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# Stabilisation & Security Sector Reform



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# What is a stabilisation environment?

- Conflict: peace dynamic
- Recent or ongoing conflict
- Peace agreement/ potential
- Fragility: could go either way



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# Stabilisation activities

- Reduce likelihood of further conflict
- Promote likelihood of peace
- Drivers of political dynamic rather than structural solutions



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# Security matters

- Conflict/ instability characterised by
- Insecurity
- Impunity for state and non-state perpetrators of crimes
- Unpredictability – no investment



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# Re-establishing security

- By nature long term, complex:
- Political will to implement SSR– including against the powerful
- Laws, rules and judicial processes
- Infrastructure and institutions
- Human and financial capacity



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## The dilemma

- Effective security critical to stability
- SSR by nature a long term process
- Stabilisation requires quick wins



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# Strong IC influence

- Aid dependency
- Indigenous political will
- IC coherence and coordination, leadership



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# Supply side

- Centres of excellence – thematic or geographical & communicate
- Support reformers & communicate
- Rewarding good performance – police, prosecutors, judges & communicate
- Communicate & communicate



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## Demand side

- Civilian oversight
- Information dissemination: rights
- Civil society, pressure groups
- Defence, legal aid
- Communications, media



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# Informal/ traditional security and justice

- What exists?
- Does it work? when? why? for whom?
- Options to influence if need to bring in line with international law?
- How exploit traditional notions and practices to effect change in the formal sector?



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# No easy answers

- Good local knowledge
- Pilot, monitor and adapt
- Flexibility and speed
- Security and access?
- Do no harm