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Conflict Drivers

Natural Resource Management
Regimes & Social, Economic and
Environmental Pressures

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Research Questions

In light of mounting international demand for natural resources, this research seeks to answer the question:

How do resource management regimes respond to increasing pressures on natural resources?

- At what point do management regimes begin to breakdown?
 - What affects the likelihood of violent conflict?
- How does the international community seek to reduce risk of conflict?

Literature Review

Review requires multidisciplinary approach, drawing on texts from development economics, political economy, legislative drafting, conflict, and development studies.

Review aims to:

- **Identify actors** – International players, civil society, national governments, local governments, informal leadership and minority and tribal grouping
- **Identify pressures** – social, economic, environmental
- **Identify regime responses** – legal and policy response, economic incentives, international aid and other initiatives

Current task: Annotated bibliography and summary of findings for preliminary review of conflict in hydrocarbons and mining literature.

Case Studies

- Observable stresses on extractive industries, water, and land management
- Selection criteria will be based on:
 - a) finding a spread of contexts
 - b) finding synergies within OPM
 - c) finding synergies, where available, within the larger TAMNEAC consortium
- It would be ideal to spread case studies across regions. (i.e. Using a country in South Asia, one in Central Asia, West Africa and/or East Africa)

Possible Case Studies

- **Nigeria**
- **Nepal**
- **Tanzania**
- **Pakistan**
- **Mongolia**

Methodology

- Based on OPM's work in similar areas, **mixed qualitative and quantitative approach.**
- Qualitative research will include semi-structured interviews during the case study phase
- Quantitative research will include analysis of available survey data in case study areas
- Political economy analysis

Looking forward: Synergies and Challenges

- Creating a common conceptual framework. Is it possible given so many variables?
- How important will it be to define a specific notion of conflict?
- What synergies exist among TAMNEAC partners that can enhance the research and more broad knowledge sharing?



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Thank you