

Call for Papers

Poverty Reduction in Conflict and Fragile States: Perspectives from a Household Level

November 8-9, 2006
Washington D.C., United States

USAID's Office of Poverty Reduction (PR), the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) and the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) will co-sponsor a two-day international conference to advance understanding on the special challenge of poverty reduction in conflict and fragile states. In addition to broad sessions led by guest speakers, the conference will include a number of parallel break-out sessions, which will focus on sub-themes. This call for papers invites submissions for papers to be presented in the break-out sessions. Submissions should address one or more of the following or related areas:

Issues/Drivers of poverty, conflict, or fragility

- inequality and social exclusion
- assets and livelihoods
- health, mortality, HIV/AIDS
- food security and nutrition
- risk/vulnerability and coping strategies

Actors

- individuals, households or groups
- women, youth or children
- refugees, displaced people, returnees
- public and private institutions
- demobilization and reintegration
- diaspora

Sectors

- agriculture, rural development and land reform
- natural resource management
- labor and employment
- migration and remittances
- private sector recovery
- micro-finance, credit, savings, and insurance

Public Policy/Good Governance

- basic service delivery (health, infrastructure, etc.)
- national and international public goods
- community, local or national leadership
- public finance reform and the household
- security sector reform and the household
- aid and the international community

Concepts, Methods and Evaluation

- definitions and concepts of fragile states
- methodological and data issues
- ethical issues
- program evaluation and lessons learned

Potential authors include academic researchers and practitioners. Papers may be conceptual, empirical, or policy-oriented. Particular consideration will be given to submissions that discuss the inter-relatedness of poverty, conflict, and state fragility from a micro-economic perspective. Papers exploring the conceptual foundation of the term “fragile states” including how to define and measure “fragility” are also welcome.

Preference will be given to full papers of up to 20 pages. However, shorter draft papers or detailed proposals for papers (of 5-7 pages) will also be considered.

Submissions should be sent (with a short CV) in Word or PDF format to Christine Binzel, cbinzel@diw.de, no later than **June 12, 2006**. Authors of selected papers will be notified by **June 30, 2006**. Completed papers are due by **September 30, 2006**.

Funding will be available to assist with travel and accommodations for selected presenters. All conference papers will be posted online. USAID will also publish conference papers in an edited volume. A selection of papers will be considered for a special edition of an academic journal in the field of development studies.

Scientific Committee

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Further information on the conference and/or the sponsoring organizations can be found at their respective websites:

- USAID’s Office of Poverty Reduction (PR), www.povertyfrontiers.org,
 - the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN), www.hicn.org,
 - and the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), www.diw.de,
- or by emailing cbinzel@diw.de .