

# Human Security

## --- From Theory to Implementation

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- Human Security and Peacebuilding
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- Challenges Ahead
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## **From Theory to Implementation (1) Understanding Human Security**



- Protect the vital core of all human lives
- Demand-side security
- Focused on protection and empowerment
- Complementing state security, human development and human rights
- Relationship with Responsibility to Protect
- Not coordination but integration
- Not only BHN and safety but human fulfilment

## **From Theory to Implementation (2) How to Make It Happen**



- “...we commit ourselves to discussing and defining the notion of human security in the General Assembly.” (2005 World Summit Outcome)
- Bridging the gap between theory and practice – mutual feedback is the key
- Need to learn from and scale up concrete actions with tangible results in the field

## Human Security and Governance (1) Overview of Bangladesh



- Unlocking the potential - governance challenge
- Political leadership under democratic settings
- Capacity building of governmental organizations
- Strong NGOs and its relationship with the government
- Private sector: business opportunities and rich natural resources

## Human Security and Governance (2) Local Governance



- Strong line ministries, weak local government, strong NGOs, weak communities
- Top-down approach: good for scaling up
- Bottom-up approach: catering for local needs
- Integrated approach: aiming at sustainability
- Art of implementation – ownership of central and local governments supported by NGOs and communities in a competitive environment

## Human Security and Governance (3) Development Partnership



- Development partnership to promote country ownership/leadership
- Joint Strategy of four major donors (WB, ADB, Japan, DFID) to support PRSP
- “Improve Human Security” as a key element – social protection systems, strengthen security and public order
- Who leads the process? – Long-term engagement to support prospective leaders

## Human Security and Peacebuilding (1) Distinct Challenge



- Peacebuilding situation: weak state security
- Key challenges in perspective: security, human security, state building, economic development
- Address various “gaps” during the critical transition period (phases, financing, organizations, sectors, strategies)
- “Empowerment” element needed to strengthen ownership and self-reliance

## Human Security and Peacebuilding (2) Working on Good Practices



- South Sudan: “School as Zone of Peace”
- Bangladesh Chittagong Hill Tracts: “Integrated Community Development Project”
- Human Security Trust Fund: Facilitating an integrated approach for scaling up
- Human resource development in Asia for peacebuilding: Japan’s new initiative

## Challenges Ahead



- Strengthen field presence and capacity
  - Every country is unique - country-based approach to make most of global knowledge
  - Partnership/engagement takes place in the field
- Highlight good practices for global strategy and implementation
  - Global knowledge-sharing/deepening is another key driver
  - Enriching human security as catalyst to respond to diverse needs

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