Learning and adopting research in Cote d'Ivoire "how to better conduct a good process of R&R"

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The Community Coalition for Peace and the Promotion of Living Together (COPAVE) conducted a study in Cote d'Ivoire, assessing the successes and deficits of the Ivoirian amnesty and DDR program implemented following the country's civil war in 2007 and post-electoral crisis in 2011. The study served to inform and develop approaches to DDR and R&R in Diffa, Niger, a region experiencing high levels of Boko Haram violence. While the Ivoirian and Nigerien dynamics underlying DDR and R&R may appear very different, commonalities such as a need for strong coordination and collaboration among actors, as well as establishing robust processes of R&R to ensure sustainability, are cross-cutting features.

The study was subsequently shared with Nigerien CSO actors as well as government representatives to brainstorm and develop how the lessons learnt from Cote d'Ivoire and be applied, adapted, and translated into the Nigerien context. This included elements such as reducing grievances among unaffected populations by utilizing an approach based on fairness, including local communities, coordinating with political, religious, and military authorities, working with former soldiers of the regular armed forces, and promoting economic development of the Diffa region.

Building on these achievements, COPAVE implemented a capacity building training for CSOs and government representatives, focusing on the necessary tools and techniques of identifying, analyzing, and addressing the issue of R&R in Diffa. To this end, COPAVE developed a new tool "ARREC" (Tree of Insertion and Reintegration of Ex-Combatants), bringing together a variety of tools relating to communication techniques that can be utilized in R&R.

To sustain the impact of the program, COPAVE are planning a community mobilization workshop to enhance community participation in R&R with the help of traditional and religious leaders, as well as working with the National Human Rights Commission of Niger and the Ministry of the Interior to develop an action plan for R&R.

PHOTOS ET TEMOIGNAGES

Rencontre avec les Leaders religieux et acteur du CDVR à Abidjan

Prêcher ensemble sur l'importance de la coexistence pacifique des religions, faire bloc pour contrer toutes dérives. Promouvoir le dialogue : Communiquer la vision, identifier les acteurs crédibles, parler avec les vrais acteurs de la crise, reconsidérer les positions des uns et des autres, mettre un accent particulier sur l'écoute (beaucoup d'écoute).

Rencontre avec les Chefs traditionnels Akoué de Youmoussoukro à Gauche, les Membres de la communauté CEDEAO au centre et le chef de Nimbo Bouaké à droite.

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<tr><td colspan="3">Veiller au respect de la quiétude sociale, la cohésion sociale, encourager le cousinage à plaisanterie entre les 63 à 64 ethnies de la Côte d’Ivoire. Promouvoir la coexistence avec les étrangers, protéger et défendre les communautés et collaborer avec les militaires et FDS.</td></tr>
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