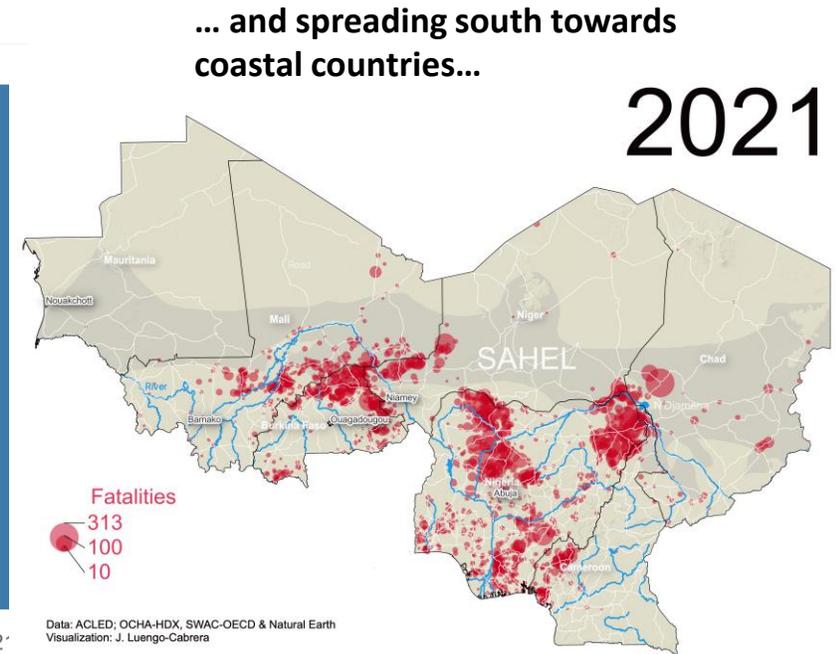
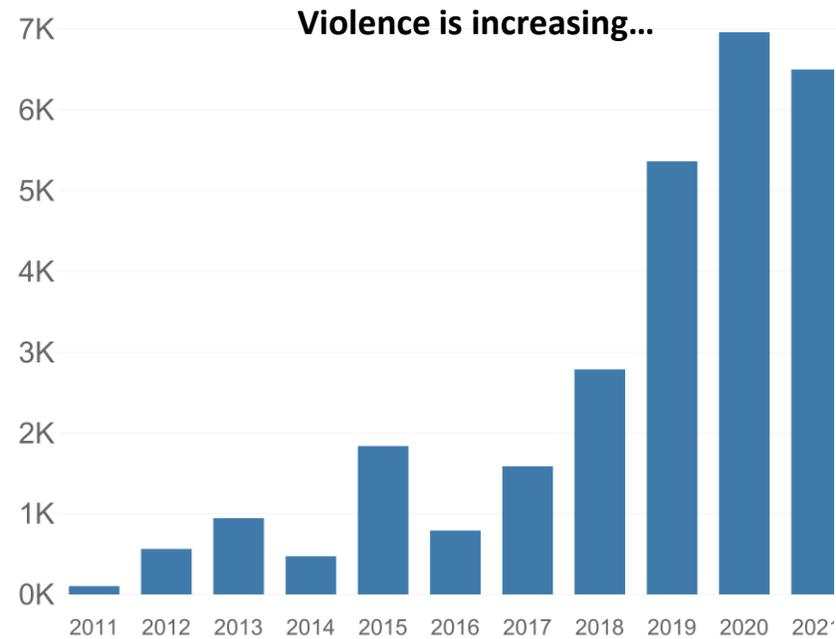




