

# EDI Research Link Up Research Presentation



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## Problem Statement/Motivation

- **Trust and cooperation** with the
  - state is fundamental
  - police is key to security
- Yet police is rarely trusted + lack of civilian cooperation
- Welfare and cognitive consequences
- Current efforts: *community policing [in COL: MNVCC]*
- But it's hard to work with police forces, rarely evaluated
- Policy-decision challenge: cost effective? displacement?

## Research Question/Hypotheses

- *What are the drivers and consequences of micro-level state building (government legitimacy)?*
- Do **community meetings** and **security-related information** influence perceptions, cooperation and trust with the police/state?
- We expect: more reporting (willingness), updated beliefs about security, police quality, and trust
- Related insights: information provision + social norms marketing (debates + common knowledge dynamics)



## Research Design / Methods

- Randomized Controlled Trial in Medellin (June 2018 – February 2019)
- Unit of randomization: police beat (cuadrante) [2x2 factorial design]
  - 347 of approx. 413 cuadrantes of Medellin
- T1 [common arm]: community meetings with *patrulleros* (every other month)
- T2: information about crime, security, etc. (once a month)
- Door-to-door delivery with a brief explanation (350 households per cuadrante)
- Part of EGAP's Metaketa IV (w/5 other countries): **Uganda Team**
  - Book + Meta-Analysis



## Data Collection / Measurement Strategy

- [Admin] Geo-coded, time-stamped crime and reporting data (+ police outcomes)
- [Survey] Baseline & endline survey:
  - **Citizens:** 15 citizens per cuadrante
    - Citizen's trust and beliefs about the police (and others)
    - Citizen cooperation with the police + victimization
  - **(Patrulleros: 2 per cuadrante)**

[Harmonization within EGAP's Metaketa IV]

- [Qualitative] Interviews, meeting notes



# Early Results/ Challenges/ Next Steps

## Status

- Citizen's baseline completed, \*but not\* police officers
- Close to complete the first round of meetings, and planning the second round

## Challenges

- Implementation: (changes in) police assignment
- Inference: spillovers threat

## Next steps

- Separate beliefs from cuadrante-level police vs national police (and state)
- Differential updating on quality vs trust
- Embed behavioral games in endline (and/or in meetings)





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