

While the donor community must be careful not to create great expectations of massive international intervention in every case, it must also follow through on the promises which are made. This may mean difficult choices when faced with committing resources in a situation of potential political collapse, but the choices made should be backed fully with the necessary action. From a Canadian perspective, it may be preferable to propose peace-building interventions at a direct bilateral level, where Canada's interests and values (such as the concern for making such activities sustainable) can be articulated in clear negotiations. By asking what people need for human security at the local level, policy responses may be framed in the manner of a contractual obligation. The challenge remains to enact reconstruction commitments in an effective, efficient, and sustainable manner.