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# Efforts for a national Early Warning and Response System in Tanzania

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### 1. Context Tanzania:

- Peaceful country since independence in 1961 no civil war (except in Zanzibar – 1964)
- Takes pride in being a nation of peace and security to a large extent credited to the model of nation building adopted right after independence.
- However "negative peace", worked at the cost of restraining political and religious differences and the repression of dissident voices.
- No widespread violent conflicts in Tanzania yet, conflicts have led to the loss of lives with risk of exacerbation if they are not addressed in a timely way



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#### 2. History and Basics for «future» EWER in Tanzania

- Lead: Tanzania National (Intergovernmental) Committee for Prevention of Genocide and other Mass Atrocities (TNCPG) - embedded within Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and Justice
- Mandate: International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) -ICGLR Pact on Security, Stability and Development signed in Nairobi December 2006
- TNCPG established 2012 host: Ministry of Justice (chairperson); members:
  - Office of the President and Prime Minister's Office
  - Ministries: Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Defense, Local Government Authorities, Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Education, Gender, Information
  - Office of the Attorney General
  - Defense Forces, Police Force
  - National Human Rights Institution
  - 1 non-state actor
- Mission: prevent crimes of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in the United Republic of Tanzania

### 3. Process to support early warning and response in Tanzania

- **2012/13: Introduction** SDC to TNCPG thanks to HSD colleagues (Dealing with the Past); support TNCPG through Small Action (peace dialogues)
- 2014: TNCPG promised to provide us with a concept for EWER system by end of Dec.
- 2014: SDC new Coop. Strategy (2015-18) → Peace maintenance =
   Outcome 3 (of 3) in Governance; 1 indicator on establishmnet of Early
   Warning and Early Response mechanism (EWER) based on pre discussions with TNCPG
- Sept. 2015: Proposal received, very vague
- March 2016: SDC engaged backstopper team (Swisspeace) to support the TNCPG for elaboration of a strategic plan for the EWER
- Steps:
  - 1. Assessment of conducive pre-conditions (March/April 2016)
  - 2. Design options for EWER (June / July)
  - 2. Consultations for validation of design, refining details (August October)
  - 3. Draft plan (November 2016)
  - 4. Final plan including budget (January 2017)
  - 5. Start establishment maybe March 2017

#### 4. Some ideas:

- Start small:
  - Choose thematic focus
  - pilot in districts, conflict-prone areas
- Build up / on strong local actors' network most conflicts can be transformed locally; use existing structures where legitimate, transform them to become more inclusive
- Test vertical linkages with authorities at district, regional, national level
- Role of TNCPG national montoring; conflict mediation; facilitate vertical linkages
- Role of donors including Government: provide co-funding; provide knowledge resources; provide response (national Gov't)

