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Community Based Early Warning Rapid Response Systems / Local Peace Committees

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Commitment

If members of your clan are killed by a person from the clan of another person in the peace group, will you continue to be part of this group and continue to bring an end to the violence in Wajir? If not, now is the time to leave the peace group.”

“Breaking the Cycle of Violence in Wajir” Ibrahim, Dekha and Jenner, Janice in “Transforming Violence: Linking Local and Global Peacemaking”, Herr, Robert and Zimmerman Herr, Judy (eds.) Herald Press: 1998, pp. 133-134, and 145-148.

EWER - LPC

Convergence of Community Based

- Early Warning Early Response Systems
- Local Peace Committees

EWER

“In community-based approaches to EWER, community members are empowered to establish indicators, to monitor their communities, and to proactively respond to escalating tensions. They may draw on local civil society capacities or refer criminal and security matters to appropriate channels, but most responses are not reliant on external intervention, and instead rely upon collaboration and relationships within the community.”

Steven Leach, forthcoming, Community-based Early Warning and Early Response Systems for Conflict Prevention, CSS Mediation Resources, CSS ETH Zurich

EWER – Key Factors

- **Structure, Formation:** local actors – national frame
- **Indicators:** Context specific, participatory, «soft», dynamic
- **Monitoring:** Agree on what is shared, how info used, keep info in system
- **Response:** Warning-Response gap small if response is decided by actors in the system

Steven Leach

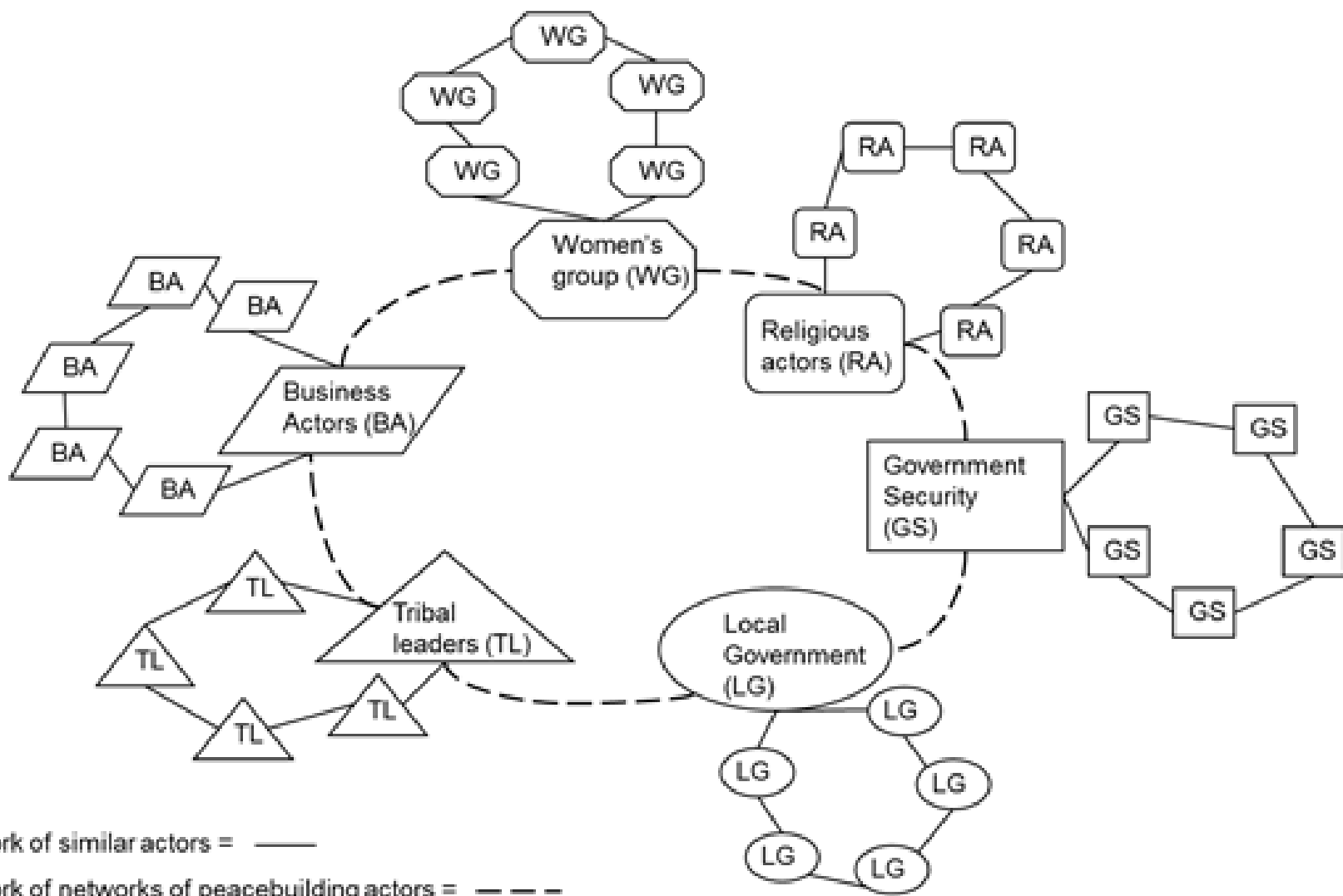
LPC

Local Peace Committees:

“an inclusive forum operating at the subnational level (district, municipality, town, or village) that provides a platform for the collective local leadership to accept joint responsibility for building peace in that community”

Andries Odendaal “A Crucial Link Local Peace Committees and National Peacebuilding, USIP 2013”

Network of Network of Peacebuilding Actors



Key:

Network of similar actors = ———

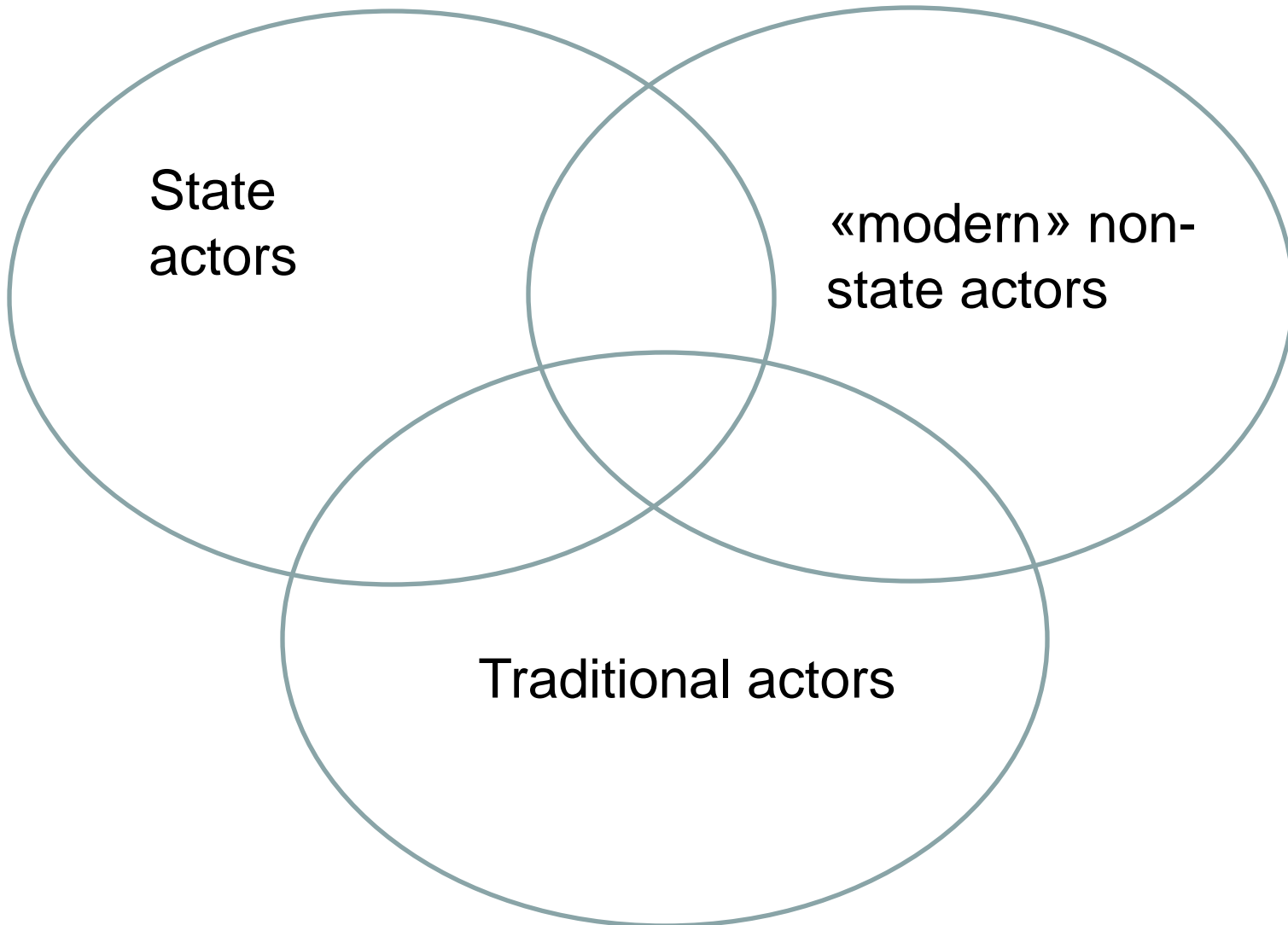
Network of networks of peacebuilding actors = - - - -

The network of network can form a sub-network of mediators that then mediates a specific conflict, e.g.



Source of Model: Dekha Ibrahim Abd7

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**FUNCTIONS AND ROLES OF AN EFFECTIVE
PEACE COMMITTEE**

(5) Capacity development

- Training (short and long term both technical and transformative linked to all sectors)
- Learning events
- Exposure visits

(6) Policy and advocacy

- Policy awareness
- Social contract
- Research
- Documentation
- Policy guidelines

(3) Participation and ownership

- Mobilizing and organizing, public and private participation
- Public mobilization, sector sensitization
- Partnership development
- accountability and feedback structures
- Open days (Festivals Peace days)

(4) Management and systems

- Secretariat functions
- Governance,
- Administrative, financial and logistics systems
- Programme planning and strategy development M&E learning systems
- Networking and coordination

(1) Emerging conflict issues and incidents, reactive strategy (responding to immediate causes of conflict)

- structure for analysis and response
- network of interveners (team of mediators for cross border, negotiators researchers, analysts)
- framework for dialogue meeting once a month and as needed when crises as well as daily to monitor the agreement,

(2) Strategic conflict issues influencing the conflict (addressing underlying causes of conflict)

- Conflict sensitive transformative development
- Rehabilitation of violence affected communities
- Change of policy
- Infrastructure
- Implementation of the agreement

Editor's note: the box 1 on "Emerging conflict" is the manifest, direct conflict, and the approaches to deal with this, often in the short term. Box 2 relates to the underlying structural causes of the conflict, and the longer term approaches to deal with these

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