Codebook

Transborder Ethnic Kin Dataset
(EPR-TEK Data)

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Overview

The Trans-border Ethnic Kin (EPR-TEK) dataset records all politically relevant ethnic groups living in at least two countries, i.e. ethnic groups with transnational ethnic connections and whose settlement area is split by an international border.

The EPR-TEK dataset identifies trans-border ethnic groups based on a nominal matching of all ethnic groups included in the EPR dataset (Cederman, Wimmer and Min, 2010). Thus, groups in two different countries are coded as trans-border kin if they share the same ethnographic name, including synonyms. Each transnational ethnic group has a unique TEK group code.

Where an ethnic group included in the core EPR dataset refers to an umbrella group, containing several sub-groups, the EPR-TEK data code a maximum of three trans-border ethnic connections for these sub-groups.

The present data set is sorted by TEK group.

When using this dataset in your research, please include the following reference:


An application of a previous version of the TEK data can be found at:

Description of variables

• **TEK**

  Description: TEK group ID
  Type: Integer
  Value range: $\mathbb{N}$

• **gwcode**

  Description: GW code of the country
  Type: Integer
  Value range: $\mathbb{N}$
  Source: GW

• **statename**

  Description: Name of country
  Type: String
  Source: GW

• **groupname**

  Description: Name of ethnic group
  Type: String
  Source: EPR

• **gwgroupid**

  Description: Unique ID of ethnic group
  Type: Integer
  Value range: $\mathbb{N}$
  Source: EPR
Coding examples

Transnational ethnic group

The Kurds who live mainly spread among the borders of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria are politically relevant minorities in all of these countries and are a classic example of a border-crossing ethnic group.

Umbrella group

For example, the Northerners (Mande and Voltaic/Gur) in the Ivory Coast are an umbrella group with TEK connections to several countries: The Mande (TEK code 507) are ethnic kin of the Malinke in Guinea, the Mandingo in Liberia and the Mande in Mali; the Voltaic/Gur (TEK code 520) are ethnic kin of the Gur in Burkina Faso and the Voltaic in Mali.

References

