

# Vaccines on the Move and the War on Polio

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**How vaccination policies can reach the hard-to-reach populations?**

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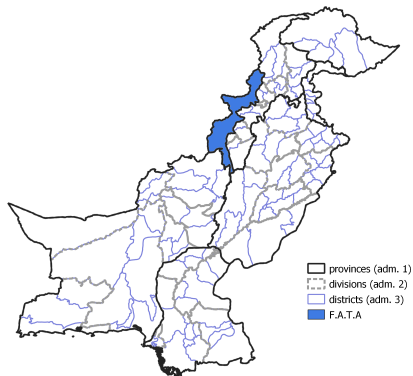
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- IDP children less likely to be vaccinated
- policy ↑ IDP children vaccination by 12.6% ( → polio cases ↓)

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# FATA, Conflict-affected Region

Figure 1. Administrative division, Pakistan



- 64% of households are poor
- 97% lives in rural areas
- 99% speaks the Pashto language
- part of the historical *Pashtunistan*

Since 9/01, FATA-Pakistani region an scenario of conflict "against" the Taliban



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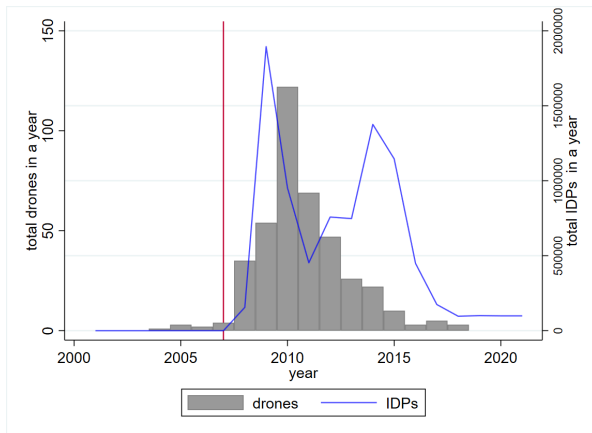


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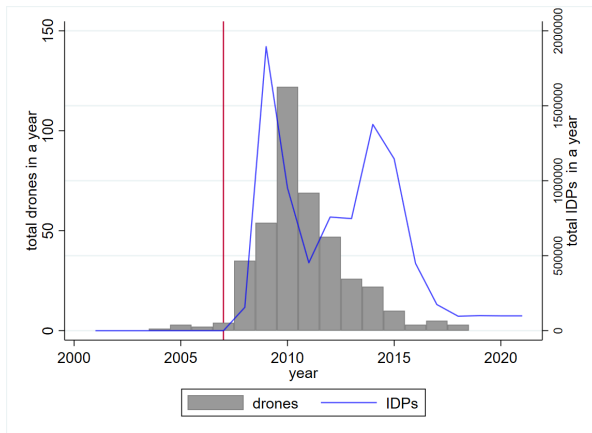


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IDP destinations (1) relatively close to FATA, (2) 90% in communities

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- Polio status has changed in Pakistan:
  - \* 1,147 cases in 1997 (22% globally) to 28 in 2005
  - \* after 2007, 100 cases per year [Plot](#)

# Vaccines Prevent Polio Spread

- 1st oral polio dose shortly after birth
- door-to-door visits as main vaccination strategy
  - \* target all children up to age 5, free of charge



Figure 4: Health workers vaccinating children against polio. Source. UNICEF

- Full vaccination coverage was 50.6 % in 2006–07, and 68.3 % in 2017–18

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# Data

## ① Polio incidence at district-month level

- new polio cases and vaccination campaigns (2001-2022)
- from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in Pakistan

## ② Polio immunization at individual level

- vaccination, health-seeking behaviour, and migration (2006-2018)
- from the Demographic Health Survey: 2006/07, 2012/13 and 2017/18

## ③ Geo-localized conflict data

- drone location and death tolls from the New America (2004-2022)

## ④ Displaced Population Inflows at the province-year level

- total IDPs and demographic characteristics from UNHCR (2008-2020)
- + district level data for 2008

# Two Sources of Variation

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**Threat**: districts receiving a higher and lower IDP share ...

