



IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Drawing up a social cohesion strategy
- Training ViMPlus field agents
- Raising community awareness
- Setting up and training promotion groups
- Facilitating dialogue frameworks



RESULTS

- Conflict resolution through non-violent participatory mechanisms in fiscal year 2022: 14 conflicts related to access to and use of land and other conflicts on natural resources resolved to the satisfaction of stakeholders in the commune of Pissila (6 conflicts), Tougouri (3 conflicts) and Yalgo (5 conflicts);
- Improved relations between communities themselves and between host communities and IDPs. In some villages, as a result of community dialogues, landowners have loaned land to IDPs, who have been able to build housing and carry out agricultural activities.
- Adoption of solutions in terms of consensual management of natural resources: 4 local land charters institutionalized by Special Delegations and 05 others underway development
- The GPCS run dialogue sessions on the initiative of the populations themselves: 68 dialogue frameworks with the participation of 1,503 people, including 599 women (40%) and 254 young people.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Involving traditional authorities and religious leaders in the community dialogue process. These personalities (village chiefs, catechists, pastors, imans) contributed to the success of the approach by using their influence to encourage all social strata to sign up to the process.
- The dialogue framework as a means of strengthening community commitment ;
- Implementing accountability and community dialogue approaches helps to (i) establish good governance, (ii) prevent and reduce conflicts, (iii) strengthen and preserve social cohesion in villages.

BACKGROUND

- Conflicts between users/exploiters of natural resources (absence of formal approach to equitable and sustainable resource management sources of conflict between different users)
- Discrimination and inequalities in access to information and knowledge
decision-making at the village level, with women and young people the first victims
- Conflict of leadership between CVD, municipal councillors and others
- Difficulties in cohabitation and resource sharing between IDPs and host populations
- Difficult access to land for IDPs

SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS

- The inclusive nature of the dialogue (participation of different sensibilities, religious leaders, notables, women, young people, IDPs, different communities, etc.).
- Involvement of traditional community conflict prevention and management structures
- Empowerment and ownership of the practice approach by the trained GPCSs and also by the communities themselves, who take the initiative of holding the sessions.
- The practice is currently being institutionalized in most of the villages covered.
- Community radio stations (ViMPlus partners) have integrated the broadcasting of programs related to social cohesion into their programming.
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