

Handout: Sample Report

GLOBAL HORIZONTAL NOTE (GHN)
Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) of grave violations against children
in situations of armed conflict
Reporting Period January – March 2019
EXCERPT

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Parties as mentioned in the note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government forces: Mencilia Armed Forces (MAF); • Forces in Defense of Mencilia (FDM); • Bangdian Resistance Group (BRG)
Major trends and violations	<p>The first quarter of 2019 witnessed presidential elections and was characterized by political tensions as opposition leaders refused to accept election results. The period also witnessed clashes between the MAF and FDM in North Singste, during which the MAF allegedly burned houses and forcibly recruited children. There was also continued violence in southern Mencilia.</p> <p>Several communities in Milna and Lino region were caught in a spiral of violence and retaliation, leading to killings and the displacement of more than 10,000 civilians. The main perpetrators of violence were self-proclaimed self-defense groups claiming to protect their communities.</p> <p>In this context, the CTFMR verified 100 incidents of grave violations affecting 103 children. The most prevalent violations were recruitment and use (30 children), abduction (28 children) and killing and maiming (24 children). The reporting period witnessed an increase in the number of incidents of rape and other forms of sexual violence from 1 to 8 incidents affecting 19 girls.</p> <p>MAF was responsible for most of the grave violations (62 per cent of the affected children). With regard to armed groups, the FDM was responsible for 25 per cent of the verified incidents and the BRG for 5 per cent of the verified cases. Crossfire between MAF and FDM resulted in ten child casualties.</p>