# Election risk data in high risk environments: Lessons from Burundi

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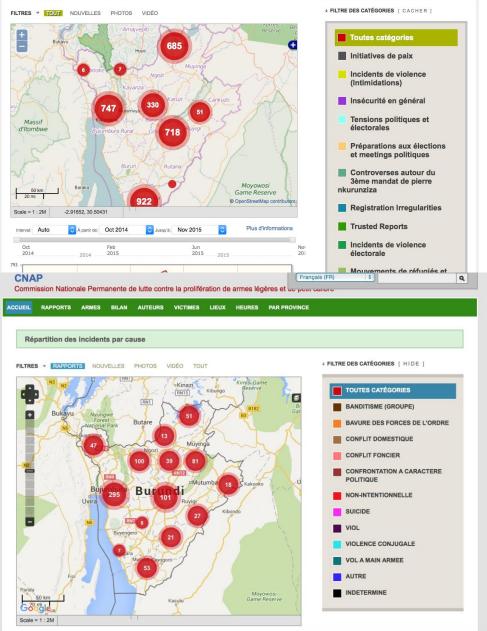


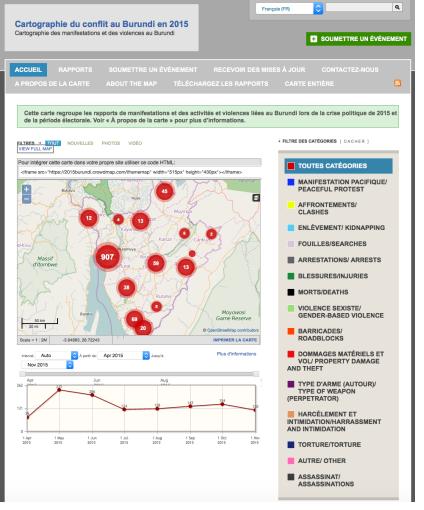
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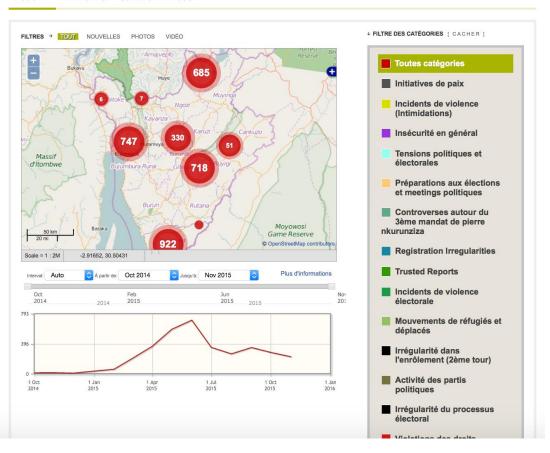
#### CrowdMap

- Launched as rapid response to crisis in April
- Data source: International and Burundian media; reliable social media; aggregate other projects' data
- No trained monitors
- Managed by Canadian NGO and local NGOs, staffed with volunteers worldwide
- 875 cases recorded through
   Sept 22

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- 25 organizations
   partnership, 100 trained
   citizen journalists in 5
   provinces (now in 9)
- 2835 incidents reported
   Nov. 2014 Sept 22,
   2015

