



# FEED THE FUTURE

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative



## 2018 Feed the Future IP Meeting: *Peace, Sustainability, and Growth*

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**Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING) Project**



## RING Goals & Objectives

- **Poverty and malnutrition reduction**
  - *20% reduction in anemia, underweight, stunting, and wasting*
  - *80% of households increase income by 100%*
- **Direct funding & implementation through GOG**
  - *17 MMDAs*
  - *7 Departments of the NRCC*
- **Strengthens existing systems for sustainable results**





## Conflicts: Reality or Over-hyped?

### Conflicts are a reality in Northern Ghana

- Significant impact on the socio-economic activities

### Conflict affected communities

- Left out of development opportunities due to danger (real or perceived)



### Conflicts are, however, localized



## RING Approach to Preventing Conflicts

### RING approach is preventive

- Primarily addresses economic drivers and socio-cultural considerations

### Promote Social Cohesion & Trust

- Communal interventions promoted
- Results in improved social cohesion
- VSLA is a foundation for this: promotes trust, social cohesion, and household resiliency





## RING Approach to Preventing Conflicts

### Beneficiary Selection Process: Transparent & Inclusive

- Well-documented
- Ensured equity in resource distribution

### Collective Management of Resources

- Engage communities as collective entity
- Increase community stewardship & reduce conflict





## RING Approach to Preventing Conflicts

### Sensitization of Beneficiaries on Interventions

- Deliberately discuss conflict prevention
- Communities proactive in recognizing potential conflicts

### Rapport Building Between Local Government and Communities

- Local gov't a critical mediator when conflicts arises
- Coordination with traditional authorities





## Recommendations & Suggestions

### Deliberately Empower Youth

- Year-round productivity & diverse economic opportunities
- Agriculture should be lucrative & attractive
- Access to employable skills or young adult learning
- Easy access to finance or start-up capital

### *How do we work together as a team in peace building?*

- Consider project design with existing or potential conflict in mind
- Flexibility of projects to support others not overtly working on peace





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