- similar cultural/economic/political characteristics
- only the IDP inflow should change

Equation

# Comparable Sample: districts in Pashtunistan

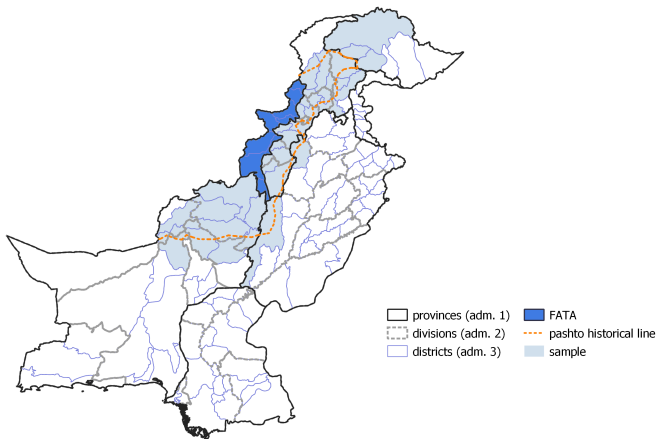


Figure 5. FATA and *Pashtunistan*. Source: UNHCR

Distance not correlated with economic, political, or cultural characteristics

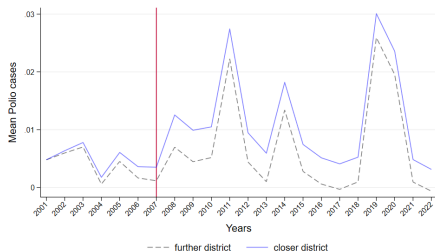
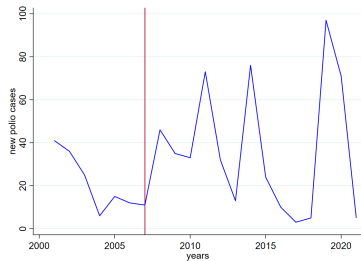
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# Raw Data: Increase in New Polio Cases...

Figure 6. Total polio cases in a year

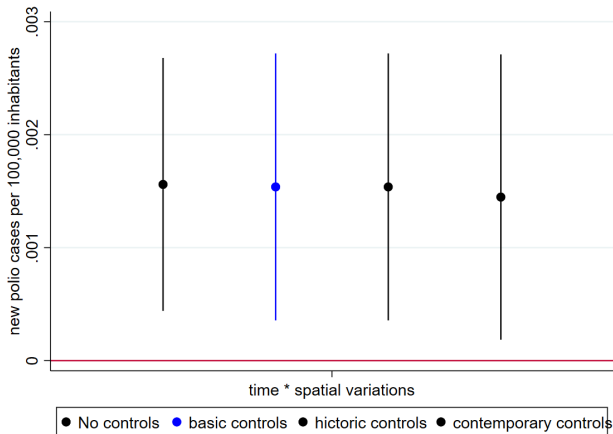


... after 2008 in closer compared to further districts

# IDP Inflows Increase New Polio Cases

Figure 6. Effects on new polio cases per 100,000 inhabitants

[Table](#)



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# Threats to Identification

- ✓ Parallel trends [Show](#)
- ✓ Balance sample [Show](#)
- ✓ Conflict effect [Show](#)
- ✓ Afghan refugees [Show](#)
- ✓ Migration out-flows [Show](#)
- ✓ Polio vaccine mistrust [Show](#)

## ...more Checks

- ✓ Falsification test [Show](#)
- ✓ Alternative outcomes [Show](#)
- ✓ Sample definition [Show](#)
- ✓ Alternative specification [Show](#)
- ✓ Reverse causality [Show](#)

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## Permanent Transit Vaccination program (PTPs)

- Launched in [April 2012](#) by the GPEI
- Targets High-Risk Mobile Populations (nomads, IDPs, refugees, etc)
- Permanent vaccination spots across major population transit points
  - \* e.g. major roads, bridges, bus stops, borders, etc used by FATA-people
- Health workers are trained, adult males, and belongs to the community
- 1.7 million children vaccinated in 2018 ([UNICEF, 2019](#))

# Spatial exposure to PTPs

Data: vaccination points location for a subset of districts (6/39 districts)

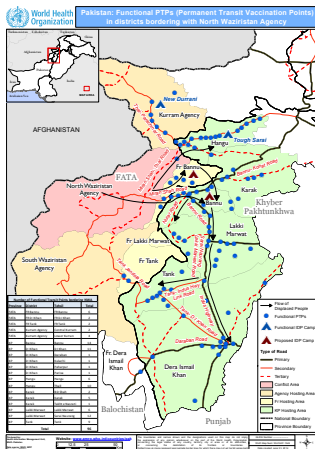


Figure 6: Permanent Transit Points (PTPs) location. Source: WHO

Approach: # PTPs (in districts and a 10km buffer from hh location)

