Note: Feedback implemented before next meetings

General:

* Basically checking actors in nopo and coding them as 1 in bat\_cn if they are collabs with protesters
* after exporting and coding collab event, look at notes for 1 to make sure its against the gov
* i also code collab events with unidentified armed groups
* this coding rule doesnt capture massob, ipob, IMN, muslim brotherhood?- do i need to redefine the coding rule (just check for actors in battle) – NOW IT DOES
* SPLM/A: Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army = is this part of the gov
* Militia(pro grov) coded as 0 for collab event with protesters
* private security forces- coded as being with gov
* for groups that are clearly militias and appear in protest events (because of gov actor) but dont appear 10ce or have 50 fatals, still code as 1 or nah? -no cuz it doesn’t meet coding ule
* for now, if it clearly writes militia and doesnt apear in bat events rule, still coding as 1
* just 3- Qeerroo Youth Militia, Okada Motorcycle Militia, Beja Ethnic Militia (Sudan)
* need to go through highlighted cells in the collab code
* I dont code an ethnic group(unless it says militia), christian/muslim group, farmers, pastoralists even if they meet armed actors coding rule – examples of some groups that meet coding criteria but code as 0
  + also shite muslim group? – coded as 0
* most come under actor 2 most times but not all
* From events coded as 1s, checked groups- especially ‘party(political party)’ and ‘democracy’ - from (5/12/2023)n – examples
  + Polisario front
  + Fdc
  + Rally for republican
  + Oodua peoples congress
  + Beja congress
  + Ultra white knights
  + MDC
  + PPRD
  + Mdc
  + MLC- yes(sexual violence)
  + RAC
  + FESCI- 1(violence against civ)
  + Upc-1 (UPC armed men)- the one fro DRC is coded as an armed group not uganda
  + Fdc
  + Cpc-1
  + FNCI (FNCI rebels )-1
  + Tgv-1
    - Some parties have rebels groups—FNCI Rebels, UPC armed men , others no- Polisario front, rally for epublican

Output from 4/27

* Notes on coding for actors:
  + Subset of African countries
  + Only for battle events for actor1 and actor 2
    - Didn’t think it was necessary for assoc\_actors but not sure – actually ended up doing this
  + Output = Armed groups in protest data are identified as having at least ten battle events and involved in a battle event with at least 50 fatalities - changed
* Notes on coding for collab events:
  + Main thing is checking battle actors and coding them as 1 if they are in collabs with protesters
  + Looking through notes of 1 (presence of collaborative event) to make sure it’s against the gov.
    - CNDD-FDD, COJEP-Patriots, others (highlighted in excel sheet)
      * CNDD-FDD (Burundi) – have some events that are vague or against third party power -look through at some specific groups because they have vague events….- code as 0
      * For other actors, some actions are against third party powers so I code them as 0
  + I also code collab events with unidentified armed groups
    - I wonder if I should drop this or leave as 1s
  + Private security forces and militia pro gov - coded as being with gov
  + There’s a Protesters (Nigeria) and Pastoralist (Uganda)(this is considered an armed group from coding rule) as a collab event??? If against other country, code as 0
  + #why does this output NAs in the end???
  + **Notes**\*\*\*:
    - This coding rule does not capture MASSOB, IPOB, IMN, Muslim Brotherhood for instance because they are not captured in coding rule defined above for battle actors. For groups that are clearly militias and appear in protest events (because of gov actor) but don’t appear 10ce or have 50 fatals:
      * if it clearly writes militia and doesn’t appear in bat events rule, should they be coded as 1s= Qeerroo Youth Militia, Okada Motorcycle Militia, Beja Ethnic Militia (Sudan)
      * do I need to redefine the coding rule (just check for actors in battle) or should I go ahead and code these as collab events from just knowledge that they are armed groups?
    - I do not code an ethnic group (unless it says militia), Christian/Muslim group, Shiite Muslim group, farmers even if they meet the coding rule ~ most are under actor 2 most times but not all
      * Not sure if I should apply the same rule to pastoralists?
* Want to include violence against civilians and Explosions/Remote violence
  + Already did:
    - **Some armed actors and protests events from here (Violence against civilians & Explosions/Remote Violence) that need to be added to the battle dataset (because they were not under battles)**
* Countries in conflict data
  + **Nigeria,** Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, **Ethiopia**, Cameroon, Libya, Somalia, DRC, **Mozambique**, Algeria, Madagascar, **Burundi**, **Rwanda**, CAR, **Burkina Faso**, Egypt, Chad, Angola, **Ivory Coast**, Guinea, **Mali**, **Kenya**, Liberia, **Senegal**
* Countries with fertilizer data on africafertilizers.org
  + **Kenya, Nigeria,** Ghana**, Senegal**, Zambia, Malawi, Benin**,** **Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia**, **Mali**, **Mozambique**, Niger**, Rwanda**, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda**,** **Ivory Coast**

