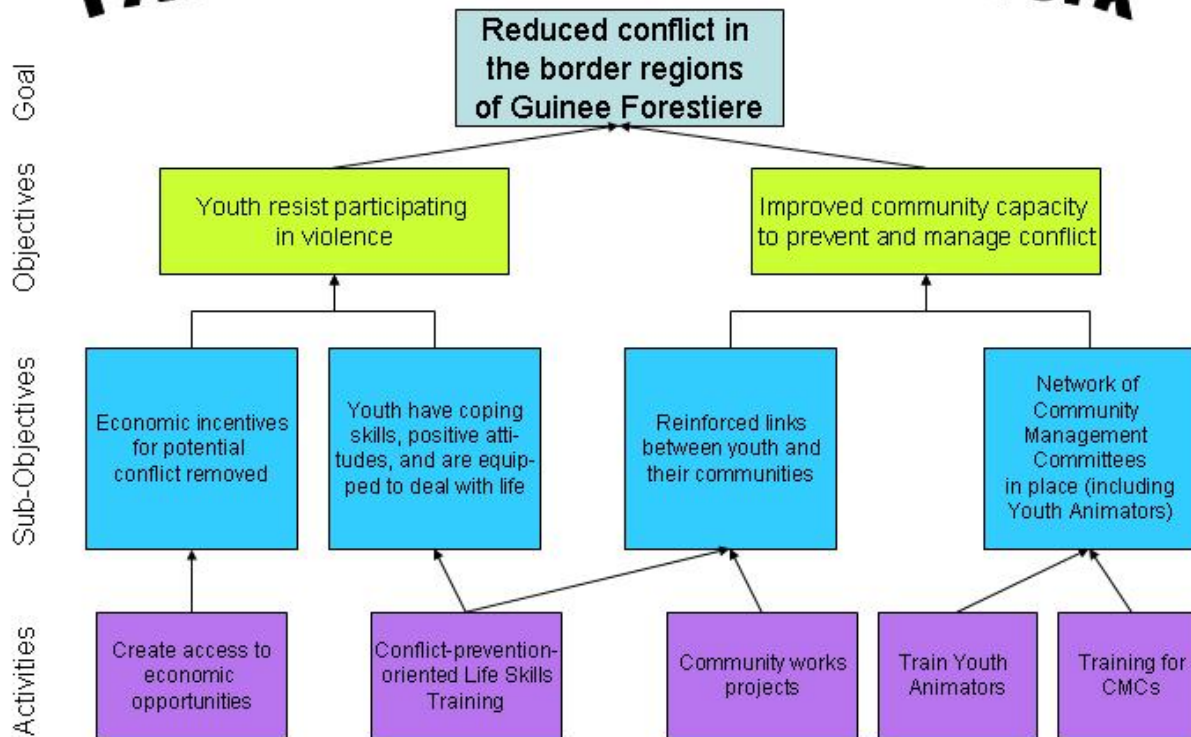


ARC PATHWAYS

Prevention Activities and Training for At-Risk Youth Guinea 2004 - 2007

PATHWAY Results Framework



What We Tried

- **Target:** 5000 youth aged 16-35 at-risk to re-enter violent conflict in Lola, Yemou, and N'Zérékoré with:
 - Cross-sector microenterprise education
 - Tailored micro grant and micro finance solutions
 - Vocational training specific to their communities
 - General literacy training
- **Support:**
 - 14 Master Trainers and 250 Youth Facilitators
 - 350 members of Community Management Committees

Challenges We Faced



- Lack of advanced skills in proposal development and budgeting
- Paucity of reliable microcredit providers
- Monitoring of YAs
- Levels of female participation in discussions
- Multiple local languages/low French literacy
- Illiteracy vs. low literacy curriculum design
- Lure of “gold-rush” for participants
- Sustainability of economic incentives post-project

Successes We Had

- The program is youth-driven
- High and clear expectations were set for youth animators and participants
- Access to professional and thorough capacity building and training ensured that both youth facilitators and beneficiaries had the necessary skills and knowledge tailored to their level of literacy and experience
- Demand-driven gen. literacy component added

- Conflict Mitigation strategy combined capacity-building of communities with economic incentives
- Youth were target population but communities were incorporated in program design
- Community Management Committees
- Sustainability addressed through local service providers (credit unions, MFIs, VS&LAs)
- 3-Prong Economic Development program:
 - MicroEnterprise Fundamentals™ curricula from Making Cents International
 - Master Trainer (artisans) program
 - Life skills training