

Sustainable Development and Peacebuilding

Workshop: “Building Conflict-Sensitive Sustainable Development Strategies”

Location

Date

Launching the Workshop

- What inspired the workshop?

[The items in orange in this presentation must be inserted by the Country Expert who is presenting in order to answer the question above and to provide context for participants]

- What was the tipping point that led to the workshop (e.g., data evidence, a story)

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Sustainable development and peacebuilding are
interconnected, so...

**IN OUR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES
THEY SHOULD ALSO BE INTERCONNECTED**

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Sustainable development's three core dimensions:

- **Economy:** Economicsustainability means maximizing society's well-being, economic equity, and eradicating poverty through the creation of wealth and livelihoods, equal access to resources and the optimal and efficient use of natural resources
- **Society:** Socio-political sustainability means promoting social equity and uplifting the welfare and quality of life by improving access to basic health and education services, fulfilling minimum standards of security and respect for human rights, including the development of diversity, pluralism and grassroots participation
- **Environment:** Environmental sustainability means the enhancement and conservation of the environment and natural resources for present and future generations

(For more see: Guidance Notes, p. 32)

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Sustainable Development

From short-term crisis response to long-term benefit and growth

SOME PEOPLE SAY that “sustainable development helps us meet our present needs without compromising our ability to meet future needs....”

.. IN FACT, sustainable development should even *support* our ability to meet future needs.

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Peacebuilding

- Addressing the factors that cause or exacerbate inequity, conflict and violence
- Mitigating risk of conflict and preventing a relapse of conflict dynamics
- Transforming social-economic-environmental systems so that they sustain progress and equitable opportunity

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How can sustainable development contribute to peacebuilding?

- FOR EXAMPLE: Development interventions can...
 - Mitigate conflict drivers (e.g., social division, economic marginalization, lawlessness, spillover, poor or inequitable service or natural resource access)
 - Improve local perceptions of security (e.g., through livelihoods development, reduction of environmental uncertainties, governance building, security and judicial sector reform)
 - Yield tangible “peace dividends” that helps build a constructive social contract between stakeholders (e.g., development outcomes such as poverty reduction, public service delivery)

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- Cite examples from THE COUNTRY(IES) on how development has contributed to peacebuilding

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How can peacebuilding contribute to development?

- FOR EXAMPLE: Peacebuilding (at any stage in a conflict) can...
 - Improve inclusion of conflict parties in decisions and policy-making
 - Readjust public perspectives toward long-term issues rather than short-term coping mechanisms
 - Build confidence among all stakeholders, from civil society to government to donors and international organizations

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Natural resource management is a catalyst
in the peacebuilding-development cycle

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*Sustainable natural resource management can have
mutually reinforcing development and peacebuilding
outcomes:*

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- Improve inclusion: e.g., by incorporating remote and neglected locations into development programming
- Readjust public perspectives: e.g., by educating stakeholders on the risks of over-usage having long-term impacts
- Build confidence: e.g., by supporting user collaboration
- Mitigate conflict drivers: e.g., by improving equitable natural resource access
- Improve local perceptions of security: e.g., by developing and strengthening governance systems
- Yield tangible “peace dividends”: e.g., by upgrading livelihoods and public health

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The dynamic between sustainable development and peacebuilding is cyclical –

These are not mutually exclusive activities, but rather they are constantly interacting.

For the most effective national sustainable development plans we just need to capture some of the numerous opportunities to support conflict transformation.