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...towards a safe and just world

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New Zealand's International  
Aid & Development Agency



# Most wars

*...and more often in developing rather than developed countries.*

**New Zealand is promoting peace and security**

Peace and security are fundamental building blocks in meeting basic needs and achieving long-term development. All people have a right to peace.

**New Zealand is working to eliminate poverty and conflict**

Poverty and conflict are inter-related. Violent conflict has a disproportionate effect on civilians, particularly women and children. The poor are often most vulnerable and conflict can hinder their efforts to escape poverty and prevent them accessing government services.

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**Helping to create safe societies is the first step towards poverty elimination.**

NZAID's peace building and conflict prevention work is guided by key principles:

- valuing human rights
- encouraging participation in the processes of government
- working in a coordinated way with other donors, international organisations and other groups in areas affected by conflict
- addressing gender issues.



# NZAID helps

***...before they intensify into violence  
– civil war, terrorism or other forms  
of violent conflict.***

NZAID programmes focus on building long-term structural stability by promoting good governance and respect for human rights, improving basic social services and promoting economic development.

## **New Zealand is addressing the triggers**

Identification of early warning signs provides the basis for early action. Where the potential for conflict is identified, NZAID assists partners to address factors that might trigger or further escalate violence. This could include:

- monitoring elections
- encouraging disarmament.

## **New Zealand supports local communities**

NZAID helps people in developing countries address grievances and support local mechanisms for conflict prevention, mediation and resolution, through:

- developing leadership
- helping communities to get reliable and impartial information
- strengthening law and justice
- enabling women to be leaders
- educating young people
- preventing HIV/AIDS.

## developing countries address the causes of conflict...



CASE STUDIES

### **New Zealand Police and the Pacific**

NZAID and New Zealand Police have been working together on community safety projects in various parts of the Pacific. An example of this work is Bougainville, where NZAID is supporting the training of community police.

### **Getting an education**

In Solomon Islands, 60-70% of children enrol in primary school, but only 30% complete it. In addition, conflict has contributed to a rapid deterioration in the education system.

With New Zealand's assistance, the government was able to keep many schools open during the conflict. In the longer term, NZAID has committed NZ\$33 million to support the Solomon Islands national basic education programme. The goal is to assist the government achieve universal primary education by 2015.



# NZAID's work

## in a post conflict setting

### **New Zealand is providing immediate relief**

During and immediately following conflict and natural disasters, a community's ability to provide for basic needs is limited.

NZAID works with United Nations (UN) humanitarian agencies, international organisations, non-government organisations (NGOs), and domestic agencies to deliver effective humanitarian assistance.

### **New Zealand is helping communities emerge from conflict**

The early engagement of development organisations – such as NZAID – during the transition period is recognised as essential. NZAID supports efforts towards a seamless transition from humanitarian relief work to longer-term development activities.

Post-conflict reconstruction is about rehabilitating a community, region or country following the end of major hostilities. Rehabilitation encompasses governance, the economy, and social and cultural life.

### **NZAID is working with others**

NZAID has an important role in supporting New Zealand's wider efforts to build long-term solutions for lasting peace and security. It is working with many organisations, including:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- New Zealand Defence Force
- New Zealand Police
- Other New Zealand government agencies
- New Zealand's NGO community
- UN organisations
- Pacific Islands Forum
- regional and multilateral NGOs.

is about  
preventing future conflict  
and building lasting peace.

### **Building peace in Indonesia**

NZAID provides a contestable conflict prevention fund offering \$2.4 million over three years. Funds are available to both local and international NGOs, and are specifically targeted at conflict prevention and peace building. This includes humanitarian assistance to deal with the immediate effects of conflict on local populations, conflict management and reduction, and post-conflict recovery.

### **Mine clearance**

NZAID is supporting mine clearance and awareness and education programmes in Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Sri Lanka and Mozambique. This means working with organisations such as the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen the capacities of national organisations to address mine proliferation. NZAID also supports physical rehabilitation and income generation projects for mine victims.

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## *If you want to know more...*

...about NZAID's conflict policy, *Preventing Conflict, Building Peace*, please contact NZAID's communications team on **communications@nzaid.govt.nz** or at our postal address: **Private Bag 18-901, Wellington.**

For a copy of the policy or any other NZAID policies visit our website: **www.nzaid.govt.nz**

## *Other useful web addresses are:*

Australian government's overseas aid programme, AusAID  
– **www.ausaid.gov.au**

Canadian International Development Agency, CIDA  
– **www.acdi-cida.gc.ca**

CID (NZ Council for International Development, the development umbrella group) – **www.cid.org.nz**

Dev-Zone (Development Resource Centre) **www.dev-zone.org**  
– or email: **schools@globaled.org.nz**

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, OECD  
– **www.oecd.org**

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat – **www.forumsec.org.fj**

Unesco (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) – **www.unesco.org**

Unicef (United Nations Children's Fund) – **www.unicef.org**

United Kingdom Department for International Development, DFID  
– **www.dfid.gov.uk**

United Nations Development Programme, UNDP  
– **www.undp.org**

United States Agency for International Development, USAID  
– **www.usaid.gov**

