

In June, 2013, in Cote d'Ivoire, Offuh James OFFUH, president and founder of the NGO United for Peace Against Conflict International (ONG UFPACI), drove with a small UFPACI team 400 km from Abidjan to facilitate historic relationship-building and ethnic, religious, and tribal healing between the Dozos and Guerre people, deeply divided since brutal 2011 post-election slayings. This is Part #2 describing the June 2013 Guerre-Dozos healing, and [part of the larger Cote d'Ivoire success story](#).



Part 2: Becoming Familiar, Building Trust



Offuh James OFFUH introduces the Perspective Squares exercise to allow participants experience that others have diverse perceptions and views of life, even of the same object.





The radio-TV team captured workshop events.



Participant with her printed how-to materials.



Mr. Toure ADAMA, representing the regional governor, encourages the women and men participants to listen-to-learn. The sign says: **"An enemy is one whose story we have not heard."**



Azubuike OKEH, from the Nigerian News Agency mission to Cote d'Ivoire, encouraged youth to become artisans of communication excellence to enable peaceful development.



Offuh James OFFUH inviting participants to take part in **Legacies**: an experience of face-to-face dialogue.

This exercise allows each person to share his or her life's narrative, and to carefully listen and relate to the "other."

Each person experiences a new quality of listening-to –learn as well as being heard, Participants experience that "**an enemy is one whose story we have not heard.**"



Dozos participant face-to-face with a Guerre chief for the first time hearing each others' personal narratives.



Offuh James OFFUH clarifies more on face-to-face communication for listening and learning without critiques, blame, accusations, or condemnation, while reminding participants of our one humanity, one spirit, and one earth.



Dozos face-to-face with a Guerre man for the first time listening to one another's personal life experiences.



Dozos and Guerre youth and adults knees-to-knees, face-to-face for the first time.



Diverse women begin communicating at the heart across old barriers to hear each other's life stories.



Dozos president and Guerre chief finally engage well.



Malinke man and Guerre youth listen together.



Each one explains what was awakened and had meaning for them during and after the face-to-face personal story telling and being truly listened-to and heard for the first time.





Wee-Dozos and Guerre become closer, changing ignorance to understanding and fear to familiarity and trust, while experiencing the power of listening and that "an enemy is one whose story we have not heard."



The Mask & Culture exercise helped people reveal what was hidden inside, how culture inhibited them from being their true, best selves. Dozos and Wee-Guerre men and women began mixing together more comfortably.



Ethnic rivals and adversaries, Mr Zehia DENISA, the chief of Guerre ethnic village Carrefore, and Mr. Adama DEMBELLE, the chief of Communauté Sénoufo of Duékoué, choose to sit side-by-side.



Dozos and Wee-Guerre learning about one another during the Mask & Culture experience together.



Dozos and Wee-Guerre became closer while sitting side-by-side for meal-sharing and continuing to hear more of one another's personal narratives and life experiences.



Eating together can be a sacred, community-building experience with time to assimilate and consider what is happening, as fear lessens and familiarity and trust increase slowly.



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