

Report session 2, Room C – Fragile Contexts / RT7

What from a CD point of view would help to address a fragile situation? Focus more on what? And how? Two important notions

- 1) Fragility has a variety of expression in different places but acute shortages of capacity are common. Tailored approaches are necessary.
- 2) A core state capability is necessary or else nothing can happen.

Important priority *what's*:

- 1 Focus on core state capabilities
- 2 Situations are different: pre-conflict (dialogue, early warning), conflict (hum) and post-conflict (institutions, exit strategy)
- 3 Urgency of action, but do not ignore basic principles of ownership and CD. And with a longer term perspective in mind (incl state building), incl an exit.
- 4 More flexible pooled funds (start CD earlier, continue for longer), breaching the 'phases' from humanitarian assistance through recovery to development.
- 5 International support capacity deficits on a rapid response basis, facilitation of return of the Diaspora can be done better
- 6 Gap-filling and personnel substitution can be legitimate if the receiving government wants it, but think of an exit strategy!
- 7 Targeted intervention to help dialogue and reconciliation
- 8 Continue international engagement. Donor interest is in cycles, after a while a fatigues sets in that is not linked to the actual problems.
- 9 Donor community takes big risks if it gives budget support - use of country systems is problematic. Even if one uses a trust fund.
- 10 Interim measures to reduce fragility are necessary, MDG at first not leading. Point is to reduce risk of relapse.
- 11 Development practitioners must work with others (defence/security, diplomats, etc.). A broader range of actors than one normally sees! Also: newer actors, new donors, should contribute.

How?

- help bring back Diaspora and refugees
- invest in secondments, attachments and training
- use of non-sovereigns where critical service gaps exist (KPMG, Crown Agents)
- invest in knowledge and dialogue
- EITI initiative: resource rich countries declare how they use their resources (increased transparency)
- At first (interim phase): use conflict/stability indicators, in addition to not MDG indicators.
- Keep discussing CD with relevant actors
- Do joint assessments of fragility, to be used for CD can be made. Joint missions

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