Coding Feedback 4/27

* Change armed criteria to at least 10 battle events and 10 fatalities from 50 fatals
* Include assoc\_actors columns for actor 1 and actor 2
* Battles, Explosives and Remote violence, Violence against civilians,
* Descriptive stats:
  + Get how many protests for countries
  + No of collaborative events by countries

Output notes from 5/12

* + Notes on coding for actors:
    - Added in associated actors
      * Question: This is currently if an associated actor appears up to 5 times (but this is in the assoc\_actors column and not necessarily in both actor and assoc\_actors column)
        + Wondering if I need to change it?
    - Didn’t really do the same manual checks as before cuz there are more actors but I applied the same rules to the same groups that I identified in the last dataset version (crosscheck groups with previously coded excel sheets)
    - Still code unidentified groups as 1
    - Coding rules on “Parties” or “Student”, “Congress”, “Democracy” in armed actor names
      * Not really sure what to do about this. So far, I generally coded any actor that has party in the name as not an armed group. But there are a few exceptions: PPRD and a specific student group
        + If it specifically says party, coding as 0 = checked

IF I LEAVE THEM AS 1, THEY EITHER:

Appear in battle events against police/military

Appear as actor 1, assoc\_actor1 in battle event and coded as armed event

Appear as violence against civilians and appear under actor 1

Worried that this may just be labeled as election violence – PPRD

But if it’s between 2 groups = 1?

But then reasoning is that I’m not restricted to armed groups, but groups that have been involved in violence?

* + - * + Beja congress- defs an armed group
* I still code as collab event if the armed group is an assoc\_actor with another civilian group – e.g., Boko haram and APC (political party) appear as assoc\_actors with protesters as actor 1
  + Actually, don’t think it matters and should still be coded as a 1
* Possibility of group in support of the government/president- change to 0
  + Check CNDD-Imbonerakure (unclear)- Looks like they mostly support the gov – so I code ordinary demonstrations as a 0
    - Others like COJEP Patriots- for ordinary demonstrations- I code as 1
      * Except in 2004- “hold daily rallied in Abidjan”- about 4 or 5- changed to 0 (check again)
* Groups I’m unsure of:
  + PPRD
  + FDC
  + Hawiye clan group?
  + Janzur Knights Brigade
* Current output= Groups in protest data are identified as having at least 5 battle events and involved in a battle event with at least 10 fatalities
  + - Current coding rule doesn’t apply to IMN (surprising) but does to groups not captured earlier e.g, IPOB, MASSOB, etc

Coding Feedback 5/12

* Robustness check
  + Pro-government/militia groups e.g Militia (Pro-Laurent Gbagbo), private security forces, CNDD-FDD, CNDD-Imbonerakure, etc
* Fix PPRD to code as 1 since ACLED has a note that says PPRD-armed men)
* Include country event- ids = **BEV\_cn\_v3**
* Check COJEP Patriots again
  + Checked
* Changes
  + 2004= Changed COJEP Patriots- hold daily rallied in abidjan- 5
  + Militia (Pro-Laurent Gbabgo) = 2
  + From Bev\_cn\_v2 = 1183-7 = 1176 (coded 1s in Bev\_cn\_v3)
  + Added 1- janzur knights = 1177

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* Additional robustness check
  + Make collab data where actor2 explicitly states the government of the country.

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* Changed FESCI to 0 – protest action is against UN report

Changed “On Nov 20, Muslim PK5 militiamen held a small protest in Bangui's PK5 area holding signs against Russian presence in the country. This took place after an attack on the HQs of PK5 leader 'Force' on Nov 17, which some attributed to a Russian drone.” to 0 -> PK5 Communal milita