

Codebook Interviews Congo, May 2009

Variable	Coding
Respondentnr	Unique respondent number
Interviewer	1: Roos van der Haer; 2: Heike Riedke, 3: Lilli Banholzer, 4: Elisabeth Schauer, 5: Thomas Elbert.
Interpreter	1: Aline; 2: Francine, 3: Roger, 4: Solange, 5: Adili.
Date	Date of the interview dd-mm-yyy
Place	Place of Interview
Armed Group	1: AFDL; 2: Mai Mai, 3: FARDC, 4: FDLR, 5: PARECO, 6: CNDP, 7: RCD, 8: Other.
NrArmedgr	Numerical variable that counts per respondent, the number of armed group he/she was involved with. This can be higher than is included in the dataset as most respondents with many involvements had problems differentiating between more than two groups. If the respondent joined the same group more often, it is counted as 1.
Gender	1: Male, 2: Female
Brigade	String variable, name of brigade.
Age	Age of respondent
Date of Birth	Date of birth of respondent.
Region	Region of birth
Languages	Languages that the respondent is capable of speaking
Educationlevel	1: No school; 2: A few years of primary school, 3: Completed primary school; 4: A few years of secondary school, 5: Completed secondary school, 6: Went to further education e.g. evening school, trainings, 7: Went to university, 8: Completed university, 9: Dk/Na
Job	1; yes have a job with regular income, 2: No, 3: Dk/Na
Stringjob	String variable – description of job
Income	Income of job in US dollars
A/V	1: Abducted, 2: Voluntary joining.
Vreasonsjoin	Reasons for joining – 1: political motives, 2: Income, 3: Revenge, 4: Personal safety, 5: Nowhere else to go, 6: Wanted to become a soldier, 7: Other.
Vjoinmore	Did you join the same organisation more than once? 1: yes, 2: no.
Vjoinnr	How often did you join the same organisation? Numerical variable.
Vduration	Number of days within the organisation.
Vage	Age of respondents when joining.
Vleave?	Did you ever try to leave the group? 1: I tried to leave the group, 2: No, I have not tried to leave the group
Vleavereason	Why did you try to leave? 1: Afraid to be killed or harmed, 2: Missing friends and family, 3: Received no income, 4: Received no food, 5: _Did not support political goals, 6: Other reason.
Vleavehow	How did you leave the organization? 1: I just left without problems, 2: Escaped on my own, 3: Freed by MONUC, 4: Released by the organisation, 5: Demobilised, 6: Joined another organisation (including integration in FARDC), 7: Abducted by another armed group, 8: Other way.

Vreasongen1	I could or would not leave the organization because I was afraid to be killed when trying to flee. 1: Yes, 2: No.
Vreasongen2	I could or would not leave the organization because I felt safe inside the group. 1: Yes, 2: No.
Vreasongen3	I could or would not leave the organization because I had friends in the group. 1: Yes, 2: No.
Vreasongen4	I could or would not leave the organization because I received more food, better shelter, etc. than I had in my own village. 1: Yes, 2: No.
Vreasongen5	I could or would not leave the organization because I supported the group's political goals. 1: Yes, 2: No.
Vreasongen6	I could or would not leave the organization because of other reasons. 1: Yes, 2: No.
Vknowledgeorg	Did you know anybody in the organization before you became involved? 1: Family members, 2: Friends, 3: People from my village/town, 4: I did not know anyone, 5: Other, 6: Combination of friends, family and people from the village/town.

Vrecruit	During your time in the organization, have you ever seen recruited? 1: Family members, 2: Friends, 3: People from my village/town, 4: I did not know anyone, 5: Other, 6: Combination of friends, family and people from the village/town.
Aoften	How often were you abducted? 1: once 2: twice 3: three times, 4: four or more times, 5: DK/Na.
Aduration	Number of days within the organisation.
Aage	Age of respondents when abducted.
Aescape	Did you try to escape? 1: Yes, 2: No.
Aescapehow	How did you leave the bush? 1: Freed by government, 2: Escaped on my own, 3: Released by the organisation, 4: With the help of MONUC, 5: Demobilised, 6: Joined another organisation (including integration in FARDC), 7: Abducted by another armed group, 8: Other.
Areason	Why could you or would you not leave the organisation? 1: I was afraid to be killed when trying to flee, 2: I felt safe inside the group, 3: I had friends in the group, 4: I received more food, better shelter, etc. than I had in my own village, 5: I supported the group's political goals, 6: I did not know the way home, 7: other.
Atogether	Were you abducted with somebody else you knew at the time? 1: Family members, 2: Friends, 3: People from my village/town, 4: School children, 5: No, 6: Other, 7: Combination of friends, family and people from the village/town.
Aactive	Did you know anybody who was active in the organization before you became abducted for the first time? 1: Family members, 2: Friends, 3: People from my village/town, 4: No, 5: Other, 6: Combination of friends, family and people from the village/town.
Aseenrecruit	During the time you spent with the organization, have you ever seen the following recruited...? 1: 1: Family members, 2: Friends, 3: People from my village/town, 4: No, 5: Other, 6: Combination of friends, family and people from the village/town.
Takarms1	I would take up arms again if my comrades were asking me for help. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms2	I would take up arms again if I were forced by my commander. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms3	I would take up arms again if I were to receive more food, better shelter, etc. than in my own village. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms4	I would take up arms again if I could earn more money than outside the group. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms5	I would take up arms again if I could not go back to school. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms6	I would take up arms again if I were to see that the group's political goals are not reached. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms7	I would take up arms again if I could protect my family and

