Conflict Factsheet

Conflict between Falata and Habaniya in Darfur, Sudan

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Local resource competition

Conflict Summary

Diminishing land resources, partly caused by spreading desertification and poor resource management, have intensified cattle raiding and territorial disputes between the Falata and Habaniya communities of Darfur.
Conceptual Model

**Climate Change**
- More Frequent / Intense Extreme Weather Events

**Environmental Change**
- Natural Resource Scarcity

**Intermediary Mechanisms**
- Change in Access / Availability of Natural Resources

**Fragility and Conflict Risks**
- Grievances between Societal Groups

**Social and Economic Drivers**
- Economic Development

**Context Factors**

- Dysfunctional Resource Management
  - Insecure Land Tenure
  - Water-stressed Area

- History of Conflict
  - Low Level of Economic Development

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Conflict History

Diminishing land resources, partly due to spreading desertification and poor resource management have increased resource competition between the Falata and Habaniya of Darfur. This, in turn has led to reciprocal attacks and cattle raids between the two groups between 2006 and 2010, leaving more than 370 people dead (Bromwich, 2008; Sudan Tribune, 2008; UCDP, 2015).

An important factor behind communal conflicts in Darfur is the struggle for recognition of ethnic homelands ("Dars" in Arabic). The Dar is of particular importance to local communities, allowing for native administration and political representation at the local and national level and thus increasing the group’s overall prestige. The possession of a Dar is also essential in order to gain access to basic services such as education (Flint, 2010). In the present case, the Falata, who did not have a well-established Dar, struggled to form one. This resulted in violent conflicts between the Falata and most of their neighbours, including the Habaniya (Takana, 2008). Ongoing wars and the spread of heavy weapons across many regions of Sudan have further intensified these conflicts (UCDP, 2015).

Resolution Efforts

After mediation efforts by the African Union - United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), the Falata and Habaniya reached a reconciliation agreement in 2010, which stated that the disputed areas should be shared (Radio Dabanga, 2010). Since then no more fighting has been reported.
## Intensities & Influences

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### Resolution Success

**Reduction in Violence**  
Violence has ceded completely.

**Reduction in geographical scope**  
There has been no reduction in geographical scope.

**Increased capacity to address grievance in the future**  
There is no increased capacity to address grievances in the future.

**Grievance Resolution**  
Grievances have been partially addressed.

**Causal Attribution of Decrease in Conflict Intensity**  
Conflict resolution strategies have been clearly responsible for the decrease in conflict intensity.
Entry Points for Resilience and Peace Building

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<td>A reconciliation agreement between both groups was reached in 2010.</td>
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Resources and Materials

References with URL


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Further information

https://factbook.ecc-platform.org/conflicts/falata-habaniya-sudan-darfur