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Health Care in Post-Conflict and Fragile States

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Participants will explore the importance of public health in fragile and conflict-affected states and understand how equal access to good health care is a critical component of post-conflict reconstruction and peacebuilding. We will analyze short-term delivery of public health in conflict situations as well as long-term development of the public health sector.

Learning Objectives – By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Examine and understand health care through both a conflict and a peacebuilding lens.
- Analyze the premise that promoting and delivering health care can contribute to peacebuilding in societies affected by conflict, including countries immersed in ongoing conflicts, countries in transition from war to peace, and countries addressing the legacy of conflict.
- Manage the challenges, risks, rewards and trade-offs of efforts to deliver health care in post-conflict or failed states.
- Assess the impact of health care on post-conflict capacity building, state building, and government legitimacy and effectiveness.

Draft Agenda Sessions

Session 1: *Introductions and Course Overview*

Session 2: *Premise: Promoting and delivering health care can contribute to peacebuilding in societies affected by conflict—True or overstated?*

Session 3: *Health Care through a Conflict and Peacebuilding Lens*

Session 4: *Meeting Minimum Standards of Health Care: The Sphere Project*

Session 5: *Humanitarian Relief and Emergencies*

Session 6: *Access to and Delivery of Basic Health Needs*

Session 7: *Health Protection in Armed Conflict*

Session 8: *Health Care and Human Rights*

Session 9: *Health System Building Blocks*

Session 10: *Transitioning from Humanitarian Relief to Health Systems*

Session 11: *Impact on Government Capacity, State-Building*

Session 12: *Dealing with Trauma*

Session 13: *Health Care Challenges—From maternal and child health to health infrastructure and medical personnel*

Session 14: *Health Care Recommendations*

Case Studies: Afghanistan: Improving health care delivery
Mozambique: Health care and political legitimacy

Guest Speakers will come from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, George Washington School of Public Health, USAID, and International Committee of the Red Cross.