

project, aimed at conflict prevention and resolution, as well as post-conflict situations. It is likely, however, to focus its activities on well-targeted interventions that can help encourage a sustainable peace and restore social equilibrium. Creative approaches, including those promoting dialogue and communication will be sought. Whenever possible, emphasis will be placed on responding to peacebuilding needs that have been locally identified and defined.

Implementing Partners: Canadian Government departments, NGOs/NGIs, the United Nations, regional organizations and other relevant entities may be called upon to implement a peacebuilding intervention and to accompany the peacebuilding process. Joint undertakings with other donor governments and multilateral agencies are likely.

D. CONCLUSION

Canada has a rich diversity of expertise in fields related to peacebuilding. The Initiative will draw upon this talent pool and mobilize Canadian human resources through preparedness measures. Broad partnerships with Canadian civil society groups, donors, and international organizations will be pursued in order to catalyze innovation and magnify the impact of Canadian initiatives. Finally, the implementation of direct peacebuilding actions will assist countries in conflict to meet their peacebuilding needs, while providing opportunities for Canadians to transfer their skills and know-how. Lessons will be learned and operational experience acquired that will be shared with our partners. This knowledge will serve as a basis for designing improvements, strengthening alliances and for building support in Canada and abroad for a Canadian approach to peace, security and development.