

Promoting Peace Amid Intergroup Conflict: An Intergroup Contact Field Experiment in Nigeria_Supplementary Information

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Appendix A: Randomization Inference and Bootstrapping

Randomization inference and bootstrapping are nonparametric methods to generate p -values (randomization inference) and confidence intervals (bootstrapping). With *randomization inference*, we first shuffle the treatment variable to break the relationship between treatment and outcomes. Next we regress outcomes on treatment using our regression equation and store the resulting coefficient. Lastly, we repeat that process 10,000 times to create the distribution of coefficients we would observe if treatment had no effect on outcomes – the null hypothesis. Our p -value is the proportion of the null distribution that is greater than or equal to our observed coefficient.

Bootstrapping for standard errors is similar, but instead of shuffling the treatment indicator we resample units with replacement. By resampling with replacement, we create the empirical distribution of our data and the range of possible treatment effects we might observe if we repeated the experiment 10,000 times. The treatment effect at the 2.5th percentile and at the 97.5th percentile are equivalent to a 95% confidence interval [efron1994introduction].

In each of these procedures, we mimic our randomization process by randomizing/resampling the intervention to communities in site-level clusters and within state blocks. This means that both communities in an implementation site (farmers and pastoralists) will always be treated/sampled together and that assignment to the intervention and resampling are conducted separately in Nassarawa and Benue, just as the intervention was assigned in this study. This procedure ensures that our null distribution (for p -values) is created by randomizing the intervention between exchangeable units and that our empirical distribution (for confidence intervals) is created by resampling units as they were sampled.

Appendix B: Robustness checks for community analysis

These tables shows results with different ways of making indices (additive vs inverse-covariance weighted), different models for estimating effects (differencing vs controlling-for), and different ways of coding count variables (raw vs ranked). Each table is an outcome. Rows are results for different ways of creating the outcomes. Columns show the coefficient from OLS regression, true p -value from randomization inference, and a binary “base” indicator showing which method was used in the paper.

The base method is always inverse-covariance weighted indices; the estimation method is controlling-for unless the baseline difference between the treatment and control groups is 0.20 standard deviations or more; the base method of handling count variables is dense rank. Only contact outcomes use count variables, only survey outcomes have a baseline and an endline and are measured with indices.

Table 1: **Community Attitudes.** Effect of ECPN on attitudes using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Controlling-for & ICW	0.116	0.045	1
Controlling-for & Additive	0.093	0.038	0
Differencing & ICW	0.100	0.145	0
Differencing & Additive	0.073	0.116	0

Table 2: **Community Perceptions of Security** Effect of ECPN on perceptions of security using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Controlling-for & ICW	0.098	0.032	0
Controlling-for & Additive	-0.010	0.593	0
Differencing & ICW	0.159	0.020	1
Differencing & Additive	0.054	0.213	0

Table 3: **Community Contact** Effect of ECPN on contact using alternative methods of estimation, index construction, and measuring count variables. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Controlling-for & ICW & Ranks	0.013	0.424	0
Controlling-for & Additive & Ranks	0.003	0.422	0
Differencing & ICW & Ranks	0.138	0.060	1
Differencing & Additive & Ranks	0.015	0.182	0
Controlling-for & ICW & Categories	0.017	0.377	0
Controlling-for & ICW & Raw	-0.020	0.602	0
Differencing & ICW & Categories	0.120	0.064	0
Differencing & ICW & Raw	0.071	0.207	0

Table 4: **Community Contact Willingness (Percent Experiment)** Effect of ECPN on willingness to have contact with the outgroup using alternative methods of estimation. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Controlling-for	0.093	0.051	0
Differencing	0.062	0.239	1

Table 5: **Community Endorsement Experiment** Effect of ECPN on endorsement experiment using alternative methods of estimation. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Controlling-for	0.103	0.158	0
Differencing	0.123	0.212	1

Table 6: **Community Public Goods Game** Effect of ECPN on probability of donating and on donation amount. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression and the second column shows p -values from randomization inference.

	coefficient	p-value
Donation (binary)	0.022	0.294
Donation amount	-35.124	0.852

Appendix C: Robustness checks for individual analysis

These tables shows results with different ways of making indices (additive vs inverse-covariance weighted), different models for estimating effects (differencing vs controlling-for), and different ways of coding count variables (raw vs ranked). Each table is an outcome. Rows are results for different ways of creating the outcomes. Columns show the coefficient from OLS regression, true p -value from randomization inference, and a binary “base” indicator showing which method was used in the paper.