## Before policy: IDP children less likely to be vaccinated

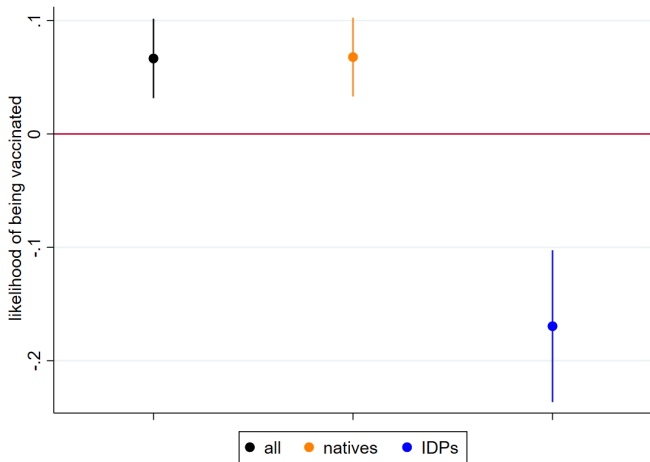


Figure 7: Vaccination within districts, children born before vs after 2007

After policy: vaccines  $\uparrow$  among IDPs children

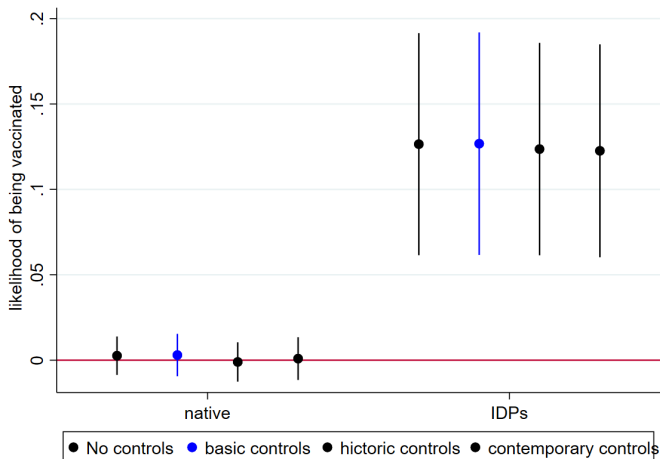


Figure 8: Number of PTPs and polio vaccination [Table](#)

# After policy: polio cases “mitigation”

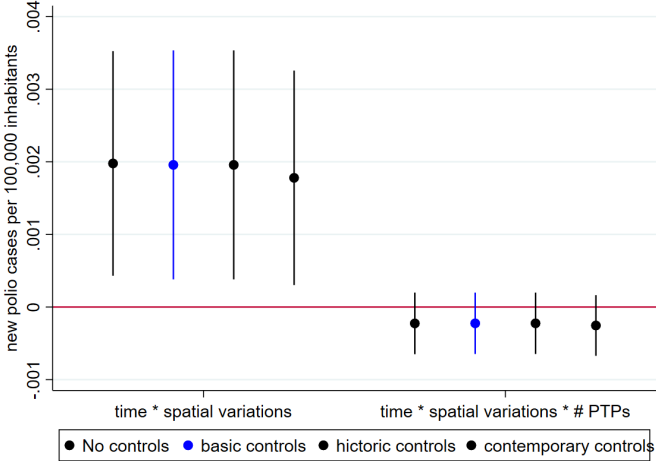


Figure 9: Number of PTPs and new polio cases [Table](#)

## PTPs policy “success”?

- PTPs seems to successfully target IDP children
- ↑ the likelihood of IDPs being vaccinated by 86% the mean
- Why? **OPEN QUESTION!**
  - \* 90% of IDPs in host communities → access to IDPs?
  - \* Supply in vaccines?
  - \* Community-engagement → trust ↑?
  - \* Vaccination timing (before arriving to host districts)?

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# Takeaways

- IDP inflow ↑ → new polio cases ↑ in host districts by a 30%
- Vaccinating children before they arrive to host com. mitigate the impacts
- Education and health implications for children (Kim,2024; UNICEF, 2023)
- Findings extend beyond Pakistan (e.g., Malawi, Mozambique, and Gaza)

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## Appendix

# Contributions to the Literature

- **Consequences of forced displacement in host communities**  
(Ibanez, Rozo and Urbina, 2021; Baez, 2011; Montalvo and Reynal-Querol, 2007)

Contribution: Setting (internal displacement + polio + endemic country)

- **Determinants of infectious diseases incidence**  
(Martinez-Bravo and Stegmann, 2021; Adda, 2016; Oster, 2012)

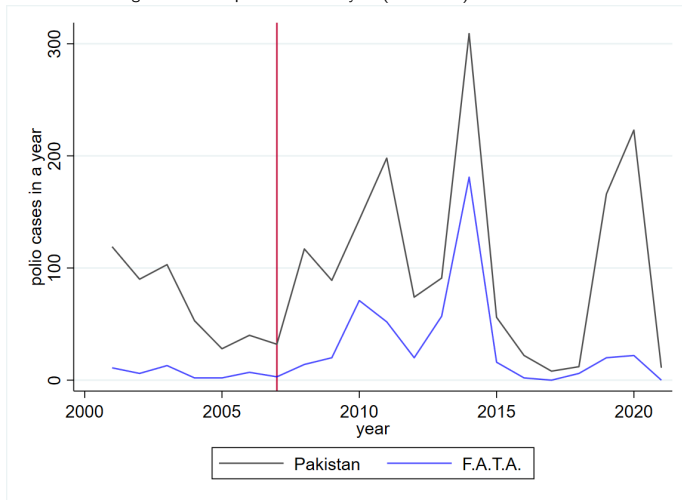
Contribution: An unexplored angle of research (internal displacement)