	community through fighting. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
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Takearms8	I would take up arms again if the government were to fail to implement peace, law and order. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms9	I would take up arms again if people in my community would not accept me. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms10	I would take up arms again if I had the chance to kill and harm people. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms11	I would take up arms again if I had the chance to get women in this way. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms12	I would take up arms again if my people were to continue to suffer. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms13	I would take up arms again if my family were to reject me. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms14	I would take up arms again if I were to feel that I have nowhere else to go. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms15	I would take up arms again if I had the feeling that my life were to be more exciting in the bush. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Takearms16	I would take up arms again for another reason. 1: Strongly disagree, 2: Disagree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Agree, 5: Strongly agree.
Aimorg	Aim of the organization. 1: Protection of civilians/Congolese, 2: Fight against Rwandese, 3: Fight against Tutsi, 4: Fight against Hutu, 5: Protection of resources, 6: Protection of the country, peace, 7: Stealing, 8: Kill and harm people, 9: Fight against a particular armed group, 10: Occupation of the country, 11: Other.
Militarytr	Number of days received military training.
Politicaltr	Number of days received political training.
Spiritualtr	Number of days received spiritual training.
Weaponwhen	When did you receive a weapon? 1: Directly after I was abducted/joined voluntarily, 2: Directly after my training, 3: Just before my first combat experience, 4: I have not received any weapons during my time in the organization, 5: I had already a weapon (including weapon from another group), 6: After my first combat experience (including stealing from enemies), 7: Other.
Weaponwhat	What kind of weapon did you receive first? 1: Traditional weapon like spears and axes, 2: Pistol/revolver, 3: Automatic rifle, 4: Rocket launchers, 5: Grenades, 6: Combination.
Weaponlast	What kind of weapon did you receive last? 1: Traditional weapon like spears and axes, 2: Pistol/revolver, 3: Automatic rifles, 4: Rocket launchers, 5: Grenades, 6: Combination.
Weaponleave	What happened with your weapon when you left? 1: I took it with me and I still have it, 2: I left it behind, 3: I buried it, 4: I sold it, 5: I handed it over to the government, 6: I handed it over to the demobilisation program, 7: other.

Rank	1: Privat, 2: Corporal, 3: Sergeant, 4: Lieutenant, 5: Captain, 6: Major, 7: Colonel, 8: Brigadier, 9: General, 10: Escorts.
Unit	Seize of unit
Promofriend	The person was promoted because he was a friend/relative of the commander. 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important.
Promofight	The person was promoted because he was a good fighter during attacks. 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important.
Promoeduc	The person was promoted because he was intelligent or educated. 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important.
Promopopu	The person was promoted because he was popular in the group. 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important.
Promobuy	The person was promoted because he was rich and able to buy a promotion. 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important.
Promocruel	The person was promoted because he was especially cruel in injuring and killing people. 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important.
Promotoher	The person was promoted for another reason. 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important.
Promoappointed	How was superior promoted? How was he appointed? 1: He appointed himself by force. 2: He was chosen by one or two people in your unit. 3: Your unit voted for him/her. 4: He was chosen by a superior commander. 5: Other.
Extrafood	Received extra food as reward? 1: Most likely before, 2: Most likely after, 3: Whenever available, 4: I did not receive the reward, 5: Depend upon yourself. 6: Dk/Na.
Extramoney	Received extra money as reward? 1: Most likely before, 2: Most likely after, 3: Whenever available, 4: I did not receive the reward, 5: Depend upon yourself. 6: Dk/Na.
Extradrug	Received extra drug as reward? 1: Most likely before, 2: Most likely after, 3: Whenever available, 4: I did not receive the reward, 5: Depend upon yourself. 6: Dk/Na.
Extrapeople	Received extra "people" as reward? 1: Most likely before, 2: Most likely after, 3: Whenever available, 4: I did not receive the reward, 5: Depend upon yourself. 6: Dk/Na.
Extraspiritual	Received extra spiritual objects as reward? 1: Most likely before, 2: Most likely after, 3: Whenever available, 4: I did not receive the reward, 5: Depend upon yourself. 6: Dk/Na.
Foodenough?	Did you receive enough food? 1: Yes, 2: No, 3: Dk/Na.
Foodnot	If not enough food was available, how did you get hold of it? 1: I stole food from other group members, 2: I stole food from civilians, 3: I bought food, 4: I asked civilians, 5: I did not do anything, 6: Other.
Punished?	Punished? 1: Yes, often, 2: Yes, sometimes, 3: No, never, 4: Dk/Na.
Punishdecide	How was it decided what the punishment would be? 1: The commander alone would decide on the punishment, 2: A commander, from outside my unit, would decide on the punishment, 3: There were trials within our unit, 4: There were public trials in front of civilians, 5: Other.
Carrypunished	Who carried out the punishment? 1: The commander of the unit, 2: A commander from another unit, 3: Members of the unit who