The base method is always inverse-covariance weighted indices; the estimation method is controlling-for unless the baseline difference between the participants and control groups is 0.20 standard deviations or more; the base method of handling count variables is dense rank. Only contact outcomes use count variables, only survey outcomes have a baseline and an endline and are measured with indices.

Table 7: **Individual Attitudes.** Effect of ECPN on attitudes using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Non: Controlling-for & ICW	0.031	0.264	0
Part: Controlling-for & ICW	0.058	0.129	0
Non: Controlling-for & Additive	0.154	0.202	0
Part: Controlling-for & Additive	0.269	0.081	0
Non: Differencing & ICW	0.054	0.130	1
Part: Differencing & ICW	0.060	0.130	1
Non: Differencing & Additive	0.183	0.144	0
Part: Differencing & Additive	0.296	0.049	0

Table 8: **Individual Perceptions of Security** Effect of ECPN on perceptions of security using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Non: Controlling-for & ICW	-0.022	0.681	0
Part: Controlling-for & ICW	-0.024	0.675	0
Non: Controlling-for & Additive	0.015	0.467	0
Part: Controlling-for & Additive	-0.007	0.540	0
Non: Differencing & ICW	0.045	0.178	1
Part: Differencing & ICW	0.050	0.186	1
Non: Differencing & Additive	0.083	0.244	0
Part: Differencing & Additive	0.146	0.123	0

Table 9: **Individual Contact** Effect of ECPN on contact using alternative methods of estimation, index construction, and measuring count variables. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Non: Controlling-for & ICW & Ranks	-0.029	0.735	0
Part: Controlling-for & ICW & Ranks	0.062	0.094	0
Non: Controlling-for & Additive & Ranks	-0.024	0.771	0
Part: Controlling-for & Additive & Ranks	0.041	0.094	0
Non: Differencing & ICW & Ranks	0.002	0.492	1
Part: Differencing & ICW & Ranks	0.098	0.018	1
Non: Differencing & Additive & Ranks	-0.005	0.580	0
Part: Differencing & Additive & Ranks	0.063	0.017	0
Non: Controlling-for & ICW & Categories	-0.045	0.764	0
Part: Controlling-for & ICW & Categories	0.063	0.203	0
Non: Controlling-for & ICW & Raw	-0.023	0.737	0
Part: Controlling-for & ICW & Raw	0.044	0.126	0
Non: Differencing & ICW & Categories	0.017	0.407	0
Part: Differencing & ICW & Categories	0.130	0.029	0
Non: Differencing & ICW & Raw	-0.002	0.531	0
Part: Differencing & ICW & Raw	0.066	0.025	0

Table 10: **Individual Public Goods Game** Effect of ECPN on probability of donating and on donation amount. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression and the second column shows p -values from randomization inference.

	coefficient	p-value
Non: Donation (binary)	0.050	0.081
Part: Donation (binary)	0.020	0.295
Non: Donation amount	-27.023	0.743
Part: Donation amount	-53.740	0.875

Appendix D: Balance Tests

Table 11: **Balance: Observational Data All Outcomes**

	Control.strat	Treatment.strat	adj.diff.strat	adj.diff.null.sd.strat	std.diff.strat
Pastoralists_index_rank_events	35.415	25.141	-10.275	12.377	-0.585
Farmers_index_rank_events	32.978	36.182	3.204	7.104	0.303
Pastoralists_index_rank_markets	25.458	14.151	-11.308	6.576	-1.375
Farmers_index_rank_markets	24.417	25.250	0.834	5.699	0.101

