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Introduction/Informed consent

Hello Mr/Mrs

My name is ..., and I am a research consultant: investigator in a study project on mobility and conflict in the Great Lakes region initiated by Pole Institute based in Goma, a non-governmental development organisation in the DRC. This study is mainly concerned with the problem of internally displaced people in the DRC, especially displaced Hutus in the Geti and Boga areas of Ituri Province. I would like to thank you for the warm welcome and the time you have given me to talk to you. Before I begin, I would like to reassure you that the data analysis will be anonymous and that strict confidentiality will be respected. This interview will take a maximum of 90 minutes.

Do you have any questions you would like to ask us/me about this research?

Do you agree to take part in this research as a resource person?

1. At what periods did Geti/Boga experience the displacement of Hutu?	• In your opinion, what are the reasons for their displacement?	
	• Which parts of your village are most affected by the displacement?	
	• What are the difficulties that the displaced people encountered on their arrival in this entity?	
	• What other displaced communities settled here before and after the Hutu?	
2. What can you say about your acceptance/integration of the Hutu community into this entity?	• What kind of stereotypes or perceptions do you have of Hutu communities?	
	• What are the main economic activities exercised by the displaced Hutu? Are they accepted by the other communities of Geti/Boga	
	• How do you assess the matrimonial relations between the members of your respective communities and those of the Hutus?	
	• Is the Hutu community integrated in local decision-making bodies? If yes, If so, which one, how and over whom? If not, why not?	- Have the Hutus ever asked for a locality or grouping, or shown an interest in doing so?
	• How do you assess the participation of members of the Hutu community in the churches? What religious denominations do they attend? Do they hold positions of responsibility?	

3. In your opinion, what is it in the past or at present that makes people distrust each other and fight in your village?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main causes of conflict between the Geti/Boga communities? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the most common types of conflicts and how do they manifest themselves? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who is affected by these conflicts at local level? - Perpetrators/instigators 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is affected by these conflicts at local level, such as: - People involved in the violence? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think there are people outside your milieu who are at the base of the conflicts between the communities? If yes, what would be assigned to them in terms of responsibility? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the government were to grant the Hutus a grouping in your region today, what would your reaction be?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the most remarkable consequences of these conflicts? In what manner have these consequences affected women, their children and the youth? 	
4. What, despite the periods of crisis, conflict and violence you have lived through, enables you to live together?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your traditions and your habits 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New practices/local initiatives 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Belief systems 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State intervention 	
5. What do the authorities have to do to ensure a social cohesion and the living together between the communities of Geti/boga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local authorities: politico-administrative and customary 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial and national authorities 	
6. In relation to the subject of our discussion today, what would you have liked to have noted but which that didn't make it here?		