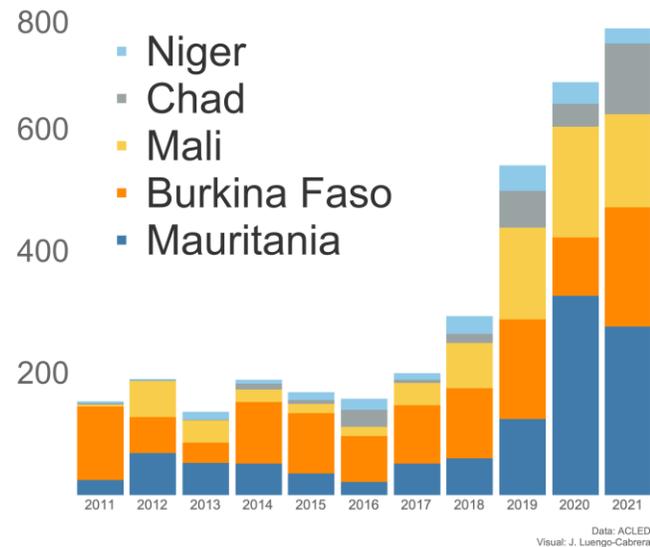
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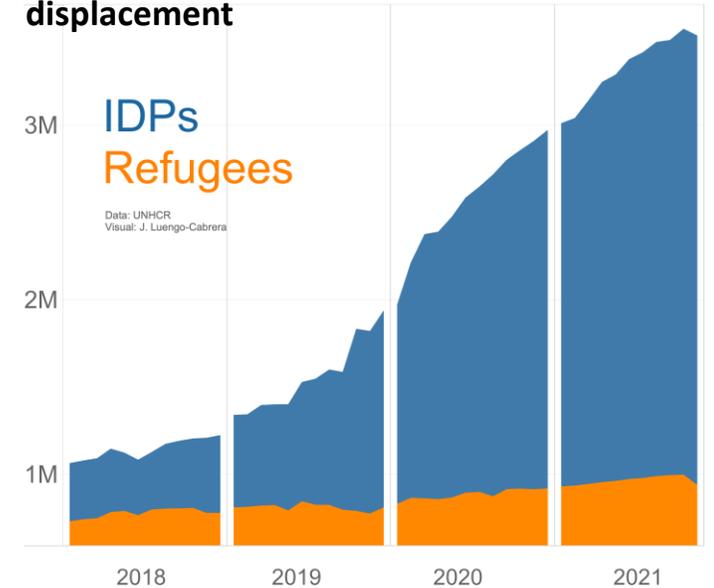
- **Regional fragility hotspots combining :**
 - FCV
 - Climate risks
 - Poor governance
 - Poverty
- **Sharp increase in violence in the Sahel since 2012, both in scale and geographic scope, and multiplication of coups since 2020**
- **Ineffective institutions and lack of trust**
- **Limited voice and resilience, especially of vulnerable group (youth, women, pastoralists, displaced)**
- **Perception of exclusion due to lack of opportunities in Development in lagging regions**



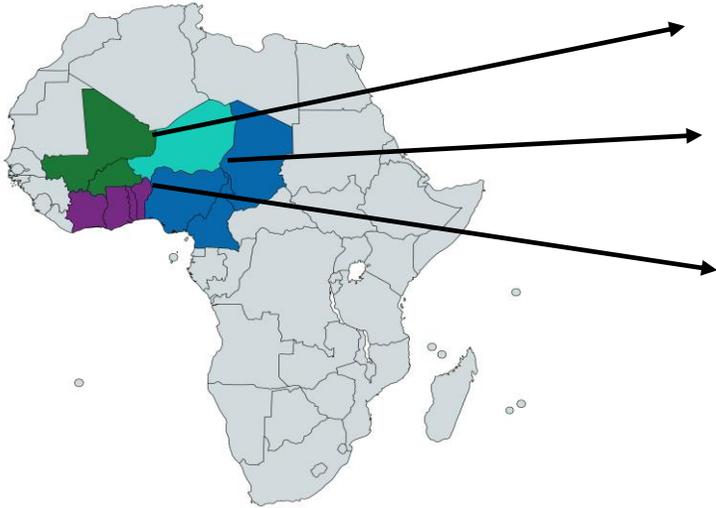
... coupled with rising discontent and political turmoil over past two years...



