

Canada's greatest contribution to a global security agenda is the understanding that social and economic exclusion are the primary sources of modern conflict and that strategies to address exclusion will promote human security¹⁶. The soon to be released International Policy Review provides an opportunity for the adoption of this framework in both foreign policy and development assistance.

“Thus seen, human security can be understood as the protection and preservation of human "survival" and "daily life" (presumably against premature death, avoidable ill-health, the massive handicap of illiteracy, etc.) and also the avoidance of various indignities that can shower injury, insult and contempt on our lives (related, for example, to destitution, penury, incarceration, exclusion, or - again - illiteracy or innumeracy)”.

- Amartya Sen, p.2

¹⁶ World Bank (2004) Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy