

## HEALING OF MEMORIES TRAINING – COTONOU 2022

### COLLECTIVE WOUNDS

#### SHARING OF REFLECTIONS WITHIN OUR GROUP

<b>1/ ANCIENT WOUNDS</b>	<b>OLD WOUNDS</b>	<b>RECENT WOUNDS</b>
The rebellion of the 'Abbeys' people during colonial period	Social and political unrest during the advent of a multi-party system in 1990	The 2002 rebellion The 2011 post-election crisis
The revolt of the Sanwi people	The repression of student unions and the imprisonment of their leaders	Imprisonment of the former president at the ICC The exile of political leaders and certain civilian and military figures
The massacre of the Guébié people	The repression of opposition party marches and imprisonment of their leaders, 1999 coup d'état	

<b>2/ EVENTS OR SITUATIONS EXPERIENCED BY OUR PEOPLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF THESE EVENTS AND SITUATIONS</b>	<b>THE COMMUNITIES CONCERNED</b>
Summary and extrajudicial executions	Execution of KRAGBEU GNAGBE and the massacre of the Guébié people contribute to unrest	The Centre-West communities
Exclusion of certain political leaders	Exclusion of ALASSANE OUATTARA Presidential elections	Northern communities
Stigmatization of certain regions	The northern region henceforth considered as Muslim and RDR-supporting	Northern communities
	Christian and FPI-supporting West and South	Western and Southern communities
	Christian and PDCI-supporting Centre and East	Central and Eastern communities

Poor management of land	The law which states that land belongs to the person who develops it, hence the expropriation of indigenous peoples	Western and Southern communities
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<b>3/ SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES THAT HAVE CAUSED OR STILL CAUSE WOUNDS</b>	<b>DISCRIMINATED, MARGINALIZED AND HUMILIATED GROUPS</b>
The single party	The opposition platform
No freedom of expression	Media, student movements
No political changeover	Opposition leaders
The 2011 electoral dispute	The FPI and allies
No separation of powers	The people as a whole
Corruption	The people as a whole

<b>4/HOW THESE WOUNDS ARE VISIBLE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES IN OUR COUNTRY</b>	<b>COLLECTIVE WOUNDS IN OUR COUNTRY THAT AFFECT US</b>	<b>IN WHAT WAY</b>
Xenophobia	Exclusion	Difficulty in gaining access to certain positions of responsibility
Distrust	Frustration	Very high unemployment levels
Resentment		
Bitterness		
Violence		
Anger		
Fear		
Corruption in public service recruitment procedures	Unemployment	Poverty, high cost of living

<b>5/AREAS OF SILENCE</b>	<b>REASONS FOR THIS SILENCE</b>
<b>IN JUDICIAL TERMS:</b>	
No equity	Fear of losing one's position, of being imprisoned or of being killed
Prisoners held without trial for years	
<b>IN SOCIAL TERMS</b>	
Difficult living conditions	

<b>IN POLITICAL TERMS</b>	
Politicians imprisoned	
Abuse of power	

<b>6/ THE OTHER IN OUR CONTEXT</b>	<b>Who is US?</b>	<b>Who is THEM?</b>
Someone from another region,	"The Ivoirians"	Political leaders, and the region and religion they mainly belong to
someone from a religion or political party other than our own,	One of our country's regions	
someone from a country other than our own.		"Foreigners"

<b>7/WHATS STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO HEAL CERTAIN DEEP WOUNDS</b>	<b>OUR DREAM FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PEOPLE</b>	<b>OUR CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVING THIS DREAM</b>
Create a forum for people to talk to each other	Genuinely forgiving one another and Relearning to live together without distrust	Campaigning for promotion of human rights in my organisation
Organise transparent elections		Praying for divine intervention
Accept the ballot-box results	To feel free to speak without fear of reprisals	
Establish good governance		
Promote justice and equity	Reconcile our differences for the benefit of all	
Fair distribution of the country's resources		
Promote competence		
Always work in the nation's interest		