... and a dramatic increase in forced displacement



Regional Community Local Development and dialogue in Lake Chad, Sahel and Northern Regions of the Gulf of Guinea – Think regionally to act locally



- Sahel 3 Borders area (Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali)- \$352.5 M
- Lake Chad (Niger, Chad, Cameroon + Nigeria) \$170 M +\$190 M
- Lagging Northern Regions of the Gulf of Guinea (Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo and Benin) \$ 450M

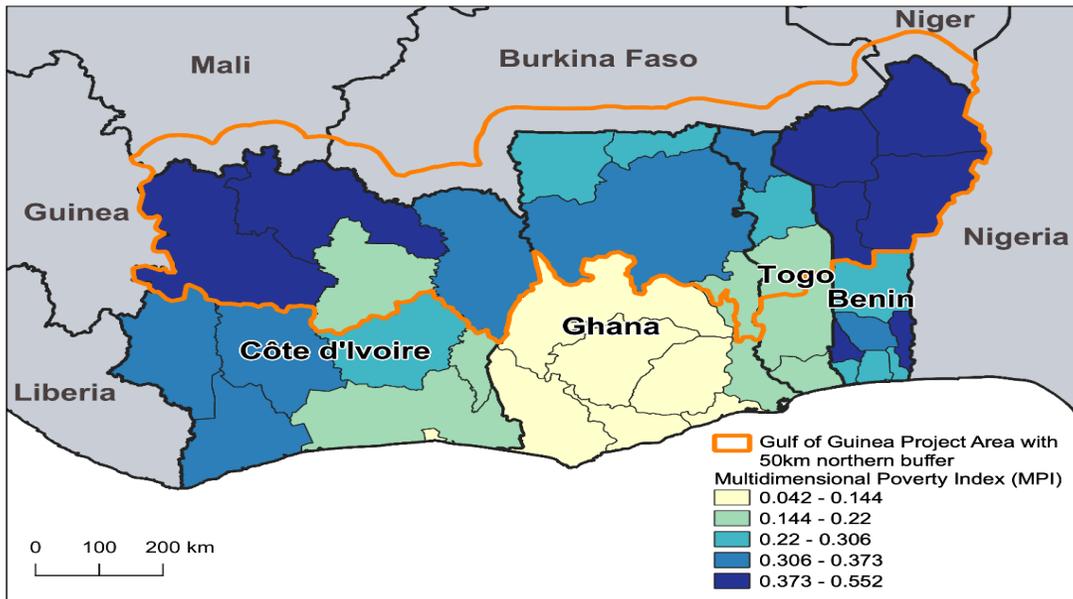
- People Centered Investments (Community and Local Development –CLD-) at regional scale
- Social Cohesion approaches to promote recovery, prevention or remain engaged
- Integrated local level resilience action in Lagging Regions
- Joint knowledge and Research Agenda for Regional Strategic Coordination :

to strengthen regional stability and prosperity, the response needs to be....

