




SESSION 4



OPERATIONALIZING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN SECURITY ACTORS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN WEST AFRICA

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In Benin, do the existing defense and security frameworks promote collaboration and trust between civilian populations and the defense and security forces in terms of preventing and combating violent extremism?

A- Brief overview of the security situation in the region and in Benin (Images and numbers)

A.1-Continued deterioration of the situation in the Sahel with expansion towards the coastal countries of the Gulf of Guinea (CIV, Ghana, Togo, Benin



A.2- Bénin = 50 terrorist attacks, 150 victims with 120 are civilians, 3 départements of 12, 10 communes in the North are threatened by armed terrorist groups



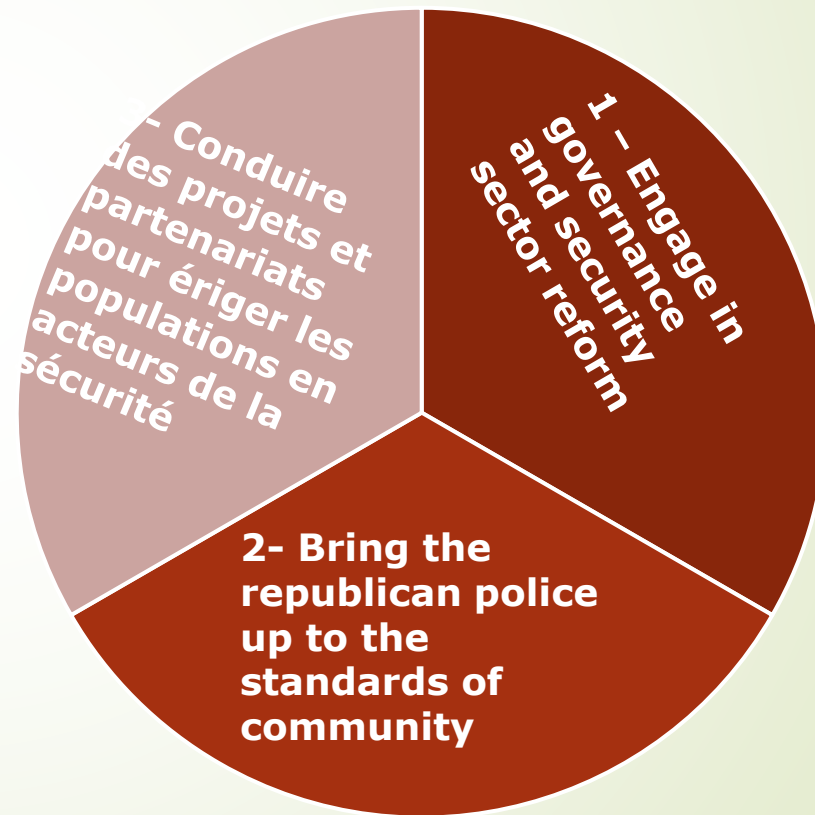
Opération Mirador (3000 soldats)

B- Existence of Security Force/population collaboration frameworks for PVE?

Strategic objectives of community policing in Benin



Prerequisites to transform the relationship



2- Multifaceted frameworks for collaboration between the defense and security forces and the population in PVE

a) Republican Police

Police/gendarmerie fusion to bring the police services closer to the populations (coverage 80% #55%) improving to the ratio of 1/1000

b) National Gaurd

Units specialized in PVE

c) Redefine the mandate of defense and security forces

Focus on emerging threats, (cyber crime, illicit trafficking, diverse VE & terrorism, etc...) and partner with the population

d) Innovative Security Strategies

Armées: local security, ACM/RCM, privileged opportunities for dialogue with populations

Republican Police: community police, reinforce contact with the population, jointly produce security (See Decree & CAT)



e) IECD



In Benin, the DSF communicate little with the populations and causing people to fear the uniform

Populations have a base level of distrust of the DSF from colonial heritage and a lack of understanding of roles and responsibilities.

The IECD is established as a framework for collaboration and trust building between the DSF and population through activities to break down fear and distrust, the enemies of collaboration.

Communication, the basis for creating a good climate of trust

f) Local Security Committees (5282 CLS)

The principle of security from below, with the active participation of the population and elected officials

Frameworks for exchange and consultation between populations/elected officials/DSF to jointly carry out the security analysis for each village, find the drivers and local solutions adapted to the problems and needs of the populations, create trust, collaborate for the sharing of knowledge and information on various threats with SDS

g) External inspection by the Presidency of the Republic (CCMSTN)

Control of security
missions and services
for the population

Unit Inspections
and Governance
Control

Fight against
corruption, impunity
and human rights
violations

Renew dialogue by
resolving DSF/population
disputes

Ensure the good image of
the DSF within the
populace to strengthen
trust, the source of
legitimacy

Notes

Public trust remains an issue at the heart of any security strategy, from PLEV

- promotes the construction of symbiotic relationships that boost
Population/FDS collaboration

- Strengthens the credibility and legitimacy of the FDS- Improves the image of SDS

- Increases assets for building peace and social cohesion

II- How are partnerships between security actors and communities established, financed and managed in Benin?

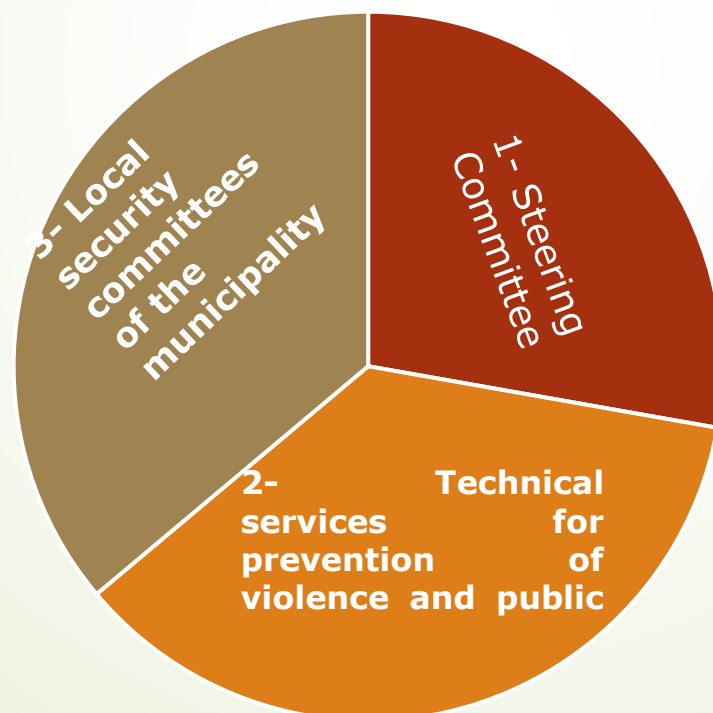
Local security plans

Definition: Security governance instruments at the local and municipal level.
Security aspects of the municipal development plan

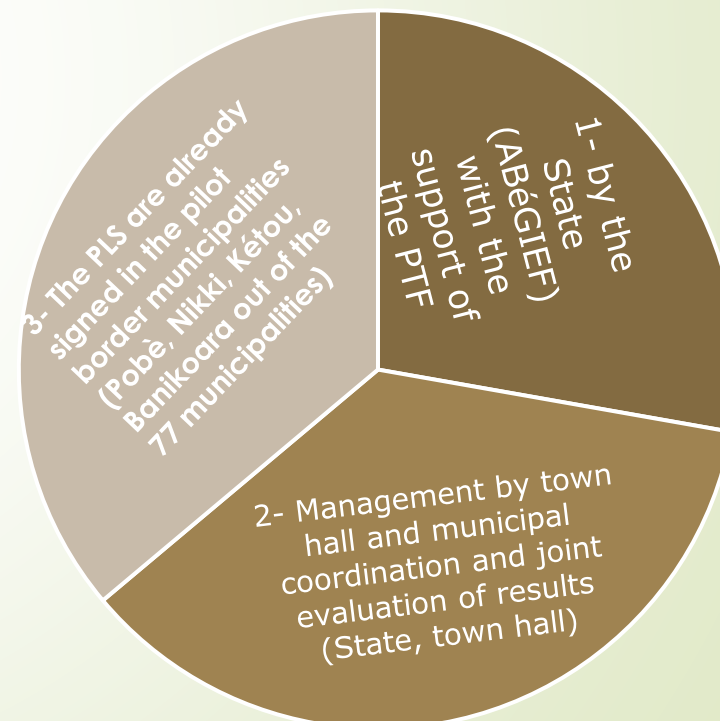
IMPLEMENTATION STEPS




Systems for Implementation



Financement





III- Can you share some promising practices implemented in prevention and countering violent extremism policies and programs designed to facilitate information sharing and coordination between security actors, local authorities and local communities ?

PREVENTION OF THE FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM