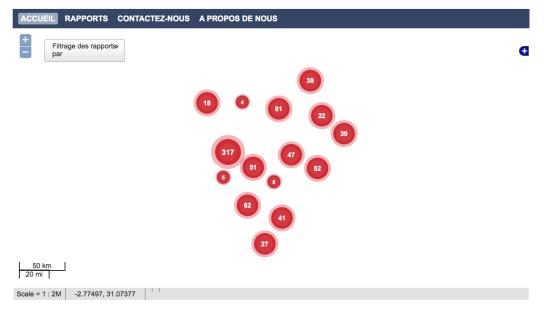


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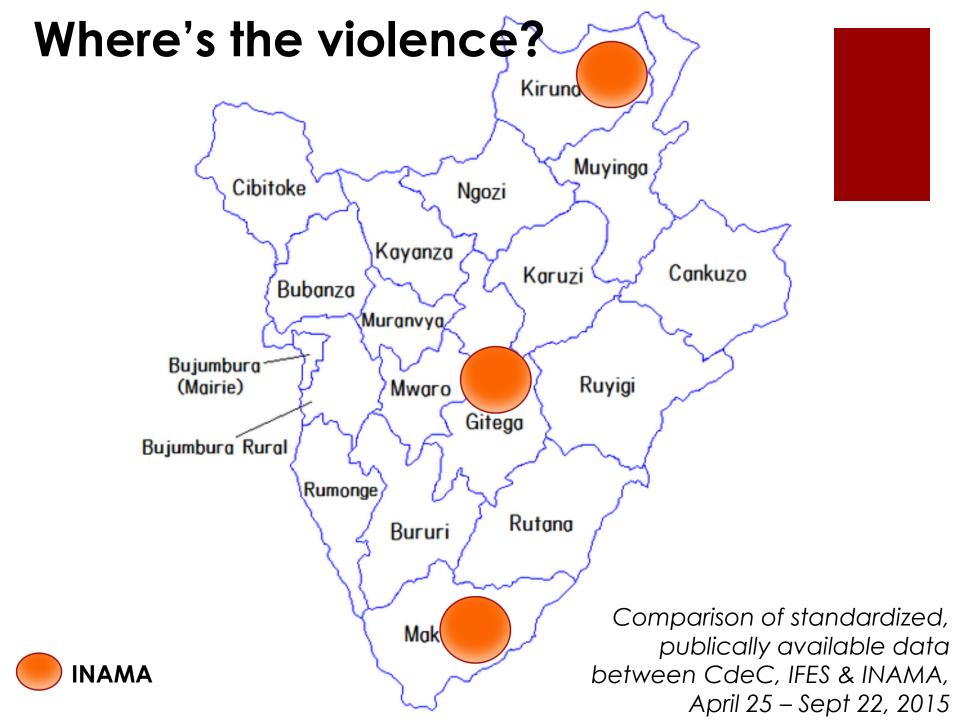


