



**Main Objective:**  
**Strengthening community resilience to violent conflict & armed violence in the Liptako Gourma**

- Outcomes:**
- ✓ Enhanced community safety capacities
  - ✓ Enhanced resilience to weapons-related risks
  - ✓ Enhanced cross border relationships and cooperation
  - ✓ Enhanced communication and collaboration between communities and state security providers
  - ✓ Increased resilience to violent extremism

- Main Activities:**
- ✓ Conflict analysis
  - ✓ Community Safety planning
  - ✓ Cross-border engagement
  - ✓ Local advocacy
  - ✓ Conflict management capacity building
  - ✓ Borderland & crossborder dialogue facilitation
  - ✓ Small Arms & Mines Risk Education
  - ✓ Youth Engagement
  - ✓ Community radio training for conflict-sensitive reporting

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## BORDER SECURITY AND MANAGEMENT (BSM) PROGRAMME

### SAFER COMMUNITIES IN THE LIPTAKO GOURMA REGION (SAHEL)

#### Who we are

The Danish Demining Group (DDG) is a specialized technical unit within the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). Around the globe, we work with communities to promote a safe environment where people can live free from arms-related risks and violence.

#### Our work in the Sahel

Border communities in the Sahel, especially in the Liptako-Gourma region that covers Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, are under increasing pressure in terms of armed violence, resource scarcity and inter-communal tensions, all of which are undermining social cohesion, in a highly conflict-affected neighborhood.

In addressing these challenges, DDG implements a Border Security and Management (BSM) Programme that reaches conflict and violence affected communities along the borders of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso. Since its inception in 2014, the Programme has reached some 35,000+ beneficiaries throughout 13 communities. Among results, it has served to develop cross border community safety by empowering local communities to advocate for and actively pursue the safety priorities they have defined for themselves.

#### How we work

The programme relies on a **bottom-up, community-based, and cross-border approach**, and operates through an **Armed Violence Reduction (AVR)** framework which emphasizes:

- Supporting locally driven **community planning processes**;
- Building local capacity for **conflict prevention, management and mediation**;
- Fostering a culture of **accountable security provision** at a local level, through engagement with and capacity building of security providers;
- Addressing the threat posed by small arms, mines and other instruments of armed violence, through **risk education**;
- **Building trust** between rights holders (local communities) and duty bearers (defense and security institutions and local administration) by facilitating access and dialogue.

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