structure emerges.

Table 2: Correlation Matrix.

Variable	Remittances	Digital Incl.	Foreign Cycle	GDP pc
Remittances	1.00	0.11	-0.42	-0.18
Digital Incl.	0.11	1.00	0.05	0.33
Foreign Cycle	-0.42	0.05	1.00	0.21
GDP pc	-0.18	0.33	0.21	1.00

The data indicates that foreign exchange market negative cycles lead to decreased remittances but digital performance metrics show no correlation. GDP per capita shows some relation with digital levels, maybe because higher income countries adopt digital. Nothing in these simple numbers becomes a stable message. Because of this, the panel model becomes necessary, mostly to quiet down the noise and to look at movements inside each country.

The fixed effects model attempts to control for internal factors which exist within each country. The limited number of digital inclusion data points does not generate useful information about remittances. The foreign cycle shows negative trends which appear typical because migrant workers reduce their remittances when international conditions deteriorate. The interaction term becomes the most important part here, showing positive.

Table 3: Fixed Effects Model.

Variable	Coef	Std. Err	t
Digital Inclusion	0.04	0.06	0.67
Foreign Cycle	-0.31	0.08	-3.87
Digital × Cycle	0.22	0.07	3.14
GDP per Capita	-0.05	0.02	-2.49
Constant	4.10	0.40	10.24
Country FE	Yes	—	—
Year FE	Yes	—	—

The study shows that foreign currency changes decrease remittance amounts but digital performance indicators do not show any connection between payment decreases and these changes. The adoption rate demonstrates some connection to GDP per capita because countries with higher economic power begin their digital technology implementation through their first adoption. The fundamental numerical information does not lead to any conclusive finding. Consequently the panel model is required, primarily to reduce the noise and to examine variations, within each country.

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Table 4: Dynamic Model.

Variable	Coef	Std. Err	t
Lag Remittances	0.57	0.05	11.40
Digital Inclusion	0.03	0.05	0.56
Foreign Cycle	-0.28	0.07	-4.00
Digital × Cycle	0.19	0.06	3.03
Constant	3.90	0.38	10.26
Country FE	Yes	—	—
Year FE	Yes	—	—

The non-linear analysis investigates how digital inclusion behaves when moving from one range to another. The model produces positive results from its squared term which shows that digital tools will become vital for nations when they achieve a specific level of development. The digital presence of certain areas does not create any observable benefits but areas with medium digital engagement levels show a less severe decline. Organizations need to dedicate time for digital framework implementation to perform required adjustments which will lead to their desired results.

An additional test eliminates outliers to determine if the primary conclusion fails. The interaction term shows a positive relationship although its strength has decreased. The

concept exists independently from the occurrence of unusual events. The trend shows a stable moderate pattern which appears in all different model configurations. The stability of remittances depends on present national infrastructure because nations with robust payment systems maintain more stable exchange rates than countries which lack advanced digital payment systems.

The research concludes by separating the study participants into two groups which include nations that have digital presence and those that have limited digital presence. Digital countries exhibit nearly no effect whereas mid-digital countries display somewhat more gradual patterns. Digital systems need trust systems and operational networks to deliver their intended benefits according to this concept.

The last selection creates a message which keeps its soft and delicate tone. The digital inclusion system fails to provide meaningful benefits for remittances and economic stability because it does not help foreign economies which experience collapses. The impact of this trend depends on how people in different countries use technology and their digital skills and their environmental conditions which show significant differences yet the movement indicates digital systems provide some protection for families facing worldwide economic disruptions.

Implications of the Results

The findings indicate a role for inclusion that is modest but present during volatile external phases. Certain nations with digital advancement tend to experience less decline, in remittances when migrants overseas encounter financial difficulties although this trend is not always clearly defined. The research shows that families can handle unexpected events through infrastructure development yet they struggle to access support services because these services remain difficult to find. The impact functions operate as a buffer which absorbs some of the pressure but fails to solve the problem.

The entire area remains exposed without any discovery of remaining evidence. The economic systems which manage money transfers become unstable because families lose their ability to handle financial changes which results in decreased remittances to these areas. The problem continues to exist because users need dependable network access and system functionality to achieve their goals. Digital initiatives require essential elements which need to meet specific prerequisites to reach their intended goals. Provide minimal assistance in difficult times.

