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# Conflict Component Presentation

## NGGA

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## IS CONFLICT A REALITY OR OVERHYPED?

- Change in the scale of conflicts in northern Ghana (versus 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s).
- No reduction in the number of conflicts
- Root causes of conflict not addressed (the absence of open conflict does not equal peace).
- Outstanding issues of conflicts in Bimbila, Yendi and Bunkpurugu – risks of some violence erupting after court verdicts.
- Proliferation of Small Arms and light Weapons (SALW), especially in the Northern Region, where the risk of conflict is most pronounced.





## ABOUT NGGA

- Consortium led by CARE Int. in Ghana in 28 districts in N, UE, & UW regions – novel (multi-disciplined and mgt. arrangement)
- Focus; Improved Agricultural governance, food security and wealth and sustaining agricultural investments and impacts through peace
- Criteria for selection of 28 NGGA districts (out of about 50 in NG) included strength of conflict potentials
- NGGA, demonstrable of inevitable need to integrate peace in agriculture and development work and need to be conflict sensitive in agricultural programming because of co-benefits.





## ACTIVITIES

- Trainings:
  - I. Conflicting parties, including women.
  - II. Influential youth (50 in Bimbila and Burkpurugu, targeting Fielmuo and Nimoro in Sissala West District)
  - III. Local peace actors.
- Platforms for Dialogue
- Leveraging existing agriculture and peace structures to manage conflicts.
- Facilitating one-on-one meetings between conflicting parties (chiefs, gates, families etc) , and leveraging traditional ceremonies (funerals, durbars etc.) as vehicles for fostering peace(Bunkpurugu, Bimbilla)





## SUCCESSSES

- Revived PUC engaged in conflict management in other districts
- No violence in 2016 and 2017 farming seasons
- Key activities by parties without violence
- 2 very close women friends who never talked to each other for 8 years drunk from the same calabash to signify peace –





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- Trained women groups organized reciprocal peace durbars  
- sang, danced



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## WAYS FORWARD

- Strengthen capacity of district level conflict resolution mechanisms.
- Mainstream conflict sensitivity into agricultural programming.
- Alleviate poverty.
- Formalize land tenure systems.
- Improve understanding of the root causes of conflict, and how conflict and/or the risk thereof relates to agricultural development (including the development of agricultural value chains – logistic and processing infrastructure).
- Adopting early warning and response mechanisms.
- Design and implement agricultural programming which simultaneously contribute to more sustainable peace.



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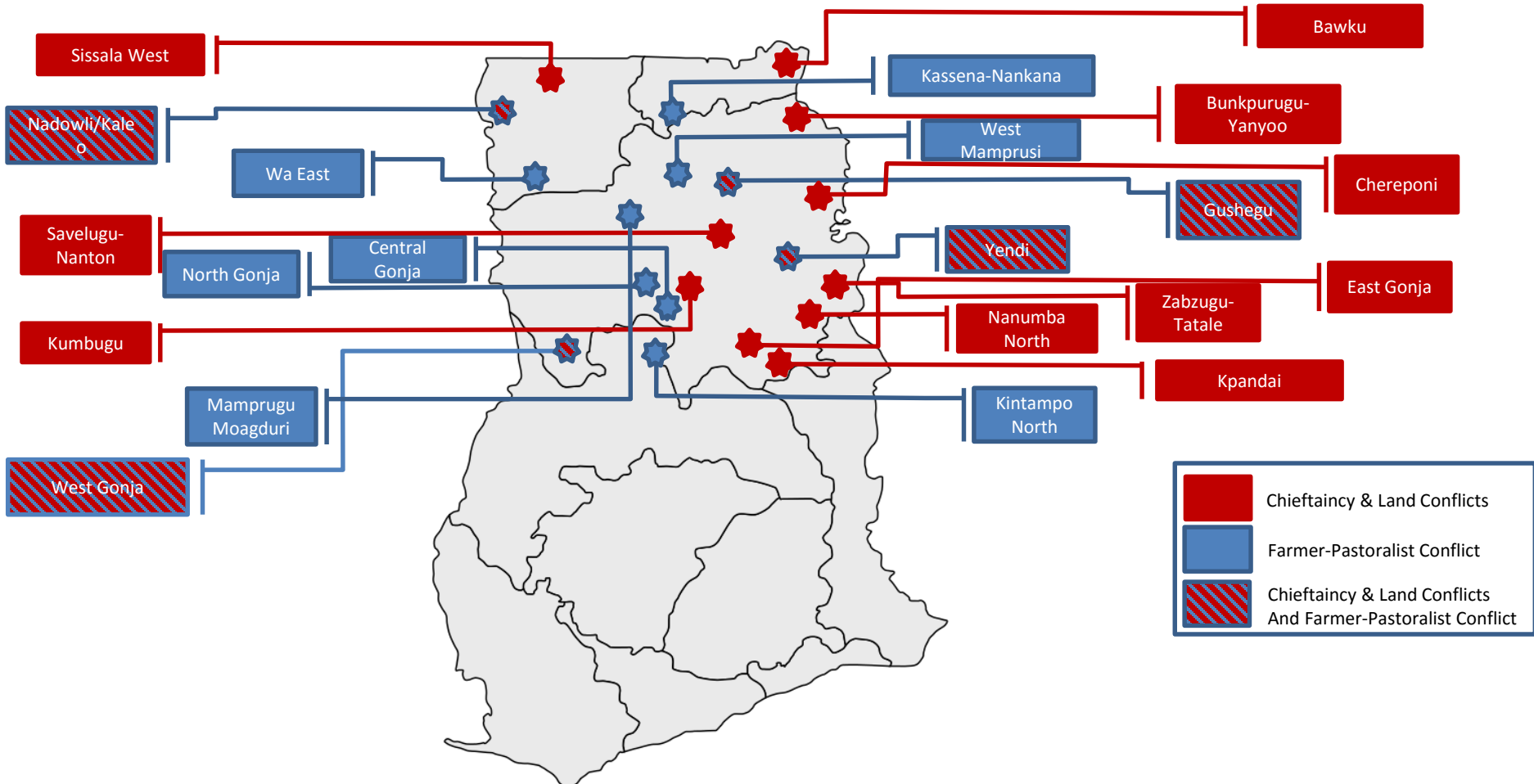




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## CONFLICT HOTSPOT DISTRICTS: NORTHERN GHANA



	Chieftaincy & Land Conflicts
	Farmer-Pastoralist Conflict
	Chieftaincy & Land Conflicts And Farmer-Pastoralist Conflict





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