Table 12: **Balance: Observational Data Omnibus P-value**

	chisquare	df	p.value
strat	6.494	4	0.165

Table 13: **Balance: Survey Data All Outcomes**

	Control.strat	Treatment.strat	adj.diff.strat	adj.diff.null.sd.strat	std.diff.strat
Baseline_Attitudes	0.542	0.566	0.023	0.065	0.098
Baseline_Perceptions_of_Security	-0.459	-0.537	-0.079	0.071	-0.246
Baseline_Contact	0.496	0.336	-0.159	0.104	-0.585
Baseline_Percent_Experiment	0.443	0.474	0.031	0.056	0.206
Baseline_Endorsement_Experiment	-0.212	-0.250	-0.038	0.169	-0.067

Table 14: **Balance: Survey Data Omnibus P-value**

	chisquare	df	p.value
strat	6.302	5	0.278

Appendix E: Placebo tests

Several of our outcomes are survey self-reports, and self-reports could be affected by factors other than the intervention. For example, our survey results are suspect if respondents in treatment communities learned the “correct” answers better than respondents in control communities (social desirability bias). If social desirability accounts for the effect in survey self-reports, we would also expect differences between treatment and control for other normatively desirable attitudes.

To test social desirability effects, we conduct a placebo analysis using attitudes about violence as a placebo. Attitudes about violence are a good candidate for this placebo because intergroup contact should not affect general attitudes about violence, but respondents may feel social pressure to answer violence questions in a desirable way. We measure attitudes about violence with a six question index asking respondents if it is always, sometimes, rarely, or never justified to use violence in certain situations, such as retaliating against violence or bringing criminals to justice.

Respondents in treatment communities might also express more positive attitudes towards the outgroup if attitudes were becoming more tolerant in treatment villages in a way that was unrelated to the intervention. If attitudes towards any outgroup were becoming more tolerant in treatment communities compared to control communities, we would expect attitudes towards religious outgroups to improve more in treatment communities than control communities. The contact intervention should not affect attitudes towards people from other religions because the farmers and pastoralists are often the same religion.

Respondents in treatment communities also might have had better access to information, and that information changed their attitudes/perceptions. To measure access to information, we use frequency of radio listening. If the treatment communities increased their amount of radio listening significantly more than control communities, it is possible their attitudes/perceptions changed due to information and not the contact intervention.

Coefficients come from OLS regression equation specified in the paper (using state-level blocked fixed effects). P-values come from the randomization inference described in the paper and in Appendix A; they are one-sided “greater-than” p-values. The base method used in the paper always constructs indices using inverse-covariance weighting; it uses the controlling-for method of difference-in-differences estimation when an outcome’s baseline difference between treatment and control is less than 0.20 standard deviations; it uses the differencing method when the baseline difference is 0.20 standard deviations or larger.

Community.

Table 15: **Community Placebo: Attitudes towards violence index.** Effect of ECPN on placebo outcome using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows *p*-values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Controlling-for & ICW	0.010	0.466	0
Controlling-for & Additive	0.004	0.441	0
Differencing & ICW	-0.067	0.687	1
Differencing & Additive	-0.027	0.679	0

Table 16: **Community Placebo: Components of violence index.** Effect of ECPN on components of placebo index (attitudes towards violence) using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows *p*-values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Bring criminals to justice: Controlling-for	0.034	0.252	0
Bring criminals to justice: Differencing	-0.092	0.792	1
Defend ones group: Controlling-for	-0.026	0.659	1
Defend ones group: Differencing	-0.026	0.663	0
Defend ones religion: Controlling-for	-0.031	0.662	1
Defend ones religion: Differencing	-0.031	0.671	0
Force the government to change their policies: Controlling-for	0.004	0.436	1
Force the government to change their policies: Differencing	-0.012	0.640	0
Maintain culture and traditions: Controlling-for	-0.004	0.558	1
Maintain culture and traditions: Differencing	-0.011	0.585	0
Retaliate against violence: Controlling-for	-0.007	0.658	1
Retaliate against violence: Differencing	0.011	0.387	0

Table 17: **Community Placebo: Trust towards religious outgroups.** Effect of ECPN on placebo outcome using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Controlling-for	0.017	0.349	1
Differencing	-0.002	0.519	0

Table 18: **Community Placebo: Radio listening frequency.** Effect of ECPN on placebo outcome using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Controlling-for	0.021	0.430	1
Differencing	0.021	0.441	0

