

Financing for Development in the HDP Nexus: Locally-led Approaches Towards Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies

Ms. Elizabeth Mary Spehar, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support

- What are the challenge/best practices of ensuring that financing reaches the local level? What is the role of civil society?

- need to leverage the civil society declaration is used in the next coming years
- Addressing the challenge of accountability,
- HACT Criteria/ UN criteria in being about to report and use funding for UN and can be applied to local NGOs
- Local NGO is major capitals are easier to engage with rather than smaller communities with language/culture barriers
- Working in a difficult funding environment more scarcity heightens competition
- Need to push for flexible and more quality funding
- Showing results driven impact to donors as a measure of effectiveness

H.E. Minister Kenyeh Barlay, Chair of Group of Seven Plus (G7+) (From Sierra Leone)

- Need for funding to contribute to support peacebuilders lifestyle in areas of conflict
- Funding conditions and need are different in various part of the country (addressing fragmentation)
- Supports pool funds and multiyear commitments
- Leverage natural resources to provide funding that will support peacebuilding initiatives (mineral well fund – Sierra Leone)
- Development of G7+ bank that will help support development and peacebuilding

Mr. Matthew Cogan, Deputy-director Peace and Stability Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs Ireland (INCAF) - will participate virtually

- Moved away from short term funding. Have a 5 year program with civil society organization to provide reliable funding (mainly faith-based org)
- Decline in ODA resources, with larger trend of humanitarianization of development aid. Citing the need to support immediate crisis rather than long term development needs
- Working with intermediary does not ensure that small local NGOs receive the funding top down

Dr. Mojisola Akinsanya, Executive Director of WOPEGEE & TAP Steering Committee Co-Chair (Nigeria)

- Need to break down barriers in applying for funding applications (technology and language barriers)
- Mix match between local realities and donor priorities

Mr. Ajmal Ramyar, Executive Director Afghans for Progressive Thinking (APT)

- Peace is not sustainable without justice and accountability
- Youth participation is symbolic, and youth are not considered in the decision process
 - Investing in capacity building
- Urges the need for flexible funding consistent with nation funding priorities and foreign relations