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Exploring the intersections of violence against women and girls (VAWG) with post-conflict state building and peacebuilding processes



A Note on Terms



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Peace-building:

- Supporting inclusive peace process and agreements
- Addressing the causes and effects of conflict
- Building mechanisms to resolve conflict

State-building:

- Developing the state's capacity, institutions and legitimacy



Research Questions



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Research Question 1: How has VAWG been integrated and addressed within post-conflict state-building policy and programming?

Research Question 2: In conflict-affected countries, how is VAWG related to efforts to achieve peace and stability?

The Process



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- Literature Review – IR and Public Health Journals

Building Connections



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- Lots and lots of theory, little evidence
- Lack of a common language to bring these fields together
- PBSB has often has a gendered component – but typically not explicitly linked to VAWG
- Within PBSB field, VAWG often primarily conceptualized as militarized rape

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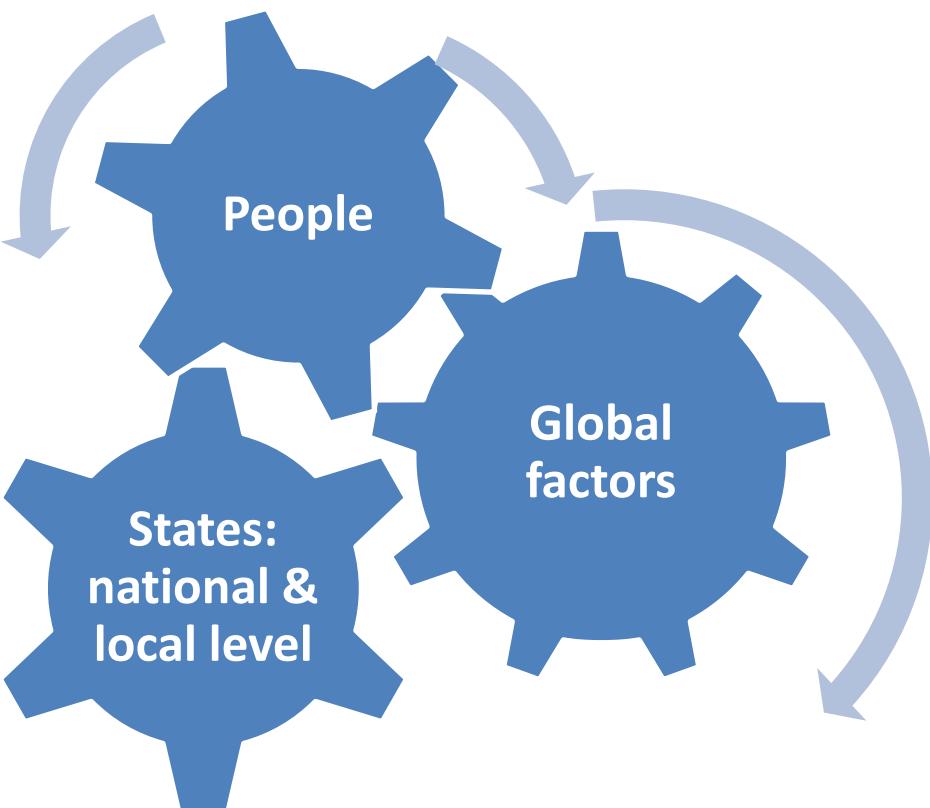
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Building stability framework

Levels of analysis & response



Long-term stability: communities, states and regions are able to develop, and manage conflict and change peacefully

Building blocks



STATE-BUILDING & PEACE-BUILDING PROCESSES	SBPB STRATEGIES ADDRESSING VAWG AND GENDER INEQUALITY	POSITIVE OUTCOMES OF STABILITY AND PEACE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS VAWG AND GENDER INEQUALITY
<h2>1. Conflict Resolution Processes</h2>		
<h3>Peace process and outcome agreement</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The process fulfils the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VAWG included as a specific issue within the process ○ Amnesties for VAWG during conflict prohibited ○ Women’s rights and VAWG included in transitional administrations and decision-making forums ● Conflict analysis and monitoring mechanisms include indicators on VAWG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accountability of perpetrators of conflict-related VAWG. ● Reduced stigma for conflict-related and on-going forms of VAWG ● Improved understanding/consideration of women’s rights and VAWG in governmental and decision making bodies

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<h2>4. Capable and Legitimate Institutions</h2>		
<h3>Health Sector</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender balance and VAWG expertise in staffing • Policies and strategies adopted specifically to address VAWG (past conflict incidents and current incidents) • Specific measures in place to deal with health outcomes of conflict-related VAWG • Budget for health sector efforts to address VAWG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved health policies that include protocols to care for and refer VAWG • Increased of health units that have adopted mechanisms to deal with health outcomes of VAWG • Existence of specific government budget allocated to VAWG within the health sector

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- Conducted Qualitative Research

Research Progress



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Field Work Completed

- Nepal
- Sierra Leone
- South Sudan

Case Studies being Drafted

- Comparisons between the three countries at different stages of conflict – post-conflict

Preliminary Thoughts from South Sudan



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- VAWG is a factor driving conflict in South Sudan
 - Cattle raiding, forced marriage, dowries
 - Peace-building work is limited, piecemeal
 - Women did advocate for transitional justice provision in the last peace agreement
 - Women are involved in community peace building
 - Engagement with women and girls seen is very limited

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- VAWG is not considered an issue by many in GOSS; More progress on state-levels
- Some effort has been made to address VAWG in – but mainly driven by the international community
- Ministry of Gender not empowered/limited budget
- Huge disconnection between PBSB and VAWG practitioners (NAP implementation, etc.)



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