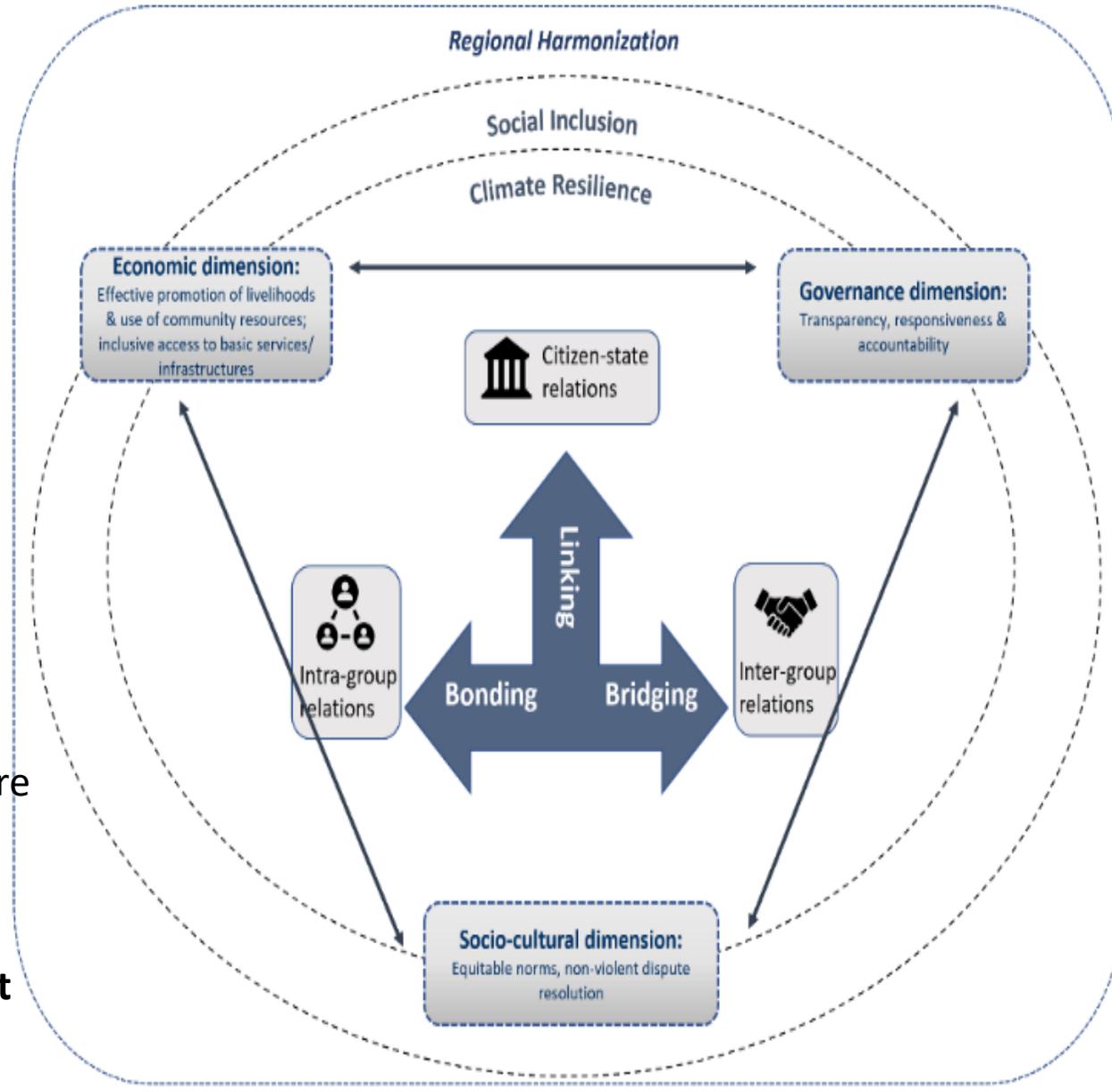
1) Regionally Coordinated, and 2) People-centered



Gulf of Guinea Northern Regions Social Cohesion Project



- ❖ Regional project : Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo and Benin
- ❖ US\$450 million; 2022-2027 → area covering 16 M people
- ❖ Approved in March 2022
- ❖ **Investing in Community Resiliency and Inclusion**
 - ❖ Community and Local Development - CLD (infrastructure and services)
 - ❖ Local Economic Development (LED)
 - ❖ Youth and vulnerable groups
- ❖ **Building foundation and capacity for inclusive and resilient communities**
- ❖ **Regional Coordination Platform and Dialogue**



Questions for discussion

- 1) How to ensure last mile delivery while leaving no one behind in a sustainable manner?** i.e scope and quality of reach & reinforcing country systems
- 2) How to combine both width and depth on social cohesion,** i.e mainstreaming social cohesion in investments and processes while targeting specific groups
- 3) How to deploy and leverage knowledge management activities to support the regional dialogue:** i.e monitor evolution and impact on social cohesion?



Thank you