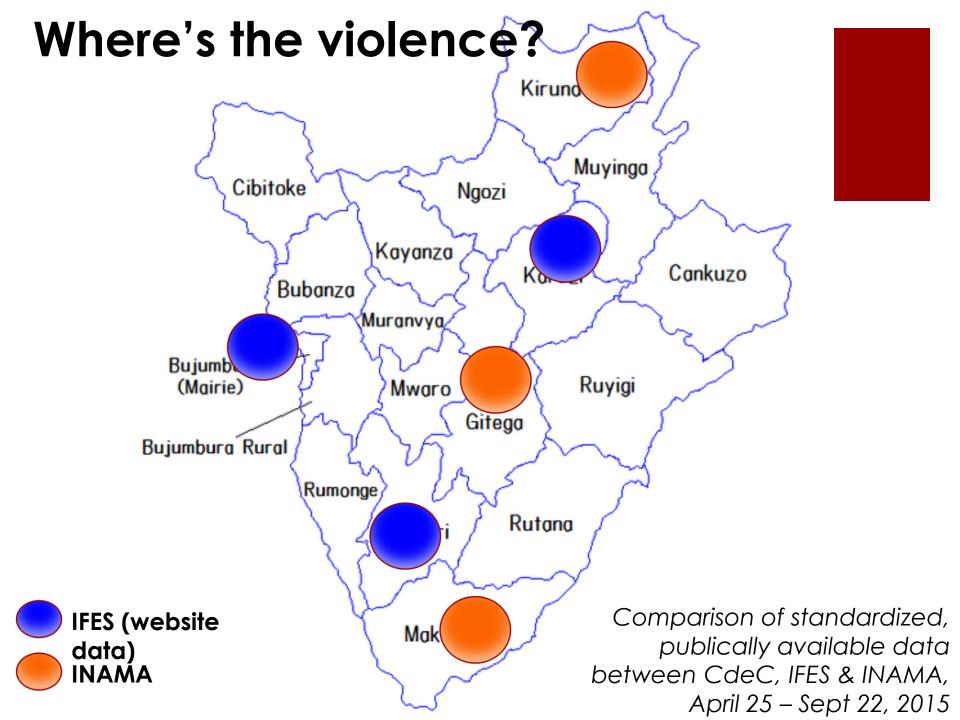
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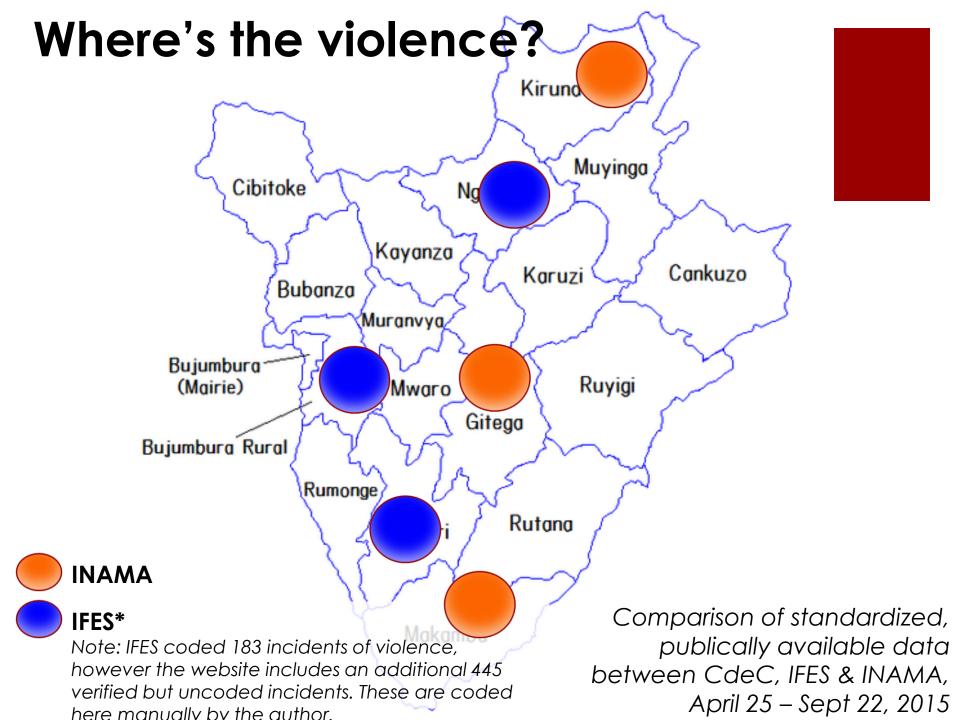
- IFES-led, partner with CEJP and UNDP
- Launched March June, 2015
- 275 monitors trained in
   17 provinces
- 342 peace and violence events recorded\* (815 w/manual count)

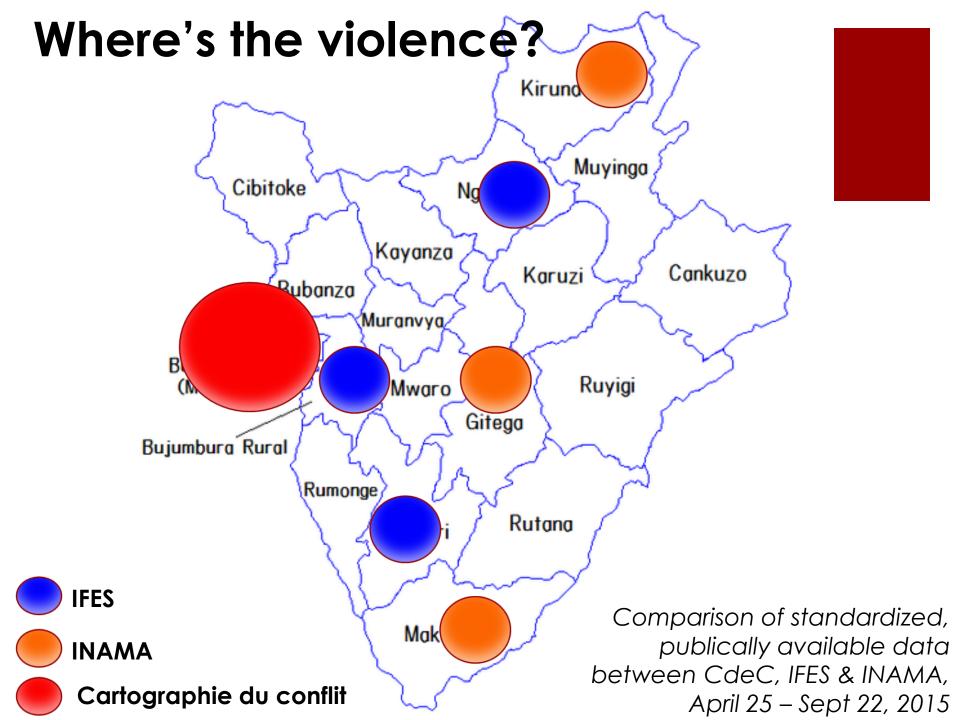
	# Monitors	# Incidents election violence reported (Apr. 25 – Sept. 22)	
CrowdMap	0	875	
INAMA	100	1395	
EWER	275	118 (560)	











