THEORY OF CHANGE PROJET ISS-IDRC

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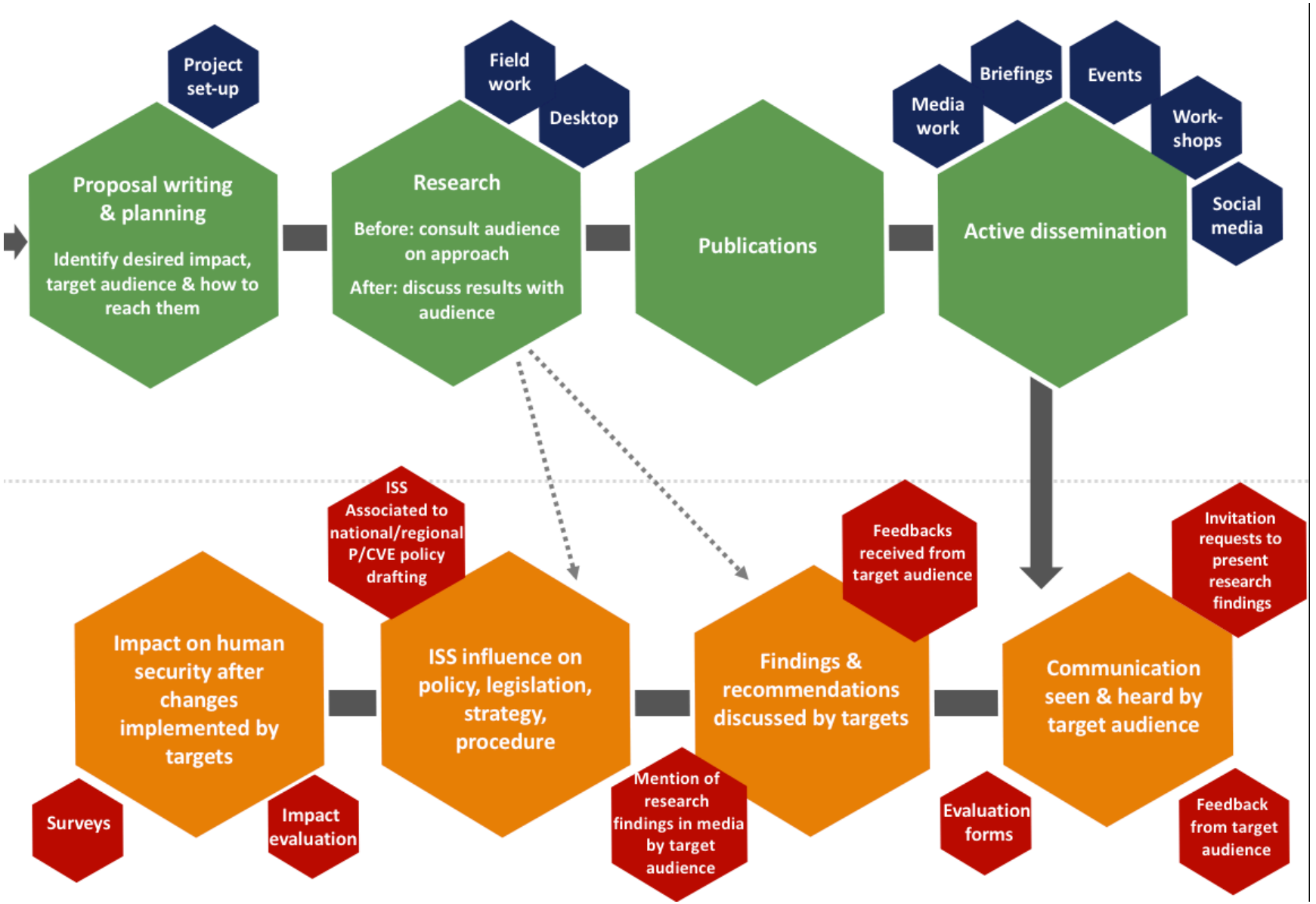
Responding to young women engagement in violent extremist groups in Mali and Niger

Theory of change – Project ISS-IDRC

Theory of change	**If** empirical evidence on the logics of engagement and resilience factors of young people (women and men) to violent extremism is produced and disseminated, **and** decision-makers use these as the basis for policymaking to prevent and combat violent extremism, **then** they will more effectively prevent and counter the involvement of young people (women and men) in violent extremist groups in Mali and Niger.


