



GUINEA



Country Facts



- ACORD has been working in Guinea since 1985.
- ACORD works in Forest Guinea, Upper Guinea and the capital Conakry
- ACORD partners with 69 civil society organisations in Guinea to build capacity and sustainability.
- The ACORD team in Guinea is comprised of 15 staff, 100% of whom are Guinean.
- Last year, ACORD programmes touched the lives of 6,166 Guineans in the most marginalized, hard to reach communities.



ACORD (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development) is a Pan-African non-governmental organisation that has been working for social justice and development in Africa since 1976. Our work is guided by a number of fundamental values and working principles, chief amongst these is our belief that people themselves are the primary actors in their own development.

ACORD works in common cause with people who are poor and those who have been denied their rights to obtain social justice and development and, ultimately, to become part of locally-rooted citizen movements. ACORD has facilitated the emergence of over 2000 strong and autonomous grassroots organisations across Africa.

Country Priorities

In Guinea, ACORD works with local communities, partners and authorities to help the populations build sustainable and resilient livelihoods, consolidate peace, and manage natural resources for long-term food security in a climate of recurrent instability.

RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

- **Specific Objective 1:** Strengthen the livelihoods and resilience of marginalised communities through the realization of food sovereignty;

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROMOTION

- **Specific Objective 2:** Advocate for women and young people to facilitate their access to land and support them in the practice of agro-ecology;

PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- **Specific Objective 3:** Promote community involvement in community dialogue processes for peaceful communal elections, to strengthen land governance, and promote social cohesion.
- **Specific Objective 4:** Facilitate a supportive environment where marginalized communities become effective agents of peace restoration and conflict transformation in support of stability and inclusive development in Guinea and on the continent.

OUR PARTNERS:

ACORD works in Guinea in collaboration with local CSO coalitions such as the National and Regional Councils of CSOs, (CNOSCG and CROSC), the Publish What You Pay coalition, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), local NGO ADAPE in Upper Guinea, and more than 50 grassroots organisations. ACORD is also an active member of the National forum of NGOs. ACORD's funding partners in Guinea include UNDP and the UN Peacebuilding Fund, CCFD- Terre Solidaire and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

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ACORD in Guinea

ACORD has been active in Guinea since 1985 with activities focused on improving livelihoods and food security. Guinea has a rich endowment of natural resources and underexploited fishing and agriculture sectors. Forest Guinea is at the centre of a growing conflict over natural resources, and deforestation threatens food security and peace. ACORD works with local communities and authorities to engage communities in a process of concerted natural resources management, in particular with regards to land use and the exploitation of mining resources.

Following up to conflict in neighbouring Sierra Leone, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire, in 2000 ACORD began registering Liberian, Sierra Leonean and Ivorian refugees in Southeast Guinea and designed conflict mitigation and livelihood programmes to support refugees and their host communities.

ACORD has been developing a comprehensive programme for conflict resolution and peacebuilding, peaceful natural resources management, livelihoods and economic empowerment, as well as democracy and rights promotion (with an emphasis on women's rights) in the regions of Forest Guinea, Upper Guinea, and in the capital Conakry.

ACORD's peacebuilding efforts also focus on developing and supporting community-based and community-led conflict resolution and peacebuilding mechanisms to prevent and respond to recurring religious, ethnic and political conflict and violence in Forest Guinea as well as conflicts linked to natural resources management in Forest and Upper Guinea.

Since the Ebola outbreak, which originated in the Forest Guinea, ACORD has been piloting sensitization, prevention and response programmes as well as recovery projects in all localities where ACORD is present.

Project Spotlight

Promoting Citizen Participation in Natural Resource Management:

ACORD has been working to promote public participation in local-level natural resource management in the Forest Region of Guinea, through community dialogue and capacity-building and awareness raising on legal texts and laws related to natural resource management and on global initiatives for transparency in the extractive industries.

ACORD's goals are to strengthen existing consultation mechanisms for local actors to address natural resource management issues; promote the social contract model for peaceful management of resources; and establish or further develop networks of representatives from communities, local organisations, local authorities, and mining companies to help them develop strategies for improving transparency, monitoring signed agreements between communities and mining companies, and mitigating mining-related conflicts.

Project Spotlight

Strengthening of Local Initiatives for Peace Forest Guinea:

ACORD recently completed a project that supported local initiatives for conflict prevention and peacebuilding in Forest Guinea. ACORD has strengthened the capacity and synergy of various peace actors in Forest Guinea on conflict prevention, management and resolution mechanisms, early warning and early response through the establishment or re-energizing of efficiently co-ordinated social peace infrastructures.

Outcome 1: Conducted a diagnosis study of all peace structures existing in the seven districts of Forest Guinea.

Outcome 2: Fifty peace infrastructures were put in place in seven districts of the Forest Guinea.

2016 Impact in Numbers:

1,321

Women were reached

69

Civil Society Organisations have enhanced capacities

5

Villages have increased access to basic services

250

Households have adopted enhanced livelihoods strategies



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