+ In the future: Evaluating *Vaccinating children on the move* program

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# An increase in polio cases after 2007

Figure A.1 New polio cases in a year (2001-2022) Source. GPEP



Source. WHO [Back](#)

# 98% of drones struck in FATA

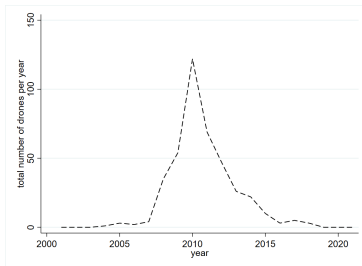
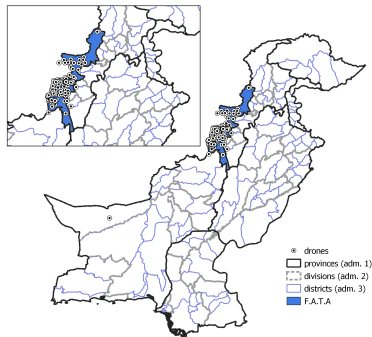


Figure A.2 U.S. Air and Drone Strikes in Pakistan (2001-2022). Source. New America

# Predicted IDP inflow

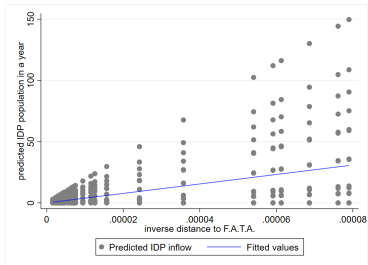
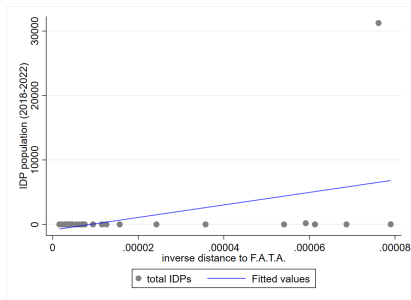


Figure A.3 Relationship between IDP inflow measures. Source. UNHCR

IDP inflows are **positively correlated** to inverse distance to FATA [Back to Talk](#)

## DiD: Time + Spatial exposure variation

Panel dataset at month-district: district  $d$  in province  $p$  in year  $t$  and month  $m$

$$Y_{d,tm} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 IDPCrisis_t * PredictedInflow_{d,t} + \beta_2 X_{d,t} + \gamma_d + \delta_{tm} + \epsilon_{d,tm} \quad (1)$$

- $IDPCrisis_t$  1 from  $t$  equal to 2008 (beginning IDP crisis), 0 otherwise
- $PredictedInflow_{d,t} = IDPinflow_t * \frac{1}{DistFATA_d}$ 
  - \*  $IDPinflow_t$  is the total annual newly IDPs
  - \*  $\frac{1}{DistFATA_d}$  the inverse distance of district  $d$  to FATA
- $Y_{d,tm}$  the number of new cases per 100,000 inhabitants (in 2017)
- $\gamma_d$  district,  $\delta_m$  year-month fe,  $X_{d,t}$  covariates,  $\epsilon_{d,tm}$  district-level clusters

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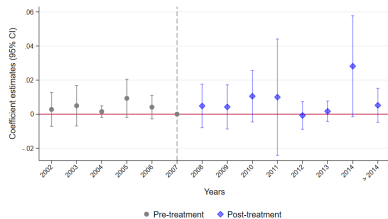
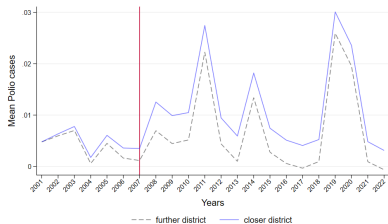
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- **Key identification assumption:** parallel trends [Show](#)



# Closer vs further districts

Closer districts = districts whose territory falls entirely in Pashtunistan

Figure A.4 Effect of IDP inflows on polio incidence, by year since treatment



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# Balanced sample

Table A.1: Differences in characteristics between closer and further districts, 1998

	Mean	Mean	Diff (2) - (1)
	further	closer	
polio cases	0.004 (0.029)	0.005 (0.035)	-0.001 (0.001)
polio campaigns	0.686 (0.464)	0.702 (0.457)	-0.000 (0.000)
night light	6.233 (2.957)	7.831 (5.841)	0.430 (0.992)
electricity sh	0.714 (0.155)	0.838 (0.126)	0.000 (0.000)
roof sh	0.262 (0.088)	0.219 (0.068)	0.000 (0.000)
wall share	0.575 (0.165)	0.470 (0.190)	-0.000 (0.000)
water sh	0.255 (0.083)	0.308 (0.078)	-0.000 (0.000)
petrol cooker sh	0.072 (0.062)	0.111 (0.118)	0.000 (0.000)
Observations	2,268	1,008	3,276

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own house share	0.821 (0.062)	0.807 (0.086)	0.000 (0.000)
N. members in hh	10.451 (1.492)	11.540 (0.871)	0.000 (0.000)
N. children under 5	0.289 (0.025)	0.301 (0.017)	0.000 (0.000)
literate sh	0.283 (0.046)	0.270 (0.038)	-0.000 (0.000)
primary education sh	0.161 (0.030)	0.153 (0.026)	0.000 (0.000)
Muslim sh	0.995 (0.002)	0.993 (0.003)	0.000 (0.000)
Pashto sh	0.650 (0.362)	0.816 (0.207)	-0.000 (0.000)
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– IDP households' conditions get worst

# No effect from conflict

Table A.2: Controlling for terrorist and drone attacks

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Panel A: controlling for terrorist attacks					
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00095 (0.00060)	0.00120** (0.00049)	0.00119** (0.00052)	0.00119** (0.00052)	0.00118** (0.00057)
Panel B: controlling for drone attacks					
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# Afghan refugees do not affect the results

Table A.3: Potential Afghan refugees effect

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Panel A: controlling for total afghan refugees					
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00139* (0.00071)	0.00159*** (0.00056)	0.00157** (0.00059)	0.00157** (0.00059)	0.00157** (0.00065)
Panel B: number of refugee camps fixed effects					
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# Minor out-migration

Table A.4: Potential international migration effects

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<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00114* (0.00059)	0.00156*** (0.00055)	0.00154** (0.00058)	0.00154** (0.00058)	0.00154** (0.00064)
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- the results remain constant

## Other cofounders

Table A.5: Potential Taliban political support effects

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00278*** (0.00088)	0.00163*** (0.00055)	0.00162*** (0.00058)	0.00162*** (0.00058)	0.00153** (0.00063)
<i>N</i>	8185	8185	8185	8185	8185
District FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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- IDP households' conditions get worst

# Pakistan: Anti-vaccine propaganda event

## Vaccines distrust

- 95% of polio cases in 2012-2016 in countries with armed conflicts involving between "Islamist organizations" and the state (Kennedy, 2017).
- The CIA got intelligence suggesting Bin Laden was hiding in Pakistan
- The CIA organized a fake vaccination campaign to get DNA from kids in the compound
- Public disclosure: [Jul 2011](#)
- The Taliban used this information to discredit vaccines → **Anti-Vaccine Propaganda**



## CIA organised fake vaccination drive to get Osama bin Laden's family DNA

Senior Pakistani doctor who organised vaccine programme in Abbottabad arrested by ISI for working with US agents



© CIA organised fake vaccination programme in Abbottabad to try and find Osama bin Laden. Photograph: M2 Nadeem/EPA

The CIA organised a fake vaccination programme in the town where it believed Osama bin Laden was hiding in an elaborate attempt to obtain DNA from the fugitive al-Qaida leader's family, a Guardian investigation has found.

# Rule out hidden effects

Table A.6: Falsification tests

VARIABLES	(1) polio	(2) polio	(3) polio	(4) polio	(5) polio
PANEL A: Effects one year before treatment					
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t,t0=2007</sub> * Host District<sub>d</sub></i>	0.00270 (0.00329)	0.00268 (0.00334)	0.00251 (0.00338)	0.00251 (0.00338)	0.00246 (0.00344)
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Mean Y	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007
PANEL B: Non-pashtu districts counterfactual					
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	-0.00157 (0.00116)	0.00150 (0.00157)	0.00162 (0.00161)	0.00162 (0.00161)	0.00164 (0.00169)
<i>N</i>	19536	19536	19536	19536	19536
N. of districts	74	74	74	74	74
Mean Y	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
District FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year-month FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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# Results holds with alternative outcomes