### Definitions: What to map?

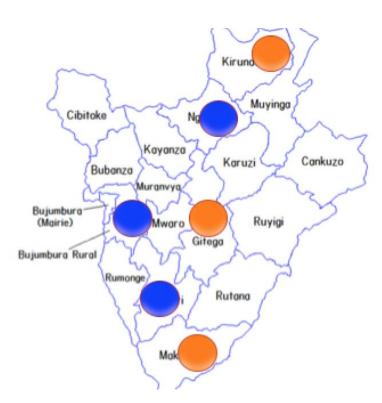
- **EWER**: "incidents vérifiés de violence électorale ainsi que des initiatives de paix"
- INAMA: "incidents de violence électorale ainsi que des initiatives de paix"
- CrowdMap: "rapports de manifestations et les affrontements, arrestations, enlèvements, dommages matériels, blessures, morts et autres types d'informations liés au Burundi lors de la crise politique de 2015, en marge de la décision du Président Nkurunziza de se présenter une troisième fois."

#### **Data Sources**

#### **Media Reports**



#### **Grassroots**



# Adapting to changing conditions

# Political Protest in Burundi - 2015

- Apx. 140 days of consistent protests
- Simultaneous in 3-5 neighborhoods of Bujumbura on average, + periodically in provinces
- Frequent violent clashes with police and armed forces, victims on both sides
- Road barricades, peaceful anti-3<sup>rd</sup> term demonstrations, many arrests

How do you record this for data mapping?

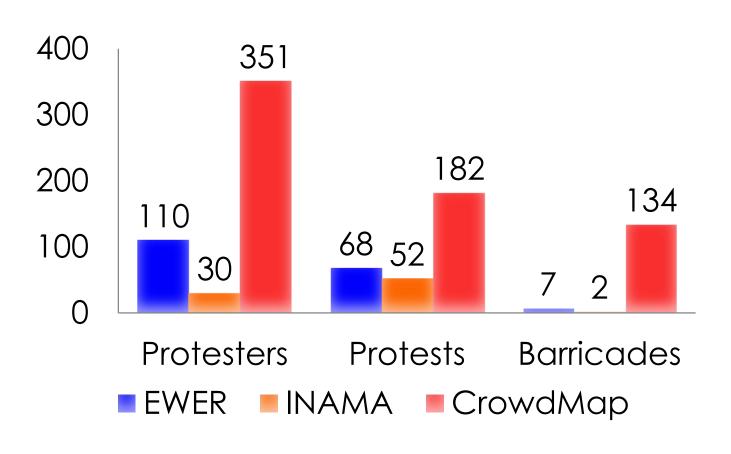
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#### Coding protests example:

- 140 days of anti-gvt protests?
- 140 days x 3 neighborhoods per day?
- 140 days x 3 neighborhoods x 2 arrests per neighborhood
- 140 days x 3 neighborhoods x 2 arrests & 3 injuries per neighborhood

