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Introduction

The following analysis is an examination of peacebuilding activities in six recent or ongoing conflicts. The aim of the analysis is to gain insight into the international demand for peacebuilding activities, as well as understand the effectiveness of specific peacebuilding initiatives. To this end, the conflicts have been analyzed using the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordination Committee's (CPCC) Peacebuilding Activities Chart. The case-studies include Angola, Cambodia, Guatemala, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Tajikistan.

The results of the case-studies have been aggregated into a "Peacebuilding Patterns" document which follows this introduction. The study suggests that recent conflicts can be classified into a variety of different types. Peacebuilding activities within a particular type of conflict have a unique character which seeks to address the particular nuances or characteristics of that conflict type. When taken as a whole the case-study results also suggest that there is a particular peacebuilding template which reflects the relative importance of specific peacebuilding initiatives. The analysis concludes by suggesting that there is a specific niche within international peacebuilding activities in which Canada can play an important role.