Table A.7: Alternative outcomes

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Panel A: $Pr(\text{new polio case}) = 1$					
$IDP\ Crisis_t * Predicted\ Inflow_{d,t}$	0.02199* (0.01092)	0.01599* (0.00907)	0.01641* (0.00947)	0.01641* (0.00947)	0.01626* (0.00935)
$N$	8713	8713	8713	8713	8713
Panel B: polio cases per 100,000 inhabitants (1998)					
$IDP\ Crisis_t * Predicted\ Inflow_{d,t}$	0.00247* (0.00111)	0.00252* (0.00130)	0.00254 (0.00147)	0.00254 (0.00147)	0.00325* (0.00150)
$N$	2904	2904	2904	2904	2904
District FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year-month FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
N. of districts	34	34	34	34	34
Mean Y	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

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# Results hold with alternative samples

Table A.8: Alternative sample

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00173*** (0.00061)	0.00146*** (0.00053)	0.00146** (0.00056)	0.00146** (0.00056)	0.00132** (0.00059)
<i>N</i>	12409	12409	12409	12409	12409
District FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year-month FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
N. of districts	48	48	48	48	48
Mean Y	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

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# Alternative specification

Table A.9: Additional set of fixed effects

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Panel A: province linear trends					
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00139** (0.00061)	0.00150** (0.00056)	0.00150** (0.00059)	0.00150** (0.00059)	0.00136** (0.00061)
Prov. lin. trends FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Panel B: division linear trends					
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00139** (0.00061)	0.00137** (0.00063)	0.00137** (0.00064)	0.00137** (0.00064)	0.00128** (0.00062)
Div. lin. trends FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Panel C: district linear trends					
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00139** (0.00061)	0.00137** (0.00063)	0.00137** (0.00064)	0.00137** (0.00064)	0.00128** (0.00062)
<i>N</i>	8713	8713	8713	8713	8713
Dist. lin. trends FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year-month FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
N. of districts	34	34	34	34	34
Mean Y	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

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# No reverse causality

Table A.10: Potential reverse causality: post-crisis predicted inflow and pre-crisis yearly polio cases

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Polio Cases<sub>d,tm-2001-2007</sub></i>	0.01166 (0.02591)	0.01532 (0.02291)	-0.02676 (0.02415)	-0.02676 (0.02415)	-0.02713 (0.02483)
<i>N</i>	6480	6480	6480	6480	6480
Division FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year-month FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
N. of divisions	14	14	14	14	14
Mean Y	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.009

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

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# Before policy: IDP children less likely to be vaccinated

Table 2: Vaccination within districts, children born before vs after 2007 [Back](#)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Panel A: Cohort specification					
<i>Cohort<sub>08</sub></i>	0.05028* (0.02534)	0.05668*** (0.01831)	0.06659*** (0.01730)	0.05376*** (0.01789)	0.06179*** (0.01674)
Panel B: Cohort specification, IDP heterogeneity					
<i>Cohort<sub>08</sub></i>	0.05150* (0.02545)	0.05854*** (0.01834)	0.06780*** (0.01716)	0.05565*** (0.01792)	0.06302*** (0.01658)
<i>Cohort<sub>08</sub> * IDP</i>	-0.18126*** (0.03580)	-0.17568*** (0.03277)	-0.16955*** (0.03306)	-0.17523*** (0.03350)	-0.17063*** (0.03317)
<i>N</i>	13504	13504	13504	13504	13504
District FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
N. of districts	38	38	38	38	38
Mean Y	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219	0.219

Other mechanisms

# After policy: vaccines $\uparrow$ among IDPs children

Table 3: Number of PTPs and polio vaccination [Back](#)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
$Cohort_{08} * N. PTP_d$	-0.00158 (0.00549)	0.00262 (0.00573)	0.00300 (0.00633)	-0.00104 (0.00587)	0.00092 (0.00638)
$Cohort_{08} * N. PTP_d * IDP_i$	0.12430*** (0.03244)	0.12648*** (0.03315)	0.12676*** (0.03322)	0.12360*** (0.03170)	0.12259*** (0.03178)
$N$	1896	1896	1896	1895	1895
District FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
N. of districts	6	6	6	6	6
Mean Y	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.148

# After policy: polio cases “mitigation”

Table 4: Number of PTPs and new polio cases [Back](#)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub></i>	0.00118* (0.00060)	0.00198** (0.00076)	0.00196** (0.00078)	0.00196** (0.00078)	0.00178** (0.00073)
<i>IDP Crisis<sub>t</sub> * Predicted Inflow<sub>d,t</sub> * N. PTP<sub>d</sub></i>	-0.00025 (0.00024)	-0.00023 (0.00021)	-0.00022 (0.00021)	-0.00022 (0.00021)	-0.00025 (0.00021)
<i>N</i>	1896	1896	1896	1895	1895
District FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
N. of districts	6	6	6	6	6
Mean Y	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.148	0.148

