

Country/entity	Mali
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Commitments for the prevention of conflicts between farmers and breeders of Tominian in the Segou region of Mali
Date	19 Dec 2019
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict

Mali: Dogon-Fulani and other local conflicts (2015 -)

An initially intercommunal conflict between Dogon and Fulani (known in Mali as Peulh) communities in the Mopti region in central Mali, which has strong regional and national dimensions as well. The conflict emerged in 2015 from disputes over access to natural resources and land management between traditionally sedentary agriculturalists, the Dogon community, and semi-nomadic pastoralists and traders, the Fulani community. Given the state's failure in providing security, various communities, including the Dozo community, grouped into militias, with the umbrella group Dan Na Ambassagou (DNA) comprising Dogon local defence militias. The intercommunal violence that ensued quickly became a regional emergency crisis, as extremist groups emerging from the northern regions to gain a foothold in the region benefited from this security vacuum by reinforcing the conflict through recruiting local population. In turn, the threat of extremist attacks fed back into the establishment of local defence militias. The emergence of Malian extremists in the Mopti region has triggered the internationalization of the conflict witnessing the intervention of international security forces, main missions being a Joint Force by the G5 Sahel, United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), and the French Operation Serval (SOV). Given Mali's colonial historical relationship with France, these interventions have de facto further added to the complexities of this conflict's drivers. Reconciliation efforts on both local and state level culminated in a ceasefire agreement in 2018. However, in the run up to the July 2018 elections the region saw an upsurge in violent clashes with civilians by communal militias, with increasing violent activities by Dozo militias. In 2019 there was a sharp increase of violent attacks by militias, militaries and extremists, with violence against civilians being most common.

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Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Mali Local Processes

Parties

Signatory parties:

The mayor of Tominian - Boba Abeneko DACKOUO

The mayor of Yasso - Cleophas KONE

For the breeders of Tominian - Mamadou SIDIBE

For the farmers of Tominian - Gnansian DIARRA

For the breeders of Yasso - Egoudou SIDIBE

For the farmers of Yasso - Arebe Sangaré (village chief of Kibi)

For the mayor of Mandiakuy - Moise DEMBELE

The mayor of Sanekuy - Mazankuy DEMBELE

For the breeders of Mandiakuy - Sayé SIDIBE

For the farmers of Mandiakuy - Samou Hervé DACKOUO

For the breeders of Sanekuy - Mamadou SIDIBE

For the farmers of Sanekuy - Babab Enok TRAORE

The mayor of Benena - Ignace KONE

The mayor of Mafouné - Niankan DABOU

For the breeders of Benena - Ousmane SIDIBE

For the farmers of Benena - Moise Koné (village chief of Bachirikuy)

For the breeders of Mafouné - Hansan SIDIBE

For the farmers of Mafouné - Issa DIONI

The mayor of Timissa - Sidiki ARAMA

The mayor of Fangasso - Batri DENA

For the breeders of Timissa - Boukary DIAKITE

For the farmers of Timissa - Toulema Moussa (village chief of Tondaga)

For the breeders of Fangasso - Yaya SIDIBE

For the farmers of Fangasso - Baba D. KAMATE

For the mayor of Ouan - Tiercé KONE

The mayor of Diora - Abdoulaye DAOU

Third parties	Not signed, but mentioned on Page 2, untitled preamble: [...] mediation undertaken by the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) on the mandate of the Government of Mali, [...]
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Description	This is an agreement between the representatives of local farming and pastoralist communities, joined by local government and religious leaders. All sides agreed to concerted management of local resources and continuation of dialogue, as well as prevention of retaliation. Farmers and pastoralists committed to a series of actions that facilitate their coexistence, while the government representatives committed to the restoration of the state's authority and combatting the proliferation of weapons.
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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
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Disabled persons	No specific mention.
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Elderly/age	No specific mention.
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Migrant workers	No specific mention.
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Racial/ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
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Religious groups	No specific mention.
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Indigenous people	No specific mention.
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Other groups	No specific mention.
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Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
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Social class	No specific mention.
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Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	<p>Page 2-3:</p> <p>In addition, we, farmers' representatives, commit to:</p> <p>Respecting the transhumance routes; Better protecting crops during the passage of animals;</p> <p>In addition, we, breeders' representatives, commit to:</p> <p>Respecting the fields and using existing routes and grazing areas; Not allowing grazing at night; Respecting the transhumance schedules and inform the farmers of the beginning and end of transhumance journeys through the village chiefs; Taking the necessary measures to properly supervise the animals when traveling; Fairly compensating injured farmers Declaring to the authorities all firearms at our disposal;</p>
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws Page 2:

Article 2: specific commitments of the parties

In order to prevent the occurrence of conflicts, the Parties commit to:

Favoring dialogue and mediation in the event of disputes between them;
Breaking the cycle of retaliation when a field is damaged or a pastoral area is used for other purposes;
Working to reconcile customary law relating to land and laws on pastoralism and land ownership, ensuring their application;

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 3:
Article 3: commitments of the authorities
[...]
• Work to secure rural land (agricultural land, transhumance routes, grazing areas, etc.) of Tominian for the benefit of farmers and breeders, so as to achieve agro-pastoral development;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources Page 2:
Article 1: general commitments of the parties
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Page 3:
Article 3: commitments of the authorities
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International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.



Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights

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Article 2: specific commitments of the parties

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Favoring dialogue and mediation in the event of disputes between them;
Breaking the cycle of retaliation when a field is damaged or a pastoral area is used for other purposes;
Working to reconcile customary law relating to land and laws on pastoralism and land ownership, ensuring their application;
Supporting all conflict prevention initiatives, provided that these are inclusive and respectful to the traditional values of the communities;
Registering and announcing the new breeders arriving in the circle to facilitate their arrival and to prevent tensions

In addition, we, farmers' representatives, commit to:

Respecting the transhumance routes;
Better protecting crops during the passage of animals;

In addition, we, breeders' representatives, commit to:

Respecting the fields and using existing routes and grazing areas;
Not allowing grazing at night;
Respecting the transhumance schedules and inform the farmers of the beginning and end of transhumance journeys through the village chiefs;
Taking the necessary measures to properly supervise the animals when traveling;
Fairly compensating injured farmers
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Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 3:
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[...]
Declaring to the authorities all firearms at our disposal;

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations
Page 3:
In addition, we, breeders' representatives, commit to:
[...]
Fairly compensating injured farmers

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Available with the HD Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue website, at <https://www.hdcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Engagements-de-Tominian.pdf> (accessed on 19/6/2020).
