

Applying the SCORE Index to Map Social Cohesion and Coexistence in Liberia

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Outline

- SCORE background and methodology
- Application in Liberia
- Results and implications from the Liberia project
- Future prospects for SCORE

Search for Common Ground

- Search for Common Ground, founded in 1982, is the world's largest peacebuilding organization
- Our mission is to transform the way the world deals with conflict, away from adversarial approaches, toward cooperative solutions



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Social Cohesion and Reconciliation (SCORE) Index

- Developed by UNDP-ACT and the Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development (SeeD), with USAID funding
- SCORE uses a process framework to guide the assessment of social cohesion in conflict-affected societies through multi-stakeholder collaboration
- Combines participatory research process with advanced data analysis to identify the drivers of conflict dynamics

SCORE in Practice

- **Stage 1: Participatory Conceptual Design**
- Participatory system mapping, including international development partners and local stakeholders, based on global theoretical frameworks AND national issues / dynamics.
- **Stage 2: Selection / Adaptation of Measurement Instruments**
- Use of library of indicators from past SCORE projects and new indicators stemming from Stage 1 AND design of new measurement instruments as needed.
- **Stage 3: Data Collection and Analysis**
- Multiple data streams (e.g. general population, youth, experts, social media) collected, on which predictive analytics are applied: regression, structural equation modelling, etc.
- **Stage 4: Participatory Policy Dialogue**
- Collaborative workshops with policy stakeholders to explore SCORE findings and design interventions that hold greatest potential for positive impact.

SCORE in Liberia

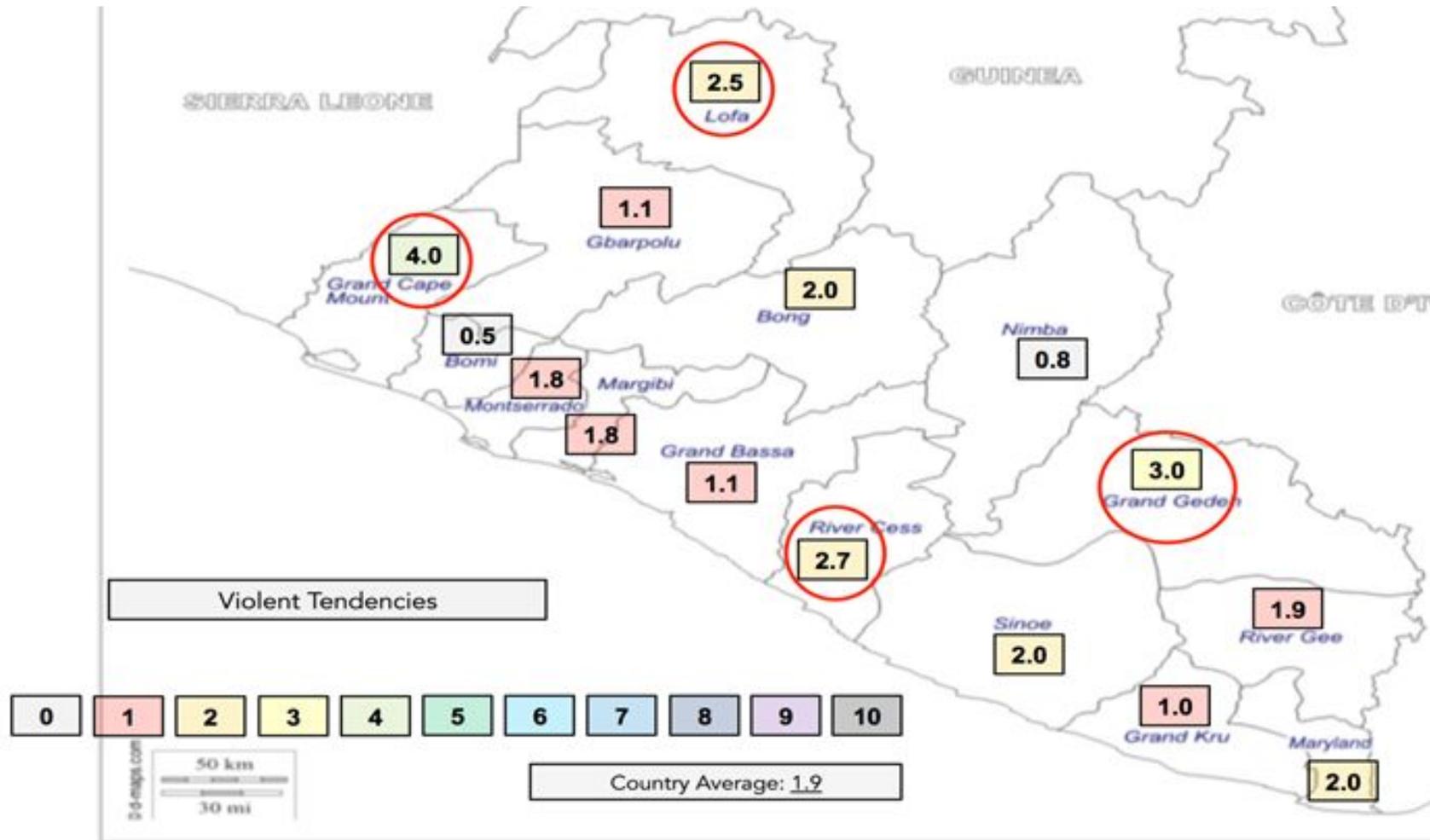
- Critical moment in Liberia's post-war history
 - Consolidation of peace and conflict transformation
 - October 2017 presidential elections
 - March 2018 departure of UNMIL
- Year 1 Pilot Phase (2016-2017): the Partnership Framework and data collection
- Year 2 Expansion (2018): expanded survey and Governance Assessment



