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# **Local conventions for natural resource management as tools for peacebuilding in central Mali: Case study in the agro-sylvo-pastoral systems of Sio, Fakala and Femaye Communes, Mopti Region**

This study was conducted to better understand the impacts of the instruments in Central Mali that aim to strengthen natural resource management while playing a role in peace-building.

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Local conventions for natural resource management are essential tools initially implemented by the Kedo-Diren project, with the ambition of the Mali Resilient Challenge Fund Program project (MRCFP) to expand them on a larger scale in Central Mali, particularly in the Inner Niger Delta.

These instruments aim to strengthen natural resource management while playing a role in peace-building in a region marked by insecurity and social and environmental challenges. A study was conducted to better understand the impacts of these conventions.

The results highlight the multiple contributions of local conventions to peace-building:

- By facilitating the coordination of natural resources management, they have helped mitigate conflicts between farmers and herders through better communal spatial planning, particularly by rehabilitating and marking pastoral corridors.
- They have enabled communities to develop collective rules and establish effective mechanisms for conflict prevention and management. The management conventions for bourgou resources have played a strategic role.
- They set rules for exploiting this essential resource and have promoted regeneration, supported bourgou cultivation and encouraged income-generating activities.
- These actions have strengthened the resilience of local communities while laying sustainable foundations for the peaceful and efficient management of shared resources.

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