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Good Governance and Development in Conflict Settings

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The Nature of Conflict

- Conflict: both crisis and opportunity
- Importance of underlying causes and transformations of society
- Security is condition for governance and development
- Need for initial peace settlement
Peace settlements

- From Mutually Hurting Stalemate
- To Mutually Enticing Opportunities
- Address all causes in package
- Often only leaders are involved
- Include a long transition phase
- International mediation may be helpful
Transition Phase

- Building back better?
- Building a resilient state:
  - Governance: legitimacy and effectiveness
  - Security: non-violent conflict solving mechanisms, civilian oversight, SSR/DDR
- Economy: broad based growth
- Local actors to drive change, external aid may support

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Governance

- Root cause: de-colonisation → hybrid political order → dominance of President or fragmented leadership
- Peace agreement: pact between leaders
- Transition: broadening resilience by interaction state – citizens
Increase legitimacy

- Early elections risky for stability
- Build on existing state and non-state institutions
- Create hybrid ‘home-grown’ democracy
- Increase participation, accountability, equality, merit based recruitment
- Village councils, religious organisations, judges, ombudsman, political parties etc.
Increase Effectiveness

- Priorities: Rule of Law and Human Security
- Next: health, education, infrastructure, etc.
- Through state and non-state, depending on capacities
- Capacity and institutional development
- State to coordinate
Development

• Growth and distribution reduces conflict
• Leaders often monopolise access to means of production
• Statebuilding models have no answer
• Macro-economic stability, PFM, anti-corruption, private sector development
• Taxes increase accountability
External factors

- Global economic order (crisis!)
- Geopolitical interference
- Conflict in region
- Resource scarcities
- Ineffective development aid (aid orphans, Washington consensus)
- External actors to redress external factors