

PEACE AND CONFLICT ANALYSIS

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- *Conflict analysis* is not only for high intensity violence.
- There are underlying and deep-rooted conflicts that persist for generations without generating violence.
- *Peace Analysis* are the other face of the coin of conflict analysis. No mapping is complete without it. No conflict can be resolved without building on peace factors.

- Peace and Conflict analysis is not restricted only to consultants, NGOs and Donors.
- Rebels, governments and communities do conflict analysis to varying degrees.
- The outcome of Peace and Conflict analysis is as good as the facts, precision, and extent of information put into them.
- It requires expertise and tools to do Peace and Conflict analysis.

- Peace and Conflict analysis is a metamorphic process of inputs and outputs, building up to the most effective intervention under the circumstances, scenarios and resources available at the time.
- As history and legacy may play underlying roles in conflict, they need to be explored if relevant.
- Very few conflicts are static. Most conflicts are dynamic and their turns are difficult to predict. Knowledge, skills and objectivity are necessary for good analysis.

- Peace and Conflict analysis may need to draw on several areas of knowledge and skills to do credible conflict analysis.
- As it is an evolving practice, keeping abreast of new modalities and templates is desirable.
- No two conflicts are the same. Conflict uniqueness requires customized approach to conflict analysis.
- While skills in principled negotiation, mediation and facilitation may be useful, on their own, they are not enough tools for Peace and Conflict analysis.

- The one conflict may require periodical analysis for the one ultimate objective and may require several analysis if there are several parties in or concerned about the conflict.
- Do not underestimate the valuable input that the parties to the conflict and your partners can have in an analysis.
- Always ask your self: Who else and what else I may have left out.