Africa: Conflicts Without Borders
Sub-national and Transnational Conflict-Affected Areas
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**Armed Conflict**

- A conflict in which government forces are fighting armed insurgents, or armed groups are fighting amongst themselves. 1

**Inter-communal Strife**

- An internal conflict that is based on communal or social identity, including language, race, religion, ethnicity, caste, class, clan, tribe, nationality, or some combination of these. 2 For this definition, inter-communal skills are not directed against a state, but involves sporadic and often low-intensity violence between communities that are not usually organized with standing militarized forces. 

**Political Violence**

- Conflict between two main rival groups of the same community - The Mao (also known as Nkombo) and the Bor, started over disputed land redistribution in early 2007

**Targeted Attacks**

- Violence associated with terrorism related to food shortages or high food prices.

**Food Riots**

- Shaping inter-state boundary disputes that have resulted in armed confrontations.

**Disputed Border Conflict**

- Areas of Armed Conflict, Inter-communal Strife, and Political Violence are shown across locations of reported conflict incidents, concentrations of internally displaced persons (IDPs), cross border rebel bases, and refugee camps in neighboring countries.

**Conflict-Affected Areas**

- Armed Conflict, Inter-communal Strife, and Political Violence

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1. CIA-World Factbook, Terms in relation to Pressure of Coercion in Armed Conflict, US Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 2003

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**Definitions of Armed Conflict rankings**

**Major:** More than 1,000 conflict-related deaths in a year. Conflict-related deaths include deaths attributed to violence, but also due to malnutrition and disease exacerbated by the conflict.

**Intermediate:** Less than 25 conflict-related deaths per year and an accumulated total of at least 1,000 deaths, but fewer than 1,000 in the past year.

**Minor:** At least 25 conflict-related deaths per year but fewer than 1,000 accumulated deaths during the course of the conflict.