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

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 - Tiéré Elie 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, [...]
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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Local agreement properties

Process type	Formal structured process Isolated example
Rationale	The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue mediated this peace agreement. Limited background research does not suggest a track record of signing agreements between the conflict parties in this particular area.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	The agreement was negotiated outside of the national-level peace process as it deals with local conflict in central Mali. The parties to this agreement are not part of the national-level peace negotiation framework.
Name of Locale	Tominian cercle
Nature of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	13.257000, -4.457000
Participant type	Local state actor International or transnational actor Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder Local community/civilian group(s)/civil society organisations

Mediator, facilitator or similar	Mediator or similar referred to
Mediator (references)	Mediator: Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
Type of mediator/ facilitator/similar	International or transnational actor

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Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	No specific mention.
Grievance List	Page 1, Preamble, Aware that the sharing of natural resources, through water points, roads, and pasture areas, has always been a source of tension between our Bwa (bobo), Dafing, Dogon and Peulh communities; Aware that these tensions are likely to be exacerbated by the circulation of weapons and the repercussions of intercommunal conflicts, which destabilize the circles of Bankass, Djenne, and Macina, where the Peulh breeder traditionally reside, and who now flee the abuses of which they are victims; Aware that a conflict would lead to an escalation of violence in the current context of instability in central Mali; Aware of the existence of a deep circle of trust between breeders and farmers, against a background of growth in the human and animal population which increases the risk of conflicts over access to natural resources;
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	No specific mention.
