Militarized youths in western Côte d'Ivoire: local processes of mobilization, demobilization, and related humanitarian interventions (2002-2007)

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Appendix 2
Checklists of individual interview guidelines

Main socio-demographic characteristic
age, sex, ethnic group, place of birth, social group membership, involved in a relationship or not, ethnic group of spouse, with/without children under custody, age of children, educational status of children, raised by whom and at what period, parents/guardians occupations (current or former), parents alive/deceased, parents living together/apart during childhood, general information on siblings, strength of ties with the near family, involved/not involved in a past family conflict

Mobility
list of all localities where the respondents have lived since childhood detailing the periods, the occupation, the reason of having moved there and the extent of financial (in)dependence, last place of residence at the moment of recruitment and composition of household, place of residence affected/not affected by open fighting at the peak of conflict, displaced/not displaced due to war

Educational trajectories
list of all schools (public and private) where the respondents have studied since childhood detailing the localities, the periods, the people taking care of food/accommodation/school and clothing expenses, reasons for dropping out, for those who had dropped at an early age or who had never gone to school, extent of functional literacy and numeracy

Professional trajectories
age of respondent when he/she started working (including unpaid help to parents), list of all paid/unpaid economic activities since childhood by locality and period, frequency and amount of the money earned (including time in informal apprenticeship), details of possible dependents, goals of possible savings

Recruitment
place and date of recruitment into the first armed group, age when recruited, name of first group integrated, detailed circumstances of recruitment, rationales for joining, any proof of enlistment, relatives/friends/acquaintances already into the armed group prior enlistment, violent death of someone close due to war

1 The checklist for interviewing the youngest recruits was adapted from the adult guidelines.
Militarized life
list of all fronts and military settings where the respondents went by period and locality
since recruitment day, accommodation and eating habits and locations, general information
on earnings during that period including sporadic incentives given by war chiefs
and products of the loot, description of the various tasks executed while in the armed
group, extent of involvement in extra-military paid activity, extent of social connection
with close family during the time in the armed group

Return to civil life
demobilized or still active\(^2\) current place of residence and composition of the household,
current activity, eating habits, personal and professional project once demobilized, descrip-
tion of training followed within the reinsertion project, familiar/not familiar with the
activity, willingness to continue the activity or to do something else, nature of financial
and in-kind support received, ideal location to run the project, in group/in family/alone,
general knowledge of DDR benefits

\(^2\) Note that nearly all respondents were involved in a reinsertion project at the time of doing fieldwork
but only about half were demobilized (the pro-government militias). There had not yet been any de-
mobilization of rebel forces.