

# SeeD Newsletter



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*Dear Partners and Colleagues,*

*As we approach the end of the year, we are excited to share the second issue of our external newsletter, bringing you updates on our latest efforts, recent publications and future plans. This has been a transformative year for our organisation. We expanded our board of directors; consolidated our participatory programme design (PROD) work, especially when it comes to trauma healing and collaborative livelihoods; deepened our expertise in randomised control trials; and widened our research efforts to East Africa in 2024. Needless to say, your support and collaboration have been integral to our progress.*



*In the spirit of the season, we extend our warmest holiday wishes to you and your invaluable peace and development architects. May this festive period bring reflection, and inspiration for the year ahead. We shall be strong and resolute that a more just, equitable and peaceful world is possible.*

*We look forward to building on our partnership in 2025 and creating transformative change together.*

*Warm regards,*

**Dr. Ilke Dagli-Hustings**  
**Director General**

## Overview of SeeD's Latest Efforts

In the past 4 months, SeeD continued to advance its mission of fostering resilience, enhancing social cohesion and peacebuilding through impactful and innovative approaches. The past 4 months were full with field missions, workshops, conferences and trainings from Kyiv to Jeddah, Addis Ababa to Barbados and from Geneva to Washington, DC. Further, we created more than 10 analytical reports in English, French, Ukrainian and Romanian.

On the international front, SeeD's co-organised a peace workshop with Interpeace at the **Geneva Peace Week** in October, titled **"What is Resilience? Bringing Coherence to Concepts of Resilience in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding"**. The workshop explored the concept of resilience, the reasons behind its growing popularity among policymakers, peacebuilders and scholars. The workshop also looked at how we can measure such a multi-systemic and multi-dimensional concept empirically and how we can standardize and taxonomize it. Dr. Ilke Dagli-Hustings, Alexander Guest and Abdon Dominique Koko shared case studies and lessons from myriad contexts. More than 65 people attended the workshop in person and over 80 participants joined online. [Click here for the video recording.](#)



In Eastern Europe, SeeD team published the social cohesion trends report looking at how the elements of vertical and horizontal cohesion in Ukraine have changed nearly 3 years after the full-scale Russian invasion, and finalized the Social Tension Monitoring Mechanism (STMM) research activities including the dialogue and expert scoring sessions across 10 localities in Moldova. The findings and analytical reports presenting valuable insights are being launched at public events, on [6th December in Kyiv](#) and [16th December in Chisinau](#).

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In East Africa, SeeD is growing its efforts in Ethiopia, Somalia and Rwanda. In the framework of the **Multi-Family Healing Spaces (MFHS) in Ethiopia**, SeeD, alongside Interpeace and Cuso International, piloted the MFHS intervention protocol, designed by SeeD, in autumn 2024. The intervention covered 14 sessions across youth, parents, family and intergenerational formats, with the goal of empowering communities through group-based mental wellbeing interventions. SeeD's efforts in trauma healing will soon expand to other contexts, including Cyprus.



Circling back to our birth place (Cyprus), our Director General Dr. Ilke Dagli-Hustings co-facilitated a 5 day long workshop hosted by **Rotary International - Carter School Collaboration**. Using Structured Democratic Dialogue (SDD) methodology, the workshop investigated the ways in which Rotary International can do more and better for global peacebuilding *by using Cyprus as a case study*. A diverse group of Cypriot peacebuilders and activists, social media influences, political figures such as MEPs and former negotiation teams participated in the workshop, incubating ideas and solutions that can revitalise the peace process after a long 7 year hiatus since the collapse of the negotiations in Crans Montana. The workshop was extremely successful and received positive feedback from everyone involved. The group will continue the momentum built upon their return to Cyprus.

As we close the year, SeeD stands resolute in its commitment to addressing complex social challenges with evidence-based innovative solutions and delivering actionable insights to its partners for a more democratic, prosperous and peaceful world. For more details on our latest activities and publications, please continue reading below.

## Featured Publications



### Development & Resilience Index Against Violent Extremism ([DRIVE](#))

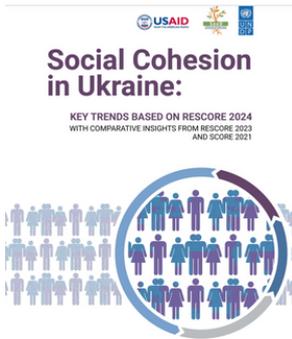
This report, available in both French and English, provides data-driven insights and actionable recommendations to counter violent extremism (VE) in Côte d'Ivoire's northern border regions. It highlights the government's proactive measures to secure borders, enhance human security, and promote social cohesion. Central to these efforts is the DRIVE tool (Development and Resilience Index to Violent Extremism), which identifies 24 key indicators of community resilience. Informed by extensive research and the SCORE methodology, DRIVE serves as a decision-making framework to address vulnerabilities, mitigate risks, and strengthen resilience in response to regional instability and threats from violent extremist organizations.

