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# **Local Analysis of Conflict and Resilience Dynamics in the Cercles of Ansongo, Bourem and Gao**

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# CONFLICT AND RESILIENCE DYNAMICS IN GAO

## - KEY MESSAGES -

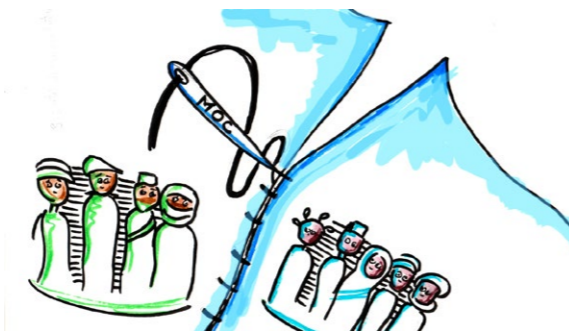


**1** *Chicken and egg?* The presence of more security forces, if they do not have the population's trust, does not give a sense of security, but rather the contrary (Ch. I)



**2** The MOC's mandate: understood by few and a source of conflict (Ch. I)

**3** The MOC is a tool for reconciliation and trust-building both internally and for the wider community (Ch. I)



**On insecurity**

**4** A strong feeling of mistrust between communities in Gao: the communitisation of insecurity (Ch. II)



**On intercommunal conflicts**



**5** The return of the State: stabilization or the beginning of new tensions? (Ch. II & IV)

**6** Intensification of inter-communal tensions (Ch. II)



**7** Feelings of marginalisation expressed by communities on the outskirts of Gao (Ch. II & IV)



**On the return of the State to Gao**

**8** The implementation of the Peace Agreement: different expectations and levels of motivation (Ch. III)



**On the management of the conflict**

**9** High expectations regarding the process of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) risk derailing it: DDR is perceived as a right, a support to employment (Ch. III)

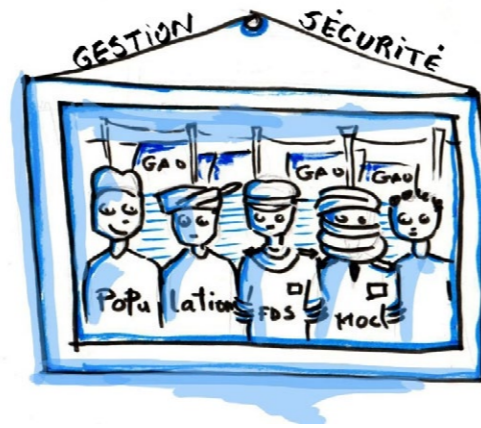


## - RECOMMENDATIONS -

1

Adapting security management mechanisms to the local context: creating a more inclusive and coordinated security management framework

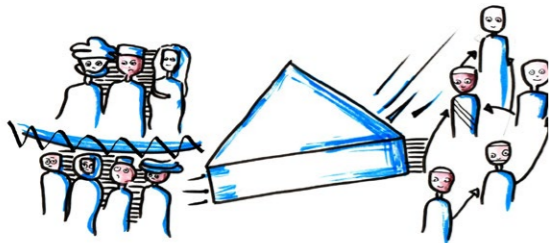
For concerted security management



2

Deconstruct the community prism for the return of social cohesion

For increased social cohesion



a

Encourage the creation of spaces for inclusive and participatory dialogue between communities and communities and authorities

b

Support the facilitation, by Gao's High Court, of information and awareness-raising campaigns on justice between the justice system and communities

c

Organize a regional meeting between the women of the three cercles of Ansongo, Bourem and Gao to build trust between them

d

Enhance the role of traditional leaders in the three cercles of Ansongo, Bourem and Gao in the restoration of trust between communities

e

Organize community dialogue sessions to combat stigmatization between young MOC fighters, particularly nomadic, and sedentary youth from Gao

3

Support the implementation of the MOC through targeted actions

a

Institutionalize civilo-military dialogue between civilians and the MOC

b

Adapt the MOC's capacity to the needs of the field

c

Construct the buildings and premises assigned to the MOC away from residential areas of Gao



For the restoration of trust between the MOC and civilians

4

Clarify the scope of the DDR process to prevent frustration



Make of the implementation of the Peace Agreement an opportunity for social transformation

5

For the effective implementation of the Peace Agreement in Gao

