Figure I: Modelling children's recruitment in Rwanda

**Conflict-to-conflict child recruitment model**

- Armed conflict
  - Child orphaned
  - Child separated from parents
  - Parents/guardians mutilated
  - Loss of possessions/property
  - Child/family displaced/exiled
  - Child's kin recruited
  - Ideological/political mobilization by combatants or their political representation
  - Loss in military personnel and/or need for a bigger personnel
  - Combatants with weapons

- Child loses livelihoods
- Hate of the real or perceived enemy of the child

- Physical and psychological insecurity
- Need for revenge

- Child's recruitment (forced or voluntary) for armed conflict
  - Child's desire to get a gun and become also powerful
  - Combatants perceived by the child as powerful people

Source: Author's own construction