	had a lower rank than the punished person, 4: Members of the unit who had a higher rank than the punished person, 5: Everyone could do the punishment; it did not depend on rank, 6: Other.
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Nraction	Number of battled respondent was involved in.
Attvillages	I heard the order to attack villages? 1: Yes, 2: No, 3: Dk/Na.
Attkillharm	I heard the order to kill and/or harm civilians. 1: Yes, 2: No, 3: Dk/Na.
Attabduction	I heard the order to abduct children. 1: Yes, 2: No, 3: Dk/Na.
Attreape	I heard the order to rape civilians. 1: Yes, 2: No, 3: Dk/Na.
Whomefight1	In general, against whom did you most often fight? First repsonse. 1: AFDL, 2: Mai Mai, 3: FARDC, 4: FDLR, 5: PARECO, 6: CNDP, 7: RCD, 8: FAZ, 9: Tutsi, 10: Hutu, 11: Rwandese, 12: Foreign armies, 13: Other.
Whomfight2	In general, against whom did you most often fight? Second repsonse. 1: AFDL, 2: Mai Mai, 3: FARDC, 4: FDLR, 5: PARECO, 6: CNDP, 7: RCD, 8: FAZ, 9: Tutsi, 10: Hutu, 11: Rwandese, 12: Foreign armies, 13: Other
Idfriends	Milimeters on the line. The smaller, the closer.
Idfamily	Milimeters on the line. The smaller, the closer.
Idorg	Milimeters on the line. The smaller, the closer.
Idcommander	Milimeters on the line. The smaller, the closer.
Proud	I am proud to tell others that I was part of the organization. 1: Strongly agree, 2: Agree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Disagree, 5: Strongly disagree, 6: Dk/Na.
Fate	I really care about the fate of the organization. 1: Strongly agree, 2: Agree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Disagree, 5: Strongly disagree, 6: Dk/Na.
Lillteoyal	I feel very little loyalty to the organization. 1: Strongly agree, 2: Agree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Disagree, 5: Strongly disagree, 6: Dk/Na.
Helpcomerades	I would go back to the organization if my comrades were to ask for my help. 1: Strongly agree, 2: Agree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Disagree, 5: Strongly disagree, 6: Dk/Na.
Close	I still feel close to my friends in the group. 1: Strongly agree, 2: Agree, 3: Neither disagree nor agree, 4: Disagree, 5: Strongly disagree, 6: Dk/Na.
Friends	Did you have friends who were fighting in other armed organizations? 1: Yes, 2: No.
Friendswhom	Freinds in which organization? 1: AFDL, 2: Mai Mai, 3: FARDC, 4: FDLR, 5: PARECO, 6: CNDP, 7: RCD, 8: FAZ.
Meeting	Did you ever saw a meeting between your commander and a commander of another armed group? 1: No, 2: Yes.
Meetingwhom	Meeting with which organization? 1: AFDL, 2: Mai Mai, 3: FARDC, 4: FDLR, 5: PARECO, 6: CNDP, 7: RCD, 8: Other.
Meetingtimes	Nr. of meetings observed.
Fighttogether?	Did you fight alongside other groups? 1: Yes, 2: No.
Fightwith?	With whom did you fight together? 1: AFDL, 2: Mai Mai, 3: FARDC, 4: FDLR, 5: PARECO, 6: CNDP, 7: RCD, 8: FAZ, 9: Tutsi, 10:: Hutu, 11: Rwandese, 12: Foreign armies, 13: Other.
Future	If you think about your future, what is your greatest concern? 1: lack of education, 2: That I will not have a job and income, 3: That I feel unprotected, 4: That I do not know where to go, 5: That the goal of my armed group will not be reached, 6: That

	people will not accept me any longer, 7:Other.
Medical	How important is medical care in your opinion? 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important, 4: Dk/Na.
Counseling	How important is counseling in your opinion? 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important, 4: Dk/Na
Economic	How important is economic support in your opinion? 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important, 4: Dk/Na
Social Activity	How important are social activity programs in your opinion? 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important, 4: Dk/Na
Traditional	How important are traditional ceremonies in your opinion? 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important, 4: Dk/Na
Family	How important is family tracing in your opinion? 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important, 4: Dk/Na
Schooling	How important is schooling in your opinion? 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important, 4: Dk/Na
Other	How important are other programs in your opinion? 1: Very important, 2: Important, 3: Not important, 4: Dk/Na
Backschool	Are you planning to go back to school? 1: Yes, 2: No.
Schoolreason	Why do you not plan to go (back) to school? 1: Too old, 2: I had finished school before joining the armed group, 3: No schools available, 4: I have no money for fees/uniform, 5: It is not worthwhile to continue, 6: I do not like school, 7: I need to earn cash, 8: I have a good work opportunity, 9: I do not want to repeat a grade, 10: I have difficulty concentrating, 11: Other.