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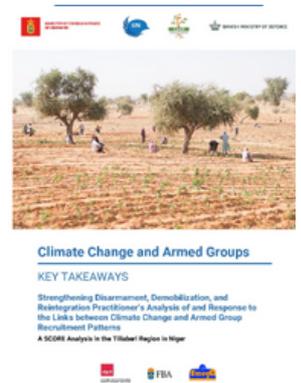


## Social Cohesion in Ukraine: [Key Trends Based on reSCORE 2024](#)

This report, presented in both UA and ENG, provides a comprehensive analysis of social cohesion in Ukraine. It examines how Ukrainians are navigating the complex social, political, and economic challenges posed by Russian aggression, evolving intergroup dynamics, and identifying both vulnerabilities and resilience capacities. The report specifically addresses key questions: *What are the current levels of social cohesion in Ukraine? How have these levels evolved compared to the pre-invasion period and the immediate aftermath of the full-scale invasion?*

## Climate Change and Armed Groups - [Key Takeaways](#)

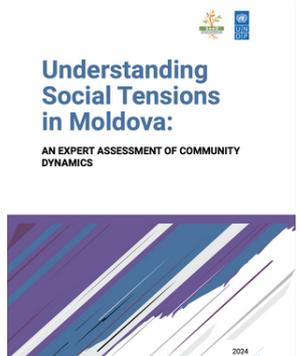
The report explores [quantitatively] the links between climate change and armed group recruitment patterns in Niger. It examines the intricate nexus between climate security and violent extremism in Niger, where environmental degradation and climate change exacerbate socio-economic vulnerabilities exploited by armed groups. Utilizing the SCORE methodology, the report analyzes the interplay between environmental challenges, governance deficits, and community resilience in regions affected by violent extremist organizations (VEOs). The report offers 27 actionable recommendations to strengthen resilience, improve governance, address climate-related vulnerabilities, and mitigate the risks posed by armed groups, providing evidence-based insights for fostering peace and stability in Niger.



## Participatory Programme Design - [PROD Handbook](#)

This is a how-to guide to Participatory Programme Design, providing practical insights into designing, piloting and impact assessing programmes in a participatory and rigorous way. It offers step-by-step guidance on the PROD process, offers different toolkits for different stages of the PROD process. This resource is designed for practitioners, SeeD partners and allies, and constitute an important part of SeeD's 4D approach: D1: Discovery (e.g. SCORE), D2: Deliberation (e.g. SDD), D3: Demonstration (e.g. RCTs) and D4: Deployment (i.e. scaling). For more, please read the handbook.

Two volumes titled **Understanding Social Tensions in Moldova** were published in print, and will go online after public launch event on 16th December. The first volume presents findings from the **Household Survey** component of the Social Tensions Monitoring Mechanism tool, based on over 1,600 respondents. It measures societal chasms, intergroup relations, relative deprivation and grievances, potential for contentious political action and geopolitical orientations, among others. The second volume presents the **Expert Assessment** findings, conducted in ten localities, involving local officials, civil servants, and civil society representatives to assess social tensions in governance, socio-economic well-being, and inter-group relations.



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## Featured Projects

### SCORE Caribbean

SeeD team is wrapping up our first subregional project: SCORE Caribbean. SCORE Caribbean 2024 is the first multi-country project. Funded by the Joint UNDP-DPPA Programme on Building National Capacities for Conflict Prevention, it gathers data from more than 3000 individuals across 7 countries in the English-speaking Caribbean. SCORE Caribbean is calibrated to investigate outcomes such as *Intergroup Harmony, Social Mobility, Civic Engagement, Community Cooperation, Violent Attitudes, and Gender Equality*. SCORE Caribbean aims to inform subregional and national strategies for policy and programme design by uncovering factors that drive or undermine social cohesion, as well as by identifying vulnerable demographic groups and/or geographies that need tailored attention. Our team is currently in Bahamas running a workshop with our UN partners. Stay tuned for more updates in the next issue.

### Transfer of Know-How for Youth-Led Peacebuilding in Liberia

SeeD team traveled to Liberia in October to train enumerators for data collection for the project implemented in collaboration with YMCA and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The collaboration is focused on developing and implementing a rigorous impact assessment framework complete with randomised control trials (RCTs) to evaluate the impact of the *"Peacebuilding and Social Inclusion through Community Dialogue (PSICD) initiative"*. The initiative establishes Peace Clubs in Liberian secondary schools, which are designed to equip students with essential skills in peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and dispute resolution.