- 140 data points
- 420 data points
- ■840 data points
- 2100 data points

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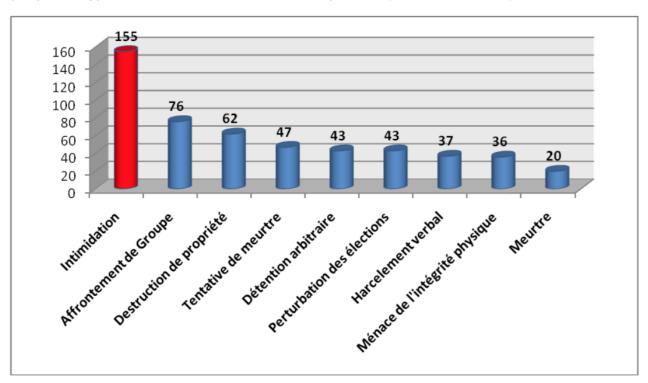
	EWER	
Coup d'état	0	
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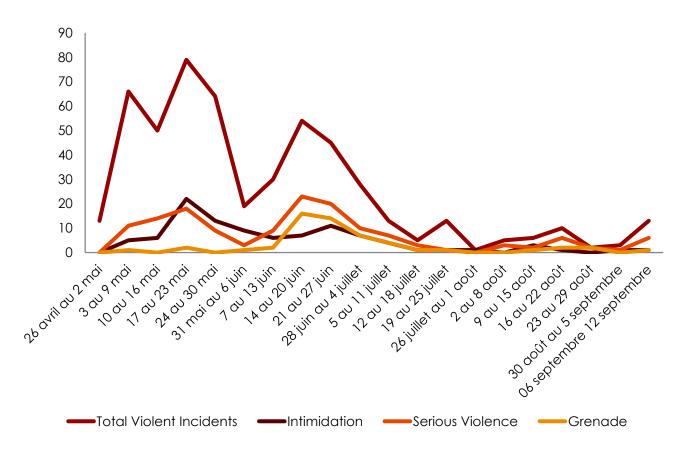
#### Intimidation

Graphique 1 : Types de violence du 26 avril au 12 septembre (en nombre de cas)



2010 data

#### Intimidation



Source: "The Roots of Electoral Violence: Tracing the Path of Electoral Authoritarianism in Burundi". The Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship - Graduate Student Conference. Quebec City, Quebec. March 25-26, 2011.

### Weighting data

Bar brawl

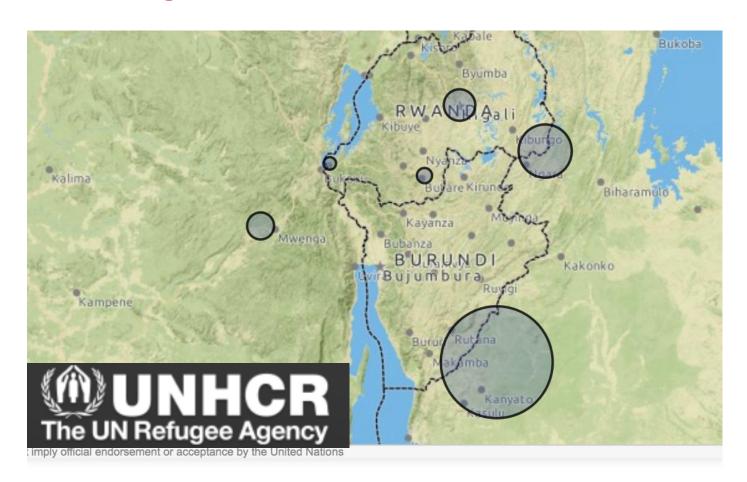
Insulting comments

 Fearmonger rumors



- Coup d'état attempt
- Candidate assassination
  - Other murders, heavy artillery attacks, etc

## Refugees



Refugees from Burundi: Post-Influx

221,017



# Monitor & staff security





Appropriate technology

# Now what?

Adapting the applications of election violence data

# Takeaways