

## Root Causes of Violent Conflict & Conflict Diagnostic Frameworks

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| <b>CPN Risk Assessment Tool</b> (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imbalance of political opportunities</li> <li>Non-democratic and ineffective Governance</li> <li>No opportunities for peaceful conciliation of group interests</li> <li>Exclusive government elite</li> <li>Violation of political group rights</li> <li>Legitimacy deficit of government &amp; public institutions</li> <li>Absence of pluralism &amp; diversified debate</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imbalance of economic opportunities</li> <li>Socio-economic inequalities between different identity groups</li> <li>Lack of economic peace interests</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imbalance of social, cultural opportunities</li> <li>Lack of an active and organised civil society</li> <li>Destabilisation by movements of refugees &amp; displaced peoples</li> <li>Demographic pressures</li> <li>Insufficient or declining services</li> <li>Absence of effective dispute resolution mechanisms</li> <li>Distrust among identity groups</li> <li>Weak civil society organisations</li> <li>Absence of a professional, independent media</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criminality, social &amp; political violence</li> <li>Biased law application &amp; enforcement by judicial &amp; security services</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weak or harmful external engagement</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Conducting Conflict Assessments: Guidance Notes</b> (DFID)       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weakly institutionalised, unrepresentative political system</li> <li>Lack of independent judiciary</li> <li>Corruption</li> <li>Weak political parties</li> <li>Lack of popular participation</li> <li>Gender imbalance in political and governance processes</li> <li>Flawed election processes</li> <li>Political exploitation of ethnic/religious differences</li> <li>Systems for managing conflict weakly developed</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic decline: poverty, unemployment, inflation</li> <li>Widening economic disparities based on regional or ethnic divisions</li> <li>Shift to destabilising external investment patterns or destabilising international economic policies</li> <li>Increasing competition over shared resources</li> <li>Growth in black and parallel economies</li> <li>Development of war economy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of independent media and civil society</li> <li>Social exclusion</li> <li>Legacy of unresolved ethnic conflict</li> <li>Absence of cross-cutting social and civil society organizations</li> <li>Tensions over language, religion, ethnicity</li> <li>Failure of dispute resolution mechanisms</li> <li>Decreasing legitimacy of customary authorities</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security forces have limited capacity and are weakly controlled</li> <li>Human rights abuses from security forces/armed groups</li> <li>High levels of military spending</li> <li>Presence of non-state military actors</li> <li>Poorly controlled or contested borders</li> <li>Legacy of past conflict</li> <li>Proliferation of light weapons</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weak and uncoordinated international engagement</li> <li>Destabilising role by diaspora populations</li> <li>Unstable regional, international context (political changes in neighbouring countries)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Conflict Analysis Framework</b> (World Bank0 Part 2)             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stability of political institutions</li> <li>Links between government and citizens</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social /economic cleavages</li> <li>Economic growth</li> <li>Income disparities</li> <li>Per capita income changes</li> <li>External debt management</li> <li>Reliance on high value primary commodities</li> <li>Employment and access to productive resources</li> <li>Conflict induced poverty</li> <li>Access to natural resources (including land)</li> </ul>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ethnic cleavages</li> <li>differential social opportunities</li> <li>availability of bridging social capital</li> <li>group identity building</li> <li>myth making</li> <li>role of media and freedom of expression</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>culture of traditional violence</li> <li>equality of law and judicial system</li> <li>human rights status</li> <li>militarization of society</li> <li>security of civilians</li> <li>in-country cross border competition over natural resources</li> <li>regional conflicts</li> <li>role of kindred groups outside country</li> <li>role of diasporas</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>regional imbalances</li> </ul>   |

