

Public Conference

Lessons learned from the response to Mali's interconnected crises



The crises in northern Mali have regularly been in the news for more than 40 years. Since 2005, tensions in this area have worsened due to problems of governance, the development of drug trafficking, the emergence of radical politico-religious movements, and economic insecurity in the pastoral realm. These tensions reached a peak at the beginning of 2012 when a number of radical Islamic groups took control of northern Mali, leading to a complex period of crisis management: *a coup d'état*, the French intervention (Operation Serval, then Barkhane), the holding of elections, the setting up of the United Nations integrated mission (MINUSMA), and peace negotiations in Ouagadougou and Algiers. Today, two years after the launch of Operation Serval, growing insecurity is returning to the north, reaching Bamako and a major food crisis is threatening to administer a deadly blow to pastoral economies. **In this context, how could aid organizations adopt their strategies based on lessons learned?** The Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action and Groupe URD Urgence Réhabilitation Développement are delighted to invite you to a public conference:

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