# Immunised children shared: closer vs further districts

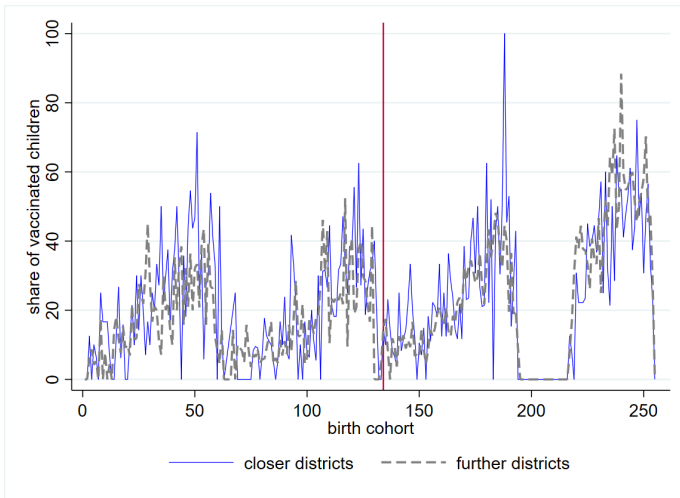


Figure A.5 Share of children vaccinated against polio. Source: DHS

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# Complementary mechanisms

① **Context-driven**: Does IDP inflow change services/facilities in communities?

\* ↓ water piped & ↓ head working [Show](#)

② **Congested health services** [Show](#)

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# IDP inflow worsen household conditions

Table A.11: Effect of IDP inflow on host communities households conditions

VARIABLES	(1) water piped	(2) toilet	(3) floor	(4) children	(5) members	(6) head working
<b>PANEL A: Average effect</b>						
$IDPCrisest_t * PredictedInflow_{d,p,t}$	-0.089*** (0.023)	0.019 (0.017)	0.052** (0.019)	-0.127* (0.069)	-0.365 (0.291)	0.007 (0.011)
<b>PANEL B: Heterogeneity IDP vs native children</b>						
$IDPCrisest_t * PredictedInflow_{d,p,t}$	-0.091*** (0.023)	0.019 (0.018)	0.051** (0.019)	-0.124* (0.070)	-0.389 (0.295)	0.008 (0.011)
$IDPCrisest_t * PredictedInflow_{d,p,t} * IDP$	0.057** (0.024)	-0.016 (0.035)	0.007 (0.040)	-0.087 (0.073)	0.766* (0.409)	-0.030*** (0.010)
Observations	13,544	13,544	9,570	13,544	13,544	13,519
Number of districts	38	38	38	38	38	38

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

– IDP households' conditions get worst

## After treatment: household conditions ↓

Table A.12: Household conditions within districts, children born before vs after 2007

VARIABLES	(1) water piped	(2) toilet	(3) floor	(4) children	(5) members	(6) head working
<b>PANEL A: Average effect</b>						
<i>Cohort</i> <sub>08</sub>	-0.284*** (0.051)	0.577*** (0.042)	0.112*** (0.040)	-0.098 (0.082)	0.808* (0.404)	-0.036** (0.018)
<b>PANEL B: Heterogeneity IDP vs native children</b>						
<i>Cohort</i> <sub>08</sub>	-0.282*** (0.051)	0.577*** (0.042)	0.112*** (0.039)	-0.110 (0.080)	0.750* (0.398)	-0.036** (0.018)
<i>Cohort</i> <sub>08</sub> * IDP	-0.125** (0.054)	-0.041 (0.111)	-0.095 (0.102)	0.946* (0.550)	4.587*** (1.001)	0.012 (0.044)
Observations	13,544	13,544	9,570	13,544	13,544	13,519
Number of districts	38	38	38	38	38	38

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

- IDP households' conditions get worst

# Before 2008: overcrowded households in closer districts

Table A.13: Households conditions between closer and further districts, before 2008

	Mean further	Mean closer	Diff (2) - (1)
<b>Individual Charac.</b>			
water piped	0.522 (0.500)	0.615 (0.487)	0.094 (0.067)
toilet	0.311 (0.463)	0.456 (0.498)	0.158** (0.064)
floor	0.313 (0.464)	0.390 (0.488)	0.079 (0.073)
television	0.352 (0.478)	0.485 (0.500)	0.139** (0.066)
watched tv	0.261 (0.439)	0.425 (0.495)	0.181** (0.072)
radio	0.437 (0.496)	0.488 (0.500)	0.040 (0.039)
head working	0.112 (0.315)	0.072 (0.258)	-0.010 (0.018)
Observations	4,043	2,290	6,333

