

Six key shifts to support building peace in times of crisis

Peacebuilding approaches and tools can contribute to connecting short-term crisis response and long-term peace and development needs and support the work of actors in these environments

Drawing from QUNO's publication, ***Building Peace in Times of Crisis***, below are six key shifts already underway or that are needed to strengthen linkages between peace approaches and crisis response strategies.



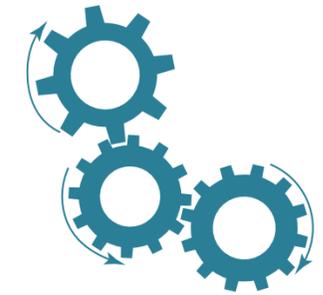
Organizational, corporate or leadership level

A shift at the leadership level illustrates that peace is a priority and that directly contributing to peace gains is an expectation of that office. This shift can foster partnerships with other stakeholders and support internal organizational development for programming and technical responses.



Mindset

To make strides towards building peace, colleagues in the peace, development and humanitarian fields need to understand how their programs connect to and support work beyond their sector. This includes reflecting on how peace approaches can support humanitarian outcomes and how crisis response can contribute to sustainable peace.



Program development and management

To have a peace impact in crisis situations, actors need to reflect on how their actions already contribute to peace and what more must change in terms of how they develop, manage and implement programs to include a peacebuilding lens or approach.



Capacity and skills development

Actors working in crisis situations, particularly leading technical programming, may need support and training to develop or strengthen capacities to contribute to peace. Allocating time for reflective practice can support adapting to contextual changes and improve programming.



Partnerships

Working in complex situations requires partnerships, including the development of new relationships with not previously engaged stakeholders, to maximize collective efforts and increase the impact for communities.



Funding

Greater investment is essential to work across the nexus in transformative and sustainable ways, to scale up existing projects for greater peace impacts, and to contribute to regional program needs. This means increasing funding, and looking at how to adjust and change funding structures to allow for easier access.



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