



Conflict Prevention: UNDP's Perspective

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Conflict: A Development Issue?



1. What is conflict?
2. Conflict Defined – violent conflict
3. Why is conflict a development issue?
4. Why is UNDP interested in conflict prevention?

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UNDP Strategic Plan: 2008 -2011

CPR Practice (4 UNDP practice areas)

Goal:

to advance human development by
strengthening national and local capacities to
prevent, mitigate and recover from the effects
of violent conflicts and natural disasters

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UNDP Strategic Plan: 2008 -2011

CPR Key Result Area 3.1

Enhancing conflict and disaster risk
management capabilities

Outcomes:

- i) Solutions generated for conflict prevention
through common analysis and inclusive dialogue
- ii) Strengthened national capacities to prevent,
reduce, mitigate and cope with the impact of
violent conflict

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UNDP Corporate Context

- i) UNDP Strategic Plan
- ii) BCPR and CPR Practice
- iii) UNDP's 8 point agenda on gender equality and women's empowerment in crisis prevention and recovery
- iv) UN Framework Team
- v) UNDP-DPA Partnership



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Principles for UNDP's work on conflict prevention

- i) National/local ownership (by request)
- ii) Do no harm – positive peacebuilding
- iii) Inclusive, participatory, gender sensitive
- iv) Build national/local capacities (empowerment)
- v) Use/build upon existing capacities/mechanisms
- vi) Role of Women – 8 point agenda
- vii) Role of Leadership
- viii) Multi-dimensional, multi-sectoral approach



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UNDP programming approaches

- i) Mainstreaming (do no harm)
 - Development programming with conflict sensitivity
- ii) Specific programmes on conflict prevention
 - Inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogue
 - Building national/local capacities
 - Multi-dimensional, multi-sectoral
 - Role of women



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Conflict Prevention and related CPR issues

- i) Peacebuilding
- ii) Governance
- iii) Armed violence, Community security
- iv) Rule of Law, Security Sector Reform
- v) Transitional Justice, Reconciliation, Social Cohesion
- vi) Natural Resources, Environment, Natural Disasters

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Key Issues:

- i) Re-establishment of credible, legitimate institutions and systems
- ii) Focus on institutions, and wider issues (reconciliation, dispute resolution, social cohesion)
- iii) Local Governance and Public Administration
- iv) Service Delivery

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Key Challenges:

- i) Legitimacy, Trust, Authority of the State
- ii) Transparency, Accountability, Political Will
- iii) Social Cohesion, Social Capital
- iv) Weakness of State Institutions
- v) Leadership, Consensus
- vi) Other issues (local governance, rule of law, community security, natural resources)