Individual

Table 19: **Individual Placebo: Attitudes towards violence index.** Effect of ECPN on placebo outcome using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Non: Controlling-for & ICW	-0.057	0.801	0
Part: Controlling-for & ICW	0.013	0.413	0
Non: Controlling-for & Additive	-0.163	0.770	0
Part: Controlling-for & Additive	0.022	0.441	0
Non: Differencing & ICW	-0.033	0.642	1
Part: Differencing & ICW	-0.016	0.549	1
Non: Differencing & Additive	-0.058	0.580	0
Part: Differencing & Additive	-0.023	0.508	0

Table 20: **Individual Placebo: Components of violence index.** Effect of ECPN on components of placebo index (attitudes towards violence) using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Non: Bring criminals to justice: Controlling-for	-0.154	0.680	0
Part: Bring criminals to justice: Controlling-for	-0.031	0.535	0
Non: Bring criminals to justice: Differencing	-0.292	0.813	1
Part: Bring criminals to justice: Differencing	-0.494	0.933	1
Non: Defend ones group: Controlling-for	-0.078	0.616	1
Part: Defend ones group: Controlling-for	0.039	0.440	1
Non: Defend ones group: Differencing	0.034	0.447	0
Part: Defend ones group: Differencing	-0.021	0.525	0
Non: Defend ones religion: Controlling-for	-0.250	0.892	1
Part: Defend ones religion: Controlling-for	0.141	0.276	1
Non: Defend ones religion: Differencing	-0.143	0.726	0
Part: Defend ones religion: Differencing	0.067	0.378	0
Non: Force the government to change their policies: Controlling-for	-0.227	0.781	1
Part: Force the government to change their policies: Controlling-for	0.031	0.457	1
Non: Force the government to change their policies: Differencing	-0.142	0.684	0
Part: Force the government to change their policies: Differencing	0.013	0.496	0
Non: Maintain culture and traditions: Controlling-for	-0.190	0.797	1
Part: Maintain culture and traditions: Controlling-for	0.024	0.443	1
Non: Maintain culture and traditions: Differencing	0.022	0.453	0
Part: Maintain culture and traditions: Differencing	0.161	0.261	0
Non: Retaliate against violence: Controlling-for	-0.091	0.639	1
Part: Retaliate against violence: Controlling-for	-0.080	0.601	1
Non: Retaliate against violence: Differencing	0.176	0.254	0
Part: Retaliate against violence: Differencing	0.156	0.286	0

Table 21: **Individual Placebo: Trust towards religious outgroups.** Effect of ECPN on placebo outcome using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Non: Controlling-for	0.178	0.208	1
Part: Controlling-for	-0.060	0.586	1
Non: Differencing	0.140	0.283	0
Part: Differencing	-0.079	0.616	0

Table 22: **Individual Placebo: Radio listening frequency.** Effect of ECPN on placebo outcome using alternative methods of estimation and index construction. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from randomization inference, and the third column shows which method was used in the paper.

	coefficient	p-value	base
Non: Controlling-for	0.178	0.208	1
Part: Controlling-for	-0.060	0.586	1
Non: Differencing	0.140	0.283	0
Part: Differencing	-0.079	0.616	0

Appendix F: State-level differences

Coefficients and p -values estimating state-level heterogeneous effects were calculated with robust OLS regression using site-level clusters. The regression interacted the treatment indicator with the state indicator. This is a low-power analysis. There are no significant differences in treatment effect by state. Benue was the reference category so this table shows differences for Nasarawa.

Table 23: **State-level differences in community-level analysis.** There are not significant differences between the effect of the contact intervention by state. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from OLS regression.

	coefficient	p-value
Attitudes	-0.176	0.315
Perceptions of security	0.133	0.383
Contact	-0.104	0.469
Percent Experiment	-0.251	0.158
Endorsement Experiment	0.191	0.488
PGG donation	-0.093	0.257
PGG amount	-84.807	0.442

Appendix G: Farmer-pastoralist differences

Coefficients and p -values estimating farmer/pastoralist heterogeneous effects were calculated with robust OLS regression using site-level clusters and fixed effects for state. The regression interacted the treatment indicator with the state indicator. There are no significant differences in treatment effect by farmer/pastoralist. Farmers were the reference category so this table shows differences for pastoralists.

