

Timeline

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Study Type

Randomized Evaluation

Research Implemented by IPA

Yes

COVID-19-Related Perceptions and Behaviors in Edo and Delta States, Nigeria

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Abstract

The research team is conducting phone interviews on previously collected representative samples of individuals in Edo and Delta states in Nigeria. The researchers plan to make two contributions: First, they will contribute descriptive insights about existing coronavirus-related health beliefs and behaviors, such as the spatial distribution of disease awareness, socio-economic and other correlates of awareness, and compliance with government issued guidelines on social distancing and hand-washing. This information is often not readily available in areas of ongoing or recent conflict, including parts of Nigeria's South-South. Second, the research team's in-person baseline survey (implemented in November/December 2019 and March 2020) included an information-centered experiment that targeted motivated reasoning and aimed to narrow the gap between perceptions of behavior-associated risks in general and for oneself. The researchers will test for downstream effects of this intervention on COVID-19-related risk assessments and reported behaviors.

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Impact Goals

- Promote peace and safety, and improve humanitarian response
- Reduce COVID-19 transmission rates

Project Data Collection Mode

- CATI (Computer-assisted telephone interviewing)

Link to Public Data

https://wzb-ipi.github.io/nigeria_dashboard/

Results Status

No Results Yet