

Can Redistribution Change Policy Views? Aid and Attitudes Toward Refugees

This code and data package replicates all tables and figures from “Can Redistribution Change Policy Views? Aid and Attitudes Toward Refugees” by Travis Baseler, Thomas Ginn, Robert Hakiza, Helidah Ogude-Chambert, and Olivia Woldemikael.

Data Availability

The data were collected in Kampala, Uganda between 2019 and 2022 and in Kenya in 2024 for this study and led by the authors. The data from Uganda consists of 5 rounds of survey microdata collected by a data firm, and meeting notes from facilitators of the mentorship treatment. The data from Kenya consists of 3 rounds of survey microdata collected by a data firm. The authors requested to embargo the data before academic publication.

Description

The `raw_uganda.dta` and `raw_kenya.dta` datasets are produced by merging each survey round, the random assignment, and administrative data on implementation. Identifiers are then dropped. The results were produced using Stata 18.5 for Mac.

To run the scripts, new users need to change only the directory in line 13 of the main `.do` file. The master script inputs the Uganda survey data (`raw_uganda.dta`) and generates the variables for analysis in `lasso_varclean.do` and `gen_variables.do`. This intermediate dataset is saved in `working.dta`, which is used for the Uganda analysis. The Kenya analysis is produced in lines 61 and 62 of the master script.

`Estimate_full_domains.do` produces many of the estimates used to generate tables throughout the manuscript. It also generates all of the tables in the Online Appendix (Appendix E), which can be accessed [here](#)¹, except Tables E31 and E32 which are generated in the corresponding `.do` file.

The main text contains four tables, produced in `Tables1_3_4.do` and `Tables2_A7_B5_C3.do`. It contains one figure from microdata, produced in `Figure2.do`.

Appendix A contains one figure, produced in `FigureA1.do`, and 14 tables using microdata, produced in `TablesA3_thru_A6_A8_thru_A14_C1_C2.do`, `Tables2_A7_B5_C3.do`, and `TableA15.do`. Table A15 was produced using 10,000 bootstraps but is set to 1 as a default bootstrap for speed.

Appendix B also contains 14 tables. They are produced in `TablesA2_B1_B2.do`, `TableB3.do`, `TablesB4_B6_thru_B14.do`, and `Tables2_A7_B5_C3.do`. All tables except B5 use the `working.dta` file; `TableB3.do` also uses out-of-sample respondents (mentors).

¹The url is <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14tPmAq5cNmJoT9T4lC-KDcxoVCWb0tGv/view?usp=share`link>

Appendix C contains 3 tables, produced in TablesA3_thru_A6_A8_thru_A14_C1_C2.do and Tables2_A7_B5_C3.do.

Appendix D contains 1 table, produced in AppendixD.do. This do-file also produces the statistics used in footnotes 60, 61, and 64.

Finally, other statistics in the text are generated by in_text_stats.do. Footnotes 21 and 50 use the mentorship_meetings.dta file (administrative data from implementation), while footnotes 35 and 54 use the working.dta file.

Table Files and Numbering Correspondence

Main Paper	
Table	File
1	policy_pref
2	relon
3	econ_beliefs
4	social

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Appendices A through D		Online Appendix E	
Table	File	Table	File
A2	sum_stats	E1	domain1
A3	hetero_domain1	E2	domain111
A4	strongagree	E3	domain2
A5	entropy	E4	domain3
A6	oyoh_full	E5	domain4
A7	relon_subcounties	E6	domain41
A8	welfare	E7	domain42
A9	treatment_recall	E8	domain51
A10	aid_fairness	E9	domain52
A11	hetero_publicgoods	E10	domain6
A12	baseline_corr	E11	domain61
A13	horserace	E12	domain62
A14	impact_timing	E13	domain63
A15	wyoung* ⁺	E14	domain7
B1	randomization_balance	E15	domain8
B2	randomization_balance_retain	E16	domain9
B3	mentor_balance	E17	domain91
B4	attrition	E18	domain92
B5	relon_balance	E19	domain93
B6	ipw_t2	E20	domain95
B7	ipw_t3	E21	domain10
B8	ipw_t4	E22	domain11
B9	ipw_t5	E23	domain12
B10	leebounds1	E24	domain13
B11	leebounds2	E25	domain14
B12	treatment_status*	E26	domain15
B13	mentorship_meetings* [^]	E27	domain16
B14	cost_effectiveness	E28	domain171
C1	child_labor	E29	domain18
C2	prime	E30	domain19
C3	aid_expectations	E31	hetero_domain2
D1	model*	E32	hetero_timing

* denotes this table's formatting is modified manually for the final version.

⁺ denotes this .do file needs to be changed to 10,000 bootstraps to replicate the table.

[^] denotes this output needs to be modified as follows: in the third column, the max number of in-person meetings in the Total rows is 6. In the last column, the N for the Total row for Mentored by a Refugee is 169, and the N for the Total row for Mentored by a Ugandan is 168.