### Second Wave of DRIVE in Côte d'Ivoire

SeeD launched the second wave of [The Development and Resilience Index against Violent Extremism \(DRIVE\)](#) with its partners Equal Access International (EAI) and Indigo. DRIVE is a tool designed to strengthen the resilience of local communities, which are increasingly affected by threats from Non-State Armed Groups (NSAGs) based in Burkina Faso and Mali. The first wave was focused on its design and piloting. Proven itself a highly practical and nuanced empirical tool, the second wave of DRIVE will expand its application to new areas that are reporting rising NSAG activity. As part of ongoing advocacy efforts and deep community engagement to develop response mechanisms based on the findings, the DRIVE partners presented the project and the findings on Abidjan's popular radio channel, called [Radio de la Paix \(Peace Radio\)](#).

### ReSCORE 2024 Ukraine

SCORE in Ukraine is in its 8th year. Recalibrated after the full-scale Russian invasion to focus on recovery, reconstruction and resilience, reSCORE 2024 findings were presented at a public event in Kyiv on December 6. The event attracted approximately 200 participants online and offline. Despite the technical challenges that affected audio and video for online participants, the reflections and discussions around the data and trends were very insightful.



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### Peace & Electoral Stability Barometer in Côte d'Ivoire

As Côte d'Ivoire enters an electoral year, SeeD's [Peace & Electoral Stability Barometer](#), developed in collaboration with Interpeace and Indigo and funded by the EU, stands out as an innovative initiative designed to prevent electoral violence through a data-driven approach. In 2025, the Barometer will conduct **three rounds of data collection to track citizens' mood leading up to the elections**. Given the country's history of political violence, this tool offers a vital opportunity to anticipate and address risks, contributing to a safer and more peaceful political climate.



### SeeD's Impact Capture Process

SeeD has launched its impact capture process, which includes three key components: a Partner Satisfaction Survey, qualitative interviews, and stock taking of the reach SeeD's evidence and publications have garnered over the years. The Partner Satisfaction Survey is designed to gather valuable insights from SeeD partners, both current and former, helping to identify areas for improvement, better align future efforts with partner needs, and capture the impact we are creating together. **To participate in the Partner Satisfaction Survey, please visit this [link](#).** In parallel, qualitative interviews are being conducted to explore in depth how SeeD's tools and analytical products are being integrated into policies, programmes, and strategies. The third component involves assessing the impact and reach of SeeD's work through a detailed stock-taking exercise by screening literature, media and online reach. The Partnerships and Growth Unit will synthesize all three components and conclude the process in February 2025. This will bring invaluable insights and lessons to inform SeeD's strategies and efforts, enhancing our ability to achieve our mission.

**Stay tuned after the winter holidays for our upcoming publications and news. We at least five new analytical products and two new projects that will be launched in January and February 2025.**

### SCORE Liberia in January

- [From the PAPD to ARREST](#): How Civic Satisfaction Can Bridge Peace and Development Goals.
- [Livelihood Resilience and Escaping Poverty in Liberia](#)
- [Women in Liberia](#): A Situational Analysis

### reSCORE Ukraine in February

- [Gender Equality Analytical Brief](#): Exploring key findings on gender equality dynamics in Ukraine.
- [Veterans and Youth Analytical Reports](#): Offering insights into the specific challenges and opportunities faced by veterans and youth.

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<https://scoreforpeace.org/en/publications>.

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## Partnership Spotlight

### Dedication in Action

Our partners, Interpeace and CUSO International have led the Multi-Family Healing Spaces (MFHS) pilot with great dedication and adaptability. They ensured that each session was culturally sensitive, well-coordinated, and adjusted to meet local needs. The pilot provided invaluable insights—such as adapting session timing, addressing language challenges, optimising logistics, and ensuring feasibility. These efforts have set the groundwork for refining the protocol, ensuring it is fully optimised, feasible, and responsive to the needs of the communities in Benishangul-Gumuz. The success of this pilot is a testament to the dedication of our partners, who worked tirelessly to achieve meaningful engagement, feasibility, and effectiveness.

The core components of the MFHS were designed and tested in Rwanda, reaching 25+ MHPSS practitioners and ~280 genocide survivors, perpetrators, and prisoners. The test showed positive effects on family cohesion and resilience, increased use of positive parenting practices and family communication, improved socio-emotional skills (i.e., well-being and collaboration), and enhanced community cohesion through reduced perceived social threats and greater tolerance. Further, a pre-post project assessment in Rwanda highlighted the intervention's positive impact in reversing harmful gender roles and reducing negative masculinities. These outcomes—vital for conflict prevention and sustainable economic development—span individual, family, and community levels. Together, these results prompted adaptation of MFHS intervention to more regions in Rwanda and its adoption by relevant ministries.

MFHS in Ethiopia adapts the Rwanda prototype to the Ethiopian context. The current Ethiopia pilot trained 60+ practitioners, and by completion (08.2025), it will reach 250+ girls and their families, serving a total of ~1,250 participants. Beyond replication of the positive impact on the family system and gender roles, the Ethiopia adaptation of MFHS aims to test whether the intervention can act as a bridge to promote positive youth development and enhance girls' educational attainment.

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