Organizations need to develop their strategic plans for upcoming business activities during this third effect. The research shows that countries need to build their basic digital framework to create new paths for money transfers. The digital channels fail to provide any significant benefits to houses until that specific moment. The government needs to establish digital competencies at the local level before they can enhance public trust and minimize digital access expenses and create basic digital systems which function properly in standard operating environments. The development of these components will assist families to handle worldwide economic disruptions because of their enhanced capabilities.

DISCUSSION

Digital Strength as a Soft Stabilizer

The research shows digital inclusion functions as a stabilizing element yet its reach remains restricted and scientists encounter difficulties when they try to analyze its effects.

Digital infrastructure of nations reduces remittance declines because digital systems let families manage international economic downturns. It doesn't fundamentally change the circumstances. The assistance seems slight yet it is evident, in multiple instances. The system benefits from digital solutions because they simplify operations instead of creating fundamental changes to the system.

The situation includes a reduction in money transfers which people send to each other. International crises no longer affect household financial activities because people now use platforms at such a rapid speed. However this is not the case in nations, with unreliable digital infrastructure as the networks fail or are too expensive. The stabilizing effect depends on small components which show substantial differences.

The third evidence demonstrates that digital inclusion achieves its best results through proper operation of existing local infrastructure systems. Digital payment systems need banks to stay operational at all times and telecommunications networks to function steadily because system failures in either sector would make these payment methods unusable. The robustness of solutions appears to depend on the coordination of many small elements rather, than a single large solution. Nations which implement these elements achieve successful management of remittance adjustments when international crises occur.

The effects of climate change on agriculture vary significantly between different regions of the United States.

The findings also indicate that digital tools are ineffective. The digital access of certain areas leads to unstable remittance flows because international economic downturns create dangers for families who receive money transfers. Merely having digital accounts doesn't solve the issue because users continue to encounter delays, unreliable connections and complicated procedures. The system remains unstable because it does not have reliable functionality.

Different nations use their own distinct methods to advance their digital development. In environments reductions in remittances are less pronounced and families have increased opportunities to transfer or save funds despite lower incomes from migrants overseas. Although digital technologies do not address every issue they ease difficulties somewhat during times. The difference, between mid-level countries underscores the significance of custom, confidence and local knowledge.

People from various social classes use technology differently because their surroundings affect their technology usage which produces different technological results for each group. The adoption of digital technology faces barriers because different nations display either protective digital practices or established community structures. Remittances show different reactions to worldwide stress because of various social elements which affect their behavior. The local operating conditions of digital programs require specific design approaches because they present unique characteristics.

Role of Digital Habits and Long-Term Prospects

The findings indicate that digital behaviors appear to influence remittance flows in ways when under pressure though the trend is not distinct. Users who work with technology systems while developing trust with these systems will notice positive changes which emerge through small yet important system changes. The digital growth pattern shows no immediate results until households reach a moderate level which leads to better

outcome stability. This suggests that digital policies require development nurtured over time and, with patience as quick actions do not establish routines.

People need to handle their daily financial activities differently because tools create new factors which affect their money management. Families that send or receive funds via platforms that generally function consistently tend to establish recurring patterns. The established patterns function to minimize disruptions which emerge when worldwide economic recessions take place. People develop their resilience through time by practicing these habits which do not follow a straight path. Though the impact is minor it is significant for households relying on remittances, for income.

Users need to trust reliable systems which support sustainable digital progress through proper planning. Digital initiatives fail to reach users because network accessibility remains out of reach for most people at affordable prices with easy-to-use platforms which results in user dissatisfaction. The system enables remittance transfer operations through its enhanced functionality which helps migrant workers who face outside obstacles. The research demonstrates that digital inclusion serves as a solution which solves various current problems.

The research shows digital inclusion allows people to continue sending money through remittances during economic downturns yet its effects remain limited because of unstable domestic elements. Digital infrastructure operates in stable nations but these countries face economic risks because they impose digital restrictions on their citizens. The success of families who receive remittances depends on their digital activities and their sense of self-assurance and their operational systems which need to develop first before any new programs can be implemented. The research shows that digital infrastructure development allows families to get restricted economic advantages when international markets face instability.

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