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| <b>FAST (Swiss Peace)</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History of violent conflict</li> <li>Lack of democratic traditions leading to a lack of public control on state activities</li> <li>Continuous and systematic exclusion of different regions/clans from power</li> <li>Harassment of independent political movements</li> <li>Use of coercion by central government to resolve political and social conflicts</li> <li>Frequent human rights violations by central and local authorities</li> <li>Over-proportional and permanent influence of the military in the government</li> <li>Widespread corruption, clientism and nepotism</li> <li>Lack of legitimacy of political regime</li> <li>Exclusion of criticism of govt.</li> <li>Ethnicity and regionalism as defining feature of politics</li> <li>Political power as means to secure elites privileged position</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing unemployment rate</li> <li>Widespread poverty</li> <li>Dependency on the subsistence agriculture sector</li> <li>Unbalanced public expenditures in favour of the military</li> <li>Scarce economic resources</li> <li>Scarcity of natural resources</li> <li>Growing foreign aid and structural dependence on foreign aid</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biased media coverage</li> <li>Ethnic and religious divisions</li> <li>Uncontrolled migration from rural to urban areas</li> <li>Conflicts along religious lines</li> <li>High illiteracy rate</li> <li>Lack of basic infrastructure (education, health care)</li> <li>Reciprocal demonization of the "other" as a common social construct</li> <li>Widespread sexual and gender violence</li> <li>Lack of trust in government among civil society</li> <li>Rapid population growth</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organized crime with links to political leadership</li> <li>Discrimination and persecution of minorities</li> <li>Rising number of custodial deaths and enforced disappearances</li> <li>Strong smuggling networks (narcotics and weapons)</li> <li>Demobilized population retaining an unknown number of arms</li> <li>High level of small arms proliferation</li> <li>Frequent cross-border movements of armed opposition groups, bandits and civil population</li> <li>High level of militarization including the recruitment of child soldiers</li> <li>Growing drug trafficking and abuse leading to increase of the crime rate</li> <li>Absence of legal security leads to absence of foreign investments</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic interests of foreign powers in the country</li> <li>Ongoing presence of foreign militants</li> <li>Regional instability leading to possibility of crises spill-over</li> <li>Alliances with and between armed forces abroad</li> <li>Existence of an exiled civil opposition rejecting the regime</li> <li>Parallel diplomacy of international actors creating new sources of division</li> </ul> |
| <b>Conflict-Related Development Analysis, UNDP</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illegitimate government</li> <li>Lack of political participation</li> <li>Poor governance</li> <li>Weakness of administrative systems</li> <li>Politics based on money, ethnicity, region and religion</li> <li>Political links to gangsterism</li> <li>Political corruption/patronage</li> <li>Unaccountable politicians</li> <li>Predatory elites</li> <li>Lack of transparency</li> <li>Lack of access to justice system</li> <li>Political exclusion of minorities</li> <li>Politicization of religion</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of equal economic and social opportunities</li> <li>Unequal access to natural resources</li> <li>Unequal access to land</li> <li>Protection rackets</li> <li>Reliance on primary commodity exports (i.e. oil)</li> <li>Rural/urban disparities</li> <li>Unemployment</li> <li>Failure of development programs</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil society not engaged in national policy issues</li> <li>Pastoralist/farmer tensions</li> <li>Money-driven NGOs</li> <li>Acceptance of (domestic) violence</li> <li>Militant youth</li> <li>Poor basic services</li> <li>Ethnic/caste discrimination</li> <li>Inequitable service provision</li> <li>Discrimination against ethnic minorities</li> <li>Biased media</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culture of impunity in military actions</li> <li>Low capacity and moral of police</li> <li>Involvement of police in conflict and crime</li> <li>Vigilante groups</li> <li>Political violence (through armed thugs)</li> <li>Human rights abuses</li> <li>Corruption in security forces</li> <li>Criminal elements acting as rebels</li> <li>Availability of arms</li> <li>Uncontrolled security sector</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small arms proliferation</li> <li>Trans National Corporations influencing politics</li> <li>Trans-national religious links</li> <li>Foreign military aid</li> <li>International military involvements</li> <li>International recession</li> <li>Destabilizing role of neighbouring countries</li> <li>Refugee influx from neighbouring countries</li> <li>Role of diasporas</li> </ul>                      |



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| <b>Democracy Assessment (IDEA)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rule of law is non-operative, (i.e. public officials are not subject to the rule of law and transparency)</li> <li>• Courts and judiciary are dependent on the executive</li> <li>• Frequent violation of civil and political rights</li> <li>• Government and party control over registration and voting procedures</li> <li>• Ineffective political parties divided along ethnic, religious and linguistic lines</li> <li>• Lack of government openness, accountability and responsiveness to the people and their representatives</li> <li>• Widespread corruption</li> <li>• Non-inclusive and non-representative public offices</li> <li>• Central government control and domination over local levels</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unchecked influence of powerful corporations and business interests over public policy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural and religious discrimination</li> <li>• Unequal and discriminatory access to work and social security</li> <li>• Lack of public confidence in effectiveness of government</li> <li>• Media dependent on government or subject to foreign governments or multinational companies</li> <li>• Biased and non-representative media coverage</li> <li>• Low level of citizen participation, (i.e. lack of an organized civil society)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ineffective civilian control over military and police forces</li> <li>• Lack of public accountability by police and security forces</li> <li>• Excessive presence of paramilitary units, private armies, warlordism, and criminal mafias</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance of the country is subordinate to external agencies (economic, cultural or political)</li> </ul> |