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South Alternatives Research and Empowerment (SARE) launches a data collection on reparations in the region of Timbuktu, Mali

South Alternatives Research and Empowerment (SARE) announces the launch of reparations data collection in the region of Timbuktu. Recognizing the complexity inherent to post conflict reparations, SARE will hence contribute to ensure that (1) the views of all communities are taken into consideration and (2) all mainstreaming thoughts on conceptualisation and implementation of reparations for the events which shook Timbuktu since January 2012 are expressed and included.

“The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) will submit today a reparations draft implementation plan to the International Criminal Court, following the ICC’s reparations order of 17 August 2017 in the Al Mahdi case” says Olivier Kambala wa Kambala, SARE’s director. “Reparations data collection will allow a more contextualized and empirical debate on this plan” adds Mr. Kambala. The ICC issued a reparations order pursuant to article 75 of the Rome Statute of the ICC. The order contemplated “individual, collective and symbolic reparations for the community of Timbuktu”, while recognising that the “destruction of the Protected Buildings has caused suffering to the people throughout Mali and the international community”. The order was hence encouraging the TFV to “take steps to complement the reparations award and provide broader assistance for victims in Mali”.

SARE’s reparations data collection will endeavour to create the conditions for the appropriation of the reparations process by all communities of the region of Timbuktu, while (1) ensuring that there is a national vision for reparations to the benefit of victims of events and human rights violations which occurred in Mali since January 2012 and (2) exploring means to make reparations relevant to sustainable social cohesion.

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