	Mean further	Mean closer	Diff (2) - (1)
# children	2.597 (1.538)	3.073 (2.045)	0.467*** (0.118)
# members	9.890 (5.442)	11.309 (6.494)	1.493** (0.685)
mother educ.	0.302 (0.713)	0.374 (0.785)	0.091 (0.082)
diarrhea	0.137 (0.344)	0.146 (0.353)	0.017 (0.021)
fever	0.219 (0.414)	0.252 (0.434)	0.034* (0.019)
head women	0.076 (0.265)	0.033 (0.178)	-0.049*** (0.017)
urban	0.382 (0.486)	0.544 (0.498)	0.161 (0.149)
girl	0.493 (0.500)	0.471 (0.499)	-0.027** (0.013)
Observations	4,043	2,290	6,333

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

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# IDP inflow $\uparrow$ health demand

Table A.14: Effects on health demand

VARIABLES	(1) doctor prenatal	(2) doctor prenatal	(3) doctor assistance	(4) doctor assistance
<b>PANEL A: IDP inflows variation across districts</b>				
$IDPCrisis_t * PredictedInflow_{d,p,t}$	0.028* (0.014)	0.028** (0.014)	0.051*** (0.018)	0.051*** (0.019)
$IDPCrisis_t * PredictedInflow_{d,p,t} * IDP$		-0.006 (0.027)		0.004 (0.018)
<b>PANEL B: Cohort variation within districts</b>				
$Cohort_{08}$	0.308 (0.261)	0.308 (0.262)	0.438** (0.209)	0.438** (0.209)
$Cohort_{08} * IDP$		-0.011 (0.044)		0.044 (0.038)
Observations	13,544	13,544	13,544	13,544
Number of districts	38	38	38	38

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

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- Demand not driven by IDP households

## IDP inflow also $\uparrow$ health supply

Table A.15: Effects of IDP inflow on polio vaccination campaigns

VARIABLES	(1) polio act.	(2) polio act.	(3) polio act.	(4) polio act.	(5) polio act.
<i>IDPCrises<sub>t</sub> * PredictedInflow<sub>d,p,t</sub></i>	0.100725*** (0.009504)	0.032068 (0.025081)	0.031307 (0.024317)	0.056293*** (0.014158)	0.043116*** (0.011795)
Observations	10,296	10,296	10,296	8,976	6,516
Province FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Time FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of districts		39	39	34	38

Note: Robust standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$

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- Demand not driven by IDP households

# Peak in terrorist attacks in 2014

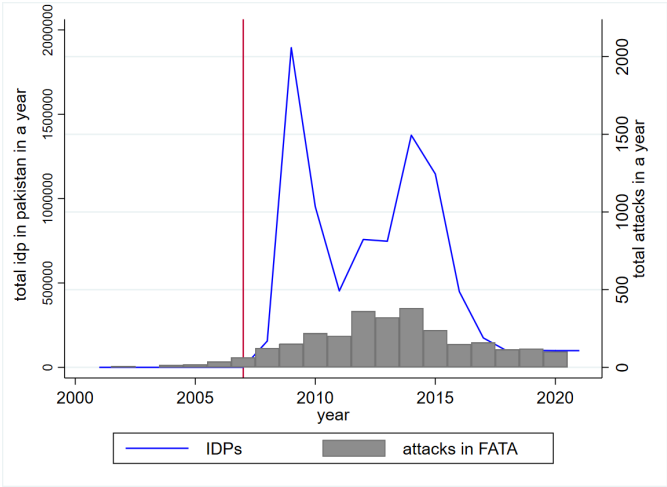


Figure A.6 Total terrorist attacks (2000-2022) Source: The Global Terrorism Database - G.T.D.

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# Polio surveillance



Source: Global Polio Eradication Program

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- 1 Acute Flaccid Paralysis Surveillance: 99% of samples are negative
- 2 Environmental Surveillance: 53 sampling sites
- 3 Testing Stool Surveys From Healthy Children (from high risk populations)



# Characteristics stable across distance

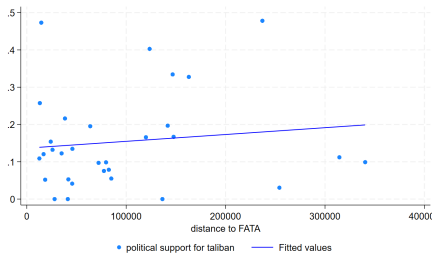
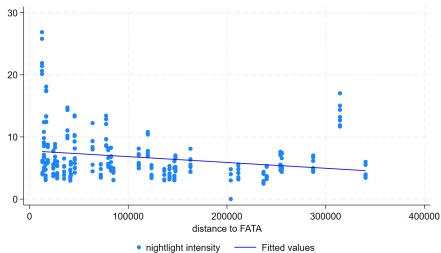


Figure A.7 Economic and political characteristics along distance to FATA.

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