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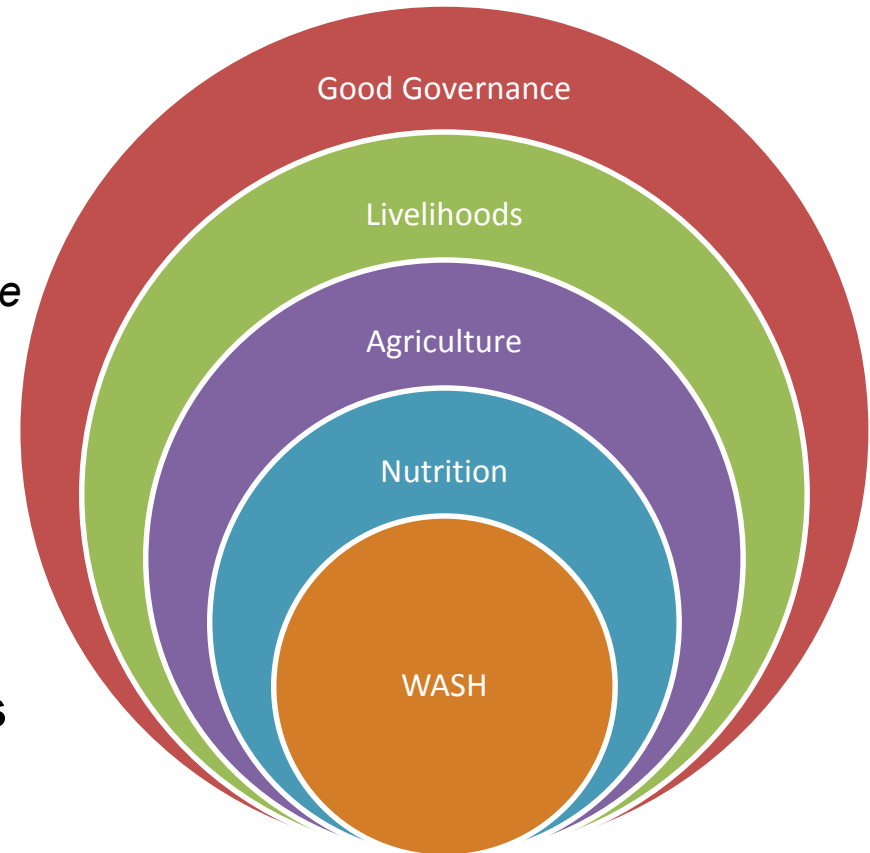
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Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING) Project



RING Goals & Objectives

- **Poverty and malnutrition reduction**
 - *20% reduction in anemia, underweight, stunting, and wasting*
 - *80% of households increase income by 100%*
- **Direct funding & implementation through GOG**
 - *17 MMDAs*
 - *7 Departments of the NRCC*
- **Strengthens existing systems for sustainable results**





Conflicts: Reality or Over-hyped?

Conflicts are a reality in Northern Ghana

- Significant impact on the socio-economic activities

Conflict affected communities

- Left out of development opportunities due to danger (real or perceived)



Conflicts are, however, localized



RING Approach to Preventing Conflicts

RING approach is preventive

- Primarily addresses economic drivers and socio-cultural considerations

Promote Social Cohesion & Trust

- Communal interventions promoted
- Results in improved social cohesion
- VSLA is a foundation for this: promotes trust, social cohesion, and household resiliency





RING Approach to Preventing Conflicts

Beneficiary Selection Process: Transparent & Inclusive

- Well-documented
- Ensured equity in resource distribution

Collective Management of Resources

- Engage communities as collective entity
- Increase community stewardship & reduce conflict





RING Approach to Preventing Conflicts

Sensitization of Beneficiaries on Interventions

- Deliberately discuss conflict prevention
- Communities proactive in recognizing potential conflicts

Rapport Building Between Local Government and Communities

- Local gov't a critical mediator when conflicts arises
- Coordination with traditional authorities





Recommendations & Suggestions

Deliberately Empower Youth

- Year-round productivity & diverse economic opportunities
- Agriculture should be lucrative & attractive
- Access to employable skills or young adult learning
- Easy access to finance or start-up capital

How do we work together as a team in peace building?

- Consider project design with existing or potential conflict in mind
- Flexibility of projects to support others not overtly working on peace





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