

INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION | COUNTRY PROGRAM BRIEF

# Nigeria



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### PEACE & RECOVERY

Contact between farmers and herders (and nearby inter-dwellings) has the potential to reduce the incidence of violent conflicts.

RESEARCHERS: GENDRA A. SURE, SOEREN A. HINK, JAMES ROBINSON

Researchers partnered with the NGO Search for Common Ground (SCG) and IPA Nigeria to implement a randomized evaluation of an intervention that encourages contact between farmers and herders in the Middle Belt of Nigeria. The goal will be to discern both whether, and how, this contact can reduce the incidence of violent conflicts. Further, given the prevalence of lingering challenges inherent to a wide range of

conflicts, the findings could be broadly generalizable to instability and conflict outside of the Nigerian context.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP & PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Evidence suggests socio-emotional skills can improve business outcomes and help close the gender gap in earnings between male and female small agribusiness owners.

RESEARCHERS: JYODELE RUSCHORON, CLARA DELAVALLADE, SIBELARSHI PAPINOM

The World Bank Africa Gender Innovation Lab (GIL) and IPA Nigeria partnered with the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to evaluate the impact of the Women and Youth Empowerment program (WYEP) within the Agro-Processing, Productivity Enhancement, and Livelihood Improvement Support (APREALS) project. The evaluation will shed light on the impact of socio-emotional skills training

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#### RESEARCH STUDIES

Planning, Implementation

#### KEY PARTNERS

Bank of Industry, BRAC International, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Health, Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC), Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Ministry of Education, Global Development Network (GDN), National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), See the Children, Thinkful, World Bank

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