Project set-up
Proposal writing & planning
Identify desired impact, target audience & how to reach them
Field work
Desktop
Research
Before: consult audience on approach
After: discuss results with audience
Publications
Media work
Briefings
Events
Work-shops
Social media
Active dissemination
ISS Associated to national/regional P/CVE policy drafting
Impact on human security after changes implemented by targets
Surveys
Impact evaluation
ISS influence on policy, legislation, strategy, procedure
Mention of research findings in media by target audience
Feedbacks received from target audience
Findings & recommendations discussed by targets
Evaluation forms
Invitation requests to present research findings
Communication seen & heard by target audience
Feedback from target audience

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<tr><th colspan="6">Project logical framework</th></tr>
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<tr><td colspan="6">Research component</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Desktop research</td><td rowspan="3">- The logic of engagement of young people and women in violent extremist groups as well as resilience factors in the regions of Diffa (Niger) and Mopti and Segou (Mali) are identified through research;

- Policy makers, civil society organizations, practitioners and technical and financial partners have access to preliminary research data and are associated with their validation.</td><td rowspan="3">- Decision-makers know the logic of engagement and resilience of young people (women and men) in the regions concerned;

- Policymakers are informed of the policies to be implemented to prevent and combat the engagement of youth people (women and men) in violent extremist groups in the regions concerned;

- Policymakers take into account the research recommendations in the process of developing and implementing policies to prevent and combat violent extremism.</td><td rowspan="3">To support the adoption of appropriate evidence-based (national and regional) responses to prevent and counter violent extremism by providing empirical data on the factors of engagement and resilience of young women to violent extremist groups in Mali and Niger.</td><td rowspan="3">The involvement of young people (women and men) in violent extremist groups in Mali and Niger is reduced.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Undertake desktop research on what the current literature says about how and why youth join and resist joining violent extremist groups;</td><td>- 1 literature review (French and English) on women’s involvement in violent extremism;</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Field research</td></tr>
<tr><td>- Undertake research on the logic of engagement and resilience factors of young people (women and men) in violent extremist groups;

- Organize a methodological workshop with all members of the research team;

- Organize a consultative seminar</td><td>- 2 Policy briefs (French and English): one on women's engagement trajectories and resilience factors in violent extremist groups in Mali; and another on Niger;

- 2 methodology workshops (pre-field and post-field research);

- Validation seminars</td></tr>
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with the stakeholders; - Conduct field research in Diffa (Niger) and Mopti et Ségou (Mali) on the logics of engagement and resilience of young people (women and men) in violent extremist groups; - Organize a post-field research workshop with all members of the research team; - Analyze the data collected; - Organize a validation seminar for a group of actors working on violent extremism at national and regional levels (policy makers, practitioners and partners); - Publish the research results in French and in English;	in Mali and Niger with different stakeholders; - Dissemination seminars in Mali and Niger; - Regional dissemination seminar in Dakar; - Closed briefings to national, regional and international stakeholders.				

- Disseminate research results (media work, briefings, events, workshops, social media); - Respond positively to requests for interviews from students who request information on the research topic; - Organize a regional dissemination seminar in Dakar; - Organize closed briefings for national, regional and international decision makers; - Collect evidences on target audience knowledge of the results and use in policy development.					
Capacity-building component					
- Recruitment of junior fellows	- Junior fellows will contribute to all	The fellows will get a better	- Strengthen young researchers from the	To contribute to the professional and	Timely, empirically based, endogenous

- Mentorship, training and capacity building for junior fellows - Assessment of junior fellow progress	project outputs stated above.	understanding of the project problematic and actively contribute to the different components of the project implementation.	regions capacity to contribute to the development of policies to prevent and combat violent extremism; - The young researchers involved in the project position themselves as leaders on the research topic.	personal development of the next generation of policy analysts and researchers working on Mali and Niger by providing a tailored capacity-building program.	policy analysis on violent extremism in the Sahel increase.