Table 24: **Farmer-pastoralist differences in community-level analysis.** There are not significant differences between the effect of the contact intervention by farmer/pastoralist. The first column shows coefficients from OLS regression, the second column shows p -values from OLS regression.

	coefficient	p-value
Attitudes	-0.090	0.278
Perceptions of security	0.021	0.905
Contact	0.031	0.911
Percent Experiment	-0.014	0.913
Endorsement Experiment	-0.194	0.626
PGG donation	-0.064	0.386
PGG amount	23.284	0.784

Appendix Z: Survey Questions

Attitudes

- With regards to someone from [X GROUP], would you feel comfortable:
 - if they worked in your field?
 - paying them to watch your animals?
 - trading goods with them?
 - sharing a meal with them?
 - with a close relative marrying a person from [X GROUP]?
- From 1-5, how much do you trust people from [X GROUP] in your area?
- Now I'm going to ask you questions about your community here in Benue/Nassarawa, including [X GROUP]. Please tell me how strongly you agree/disagree with each of the following statements: People in this area can be trusted.

Contact

- Now I'm going to ask you questions about your contact with [X GROUP] in your area.
 - Think of the market you go to most frequently. During the past month, have members of X GROUP gone to that market too? In the past month, how many times did you interact with X group in the market?
- In the past month, have you:
 - Joined a member of X group for a social event outside the home? How often?
 - Hosted a member of X group for a ceremony in your home? How often?
 - Gone to the home of a member of X group for a ceremony? How often?
 - Have you interacted with members of X group in any other way in the past month?

Insecurity

- In the last year were there any areas that you avoided going to or through because of insecurity during the night?
- In the last year were there any areas that you avoided going to or through because of insecurity, during the day?

- In the last year, did insecurity ever prevent you from:
 - Working when you wanted to work? About how many days were you unable to work?
 - Going to the market?
 - Getting water for the household?
 - Going to your field/farm?
 - Moving your animals to grazing areas?
 - Moving your animals to water?
 - Earning money or going to work?
 - Going to school?

Endorsement Experiment

- Imagine that there is a proposal by [the **Farmer's Cooperative Society/MACBAN**] for action to enhance access to clean water in rural areas. Though expensive, the proposal aims to bring fresh, clean water to hundreds of areas without access to it, including this one. If this were proposed, how would you feel about it?

Percent Experiment

- Think about groups that you might join in your leisure time. Would you join a group that had **5/25/50/75%** X Group members?
- Think about the community you live in. Would you live in a community that had **5/25/50/75%** X Group members?

Violence Placebo

- Now I am going to ask you some questions about the use of violence. Is it always, sometimes, rarely, or never justified to use violence to do each of the following:
 - Retaliate against violence
 - Defend one's group
 - Maintain culture and traditions
 - Defend one's religion
 - Bring criminals to justice
 - Force the government to change their policies

Public Goods Game

"Thank you very much for participating in our survey. Before I go, there is one last thing. As you may have heard, we have development funds to use in this community. We have randomly selected you as one of the 50 people to receive these funds. These funds are not for a Mercy Corps project, but rather for you to keep personally or to donate to a community fund.

We have 1,000 Naira to give to you. It is yours, and you can use it either way—for yourself or for a community good.

Your community and [joint farmer/pastoralist community] have created a project committee to whom you can donate this money so that it may be used to help both communities. The project committee has 4 people from each community. We have found a donor that will match the funds that you all contribute to the project committee, so that if you donate 100 Naira the project committee receives 300 Naira, and if you donate all 1,000 Naira the project committee receives 3,000 Naira. You are welcome to donate none, some, or all of the money to the project committee.

These are your individual donation envelopes. All the donations will be private – only you will know how much money you donated. It is essential that you keep how much you give private – please do not tell anyone.

I have with me a donation envelope to collect donations. Please go into your home, put however much of the 1,000 Naira you wish to donate to the project committee in the envelope, take whatever amount you want to keep for yourself, and come back to place your envelope in the donation envelope. Remember, you are welcome to donate none, some, or all of the money to the project committee. After that we are finished and you may continue your day. We will come back and publicly announce how much money your community's project committee will receive."