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OUR EXPERTISE

DISARMAMENT DEMOBILIZATION

- Disarmament and weapon collection in post-conflict situations
- Demobilization and Demilitarization of former rebels
- Storage and management of collected weapon stocks
- Destruction of surplus stocks

CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

- Peace building, and creation of public confidence through education and conflict management; using culturally appropriate capacities
- Ensuring cross-border and sub-regional cooperation to avoid “conflict-spilling”.
- Re-creating peace and the rule of law in society by providing the legal framework for weapon free society



Kofi Annan launched *A Peace of Timbuktu* with authors R.E.Poulton, Ibrahim ag Youssouf, and Mali's Commissioner Mahmadou Diagouraga, at the UN in Geneva, March 19, 1998.

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM

- Police, customs officials, military and non-military services training in:
 - Weapon control
 - Weapon and explosives destruction
 - Peacetime reorganization/role definition
 - Codes of conduct
 - Trauma management
 - Rehabilitation of combatants
- Reconciliation using local mediation systems

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

- Rebuilding social structure/social organization and confidence in a lasting peace
- Strengthening social capital, community organizations and NGOs
- Democratizing peace-building and development processes to make them lasting and durable
- Reintegrating ex-combatants into civilian and economic life
- Helping war victims and child soldiers to become valued citizens
- Promoting democratic governance and free, open debates
- Creating peace legends, revisiting civic and history textbooks



« Hand in your weapons » billboard, Cambodia, 2004