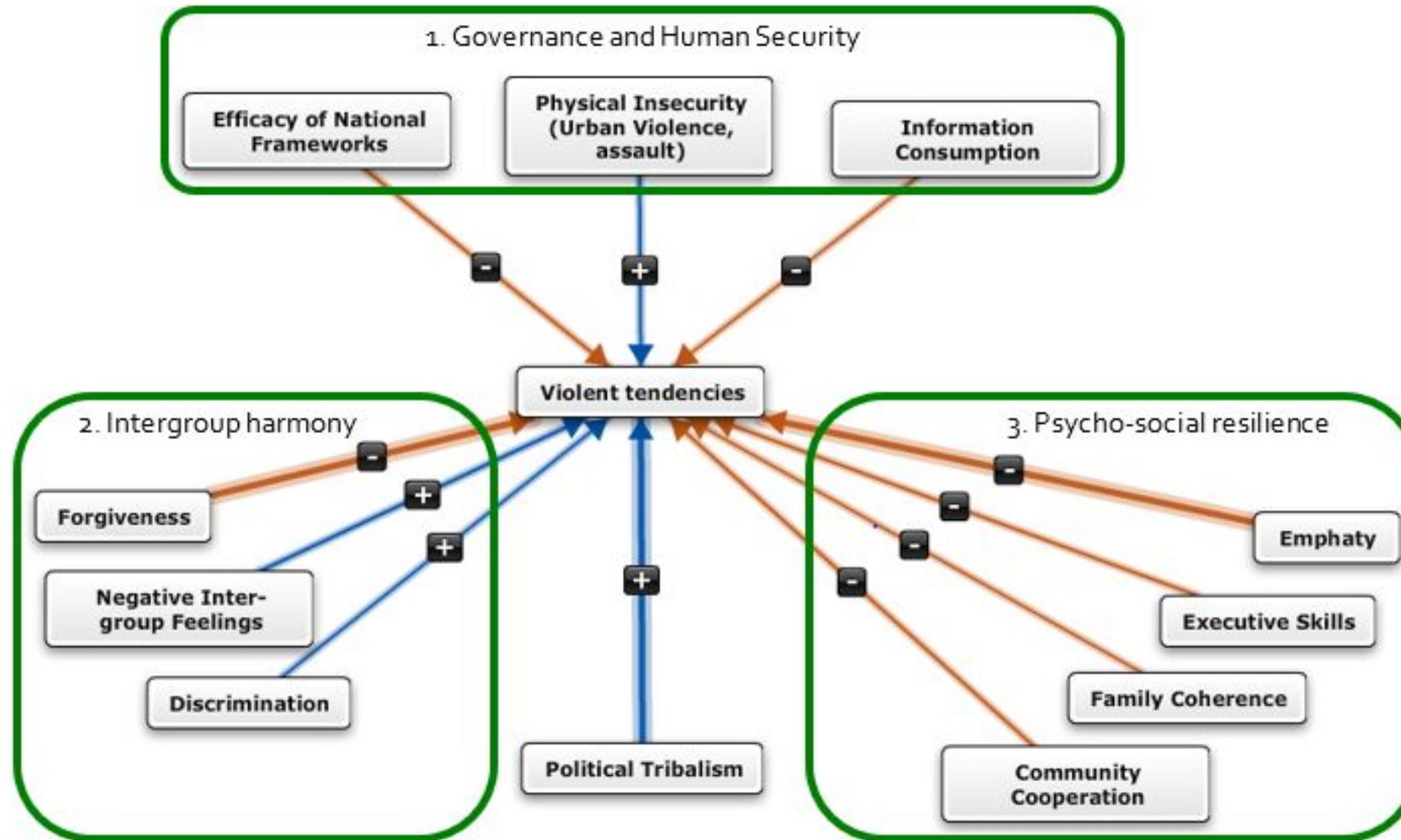
Results in Liberia

- 5 Policy Briefs
 - Violent tendencies
 - Civil trust and co-existence
 - Development orientation
 - Political tribalism
 - UNMIL departure from Liberia
- 5 reconciliation plans in counties identified to be at risk

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Implications for Programming

- Helps identify policy entry points
- Short and Medium Term
 - Good governance
 - Effective security provision (e.g., policing)
 - Improving human security
 - Community cooperation
- Long Term
 - Inclusive education experiences
 - Peace education
 - Improving social healing processes
 - Developing executive skills



Future Prospects for Search and SCORE

- Allows us to do program design on critical elements of conflict prevention and transformation
- Helps understand what levers to pull, where to target what, what activities make sense in which places
- Linking individual-level factors to institutional characteristics





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