

## **Sustainable Livelihoods in Conflict Situations**

Livelihoods in fragile and conflict affected situations (FCAS), particularly in the South Asian region, not only represent income generation patterns but also the volatility of the society. Livelihood options in Northwest Pakistan were studied by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to explore how post conflict livelihood approaches change overtime. In addition, it was also measured how effective were the mitigation techniques adopted by the community during conflict; and, how effective were the mitigation and adaptation techniques provided by the state and non-state actors. With tonnes of support being allotted to rebuild the social fabric of FCAS by the local, national and international actors; it is imperative to ask the effectiveness of various approaches of support.

Conflict affected societies not handled correctly and immediately bear the risk of reversal. As 2015 approaches bringing us closer to the specified deadline of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), we must evaluate and re-strategise our loom towards achieving MDG 8; in which developing nations promised to support development.

This panel focuses to produce dialogue on the provision of social protection and delivering basic services in FCAS by both the government and non-government institutions. Speakers are invited to deliberate on the following questions:

- **When** is it appropriate to try and build secure livelihoods in fragile and conflict-affected situations (FCAS) in addition to meeting immediate acute needs?
- **What** building blocks (e.g. humanitarian assistance, social protection, basic services – including water, health, education and support to market institutions and infrastructure) are required in different contexts?
- **Who** can best deliver building blocks? and,
- **How** key investments can be better and more predictably supported by effective financing mechanisms?

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