

Ford Institute for Human Security

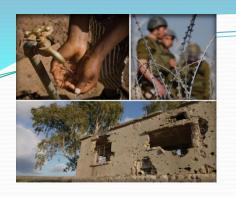
Overview

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Ford Institute Overview

- Our mission: "The Institute conducts research on the causes and consequences of political violence and economic underdevelopment, and works to advance the idea that governments have a sovereign responsibility to protect their people."
- Program: Discussions, Practitioner Workshops, Applied Research



Ford Institute Goals

- A Continuum from post-conflict, human trafficking and slavery, gender based threats, basic security (food, water, shelter) through human rights and governance issues, moving beyond collapsed and fragile states to sustainable development efforts
- Focus on faculty and student research on policy issues in human security
- Support Human Security majors in MID and MPIA programs
- Support student and faculty efforts to seek external funding



Public Activities

- Current focus of the institute
- Beyond Research: Outreach, Dissemination Public Presentations
 - Presentations
 - Visiting Fellow program
 - Katz Lecture
 - Workshops for Practitioners in Human Security in SW PA



Applied Research Initiative

Governance Group

- Partner with government subcontractors for research
 - United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
 - Non-Governmental Organizations
- Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Field and Desk research
 - Analytical Services
 - Decentralization Studies
 - Religion and political participation
 - Training for monitoring and evaluation (M&E)
- Human security theme, threats against individuals
 - Conflict resolution/ mitigation
 - Countering violent extremism
 - Political violence
 - Related work:
 - Civil Society Strengthening
 - Cash Transfer/ Livelihoods analysis
 - Relief and development evaluation



Evaluation and Analytical Services: Applied Research Project

- Evaluation and Analytical Services (EAS) Contract
 - USAID/ West Africa Regional Peace and Governance Office
 - Partnered as subcontractor with The Mitchell Group in Washington DC
 - Total contract value: \$7.8m
 - Pitt's share: \$2.6m
 - Five year implementation
- Support USAID/WA monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and analytical capabilities:
 - 1. Consistent, high quality information collected, analyzed and presented in a professional manner; and
 - 2. Improved capacity of local and regional organizations to collect, analyze and present information



Evaluation and Analytical Services: Project Overview

- Challenges to West African Region:
 - Transnational crime
 - Illicit drug trafficking
 - Extremist ideology
 - Acts of terrorism
 - Political violence and poor governance
 - High unemployment
 - Youth Population Bulge

Future Risk of Instability or Conflict, ECOWAS States (2010-2012) ¹						
Risk Category	Country	Risk Score	Confidence Range			
			Low	High		
Highest	Mali	22.6	14.3	34.8		
Risk	Sierra Leone	20.6	12.5	30.9		
(18 or more)	Guinea-Bissau	19.7	11	31.6		
	Nigeria	19.4	11.7	28.6		
High Risk	Benin	13.8	9.3	19.9		
(12-18)	Liberia	13.8	6.7	24.4		
	Burkina Faso	12.2	8.2	18.4		
Moderate	Senegal	10	6.2	14.9		
Risk	Guinea	9.6	5.7	15.6		
(7-12)	Côte d'Ivoire	8.4	4.8	13.4		
	Ghana	7.1	3.8	11.4		
Some Risk	Niger	6.3	3.5	10.9		

¹Early Warning and Response Design Support. "Peace and Conflict in West Africa Report," January 2010.



Evaluation and Analytical Services: Program Evaluation

Countering Violent Extremism

- The Peace Through Development (PDEV) II program aims to deter extremism by strengthening community resiliencies against violent extremist ideologies:
 - 1. Improving local governance in target communities w/ emphasis on urban and peri-urban areas
 - 2. Empowering at-risk youth to become active participants in their communities and the economy,
 - Supporting moderate voices and
 - 4. Increasing the capacity of civil society to address issues at the community level
- This is a five year, \$60 million project

Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation

- USAID/WA is also currently in the process of designing a new regional conflict prevention / conflict mitigation program
- Follow up on recently completed activities concluded in September 2011 under the Early Warning and Response Design Support (EWARDS) program

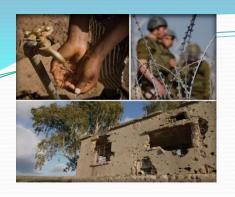
Political Competition and Consensus Building

- USAID/WA is providing a rolling program of support to elections (including both pre and post-election support) in the West Africa region
 - Sierra Leone
 - Cote d'Ivoire



Evaluation and Analytical Services: Research and Staffing

- Field and desk research, TMG-Pitt team:
 - Nine desk studies
 - Five field-based research projects
- Staffing:
 - Louis A. Picard, FIHS, Capacity Building Team Leader
 - Chris A. Belasco, FIHS, Research and Analysis Coordinator
 - Steven E. Finkel, Political Science, Lead Methodologist
 - Up to six graduate student assistants working between 300-440 hours per year
 - Short-term employment opportunities for students who qualify
 - Conduct evaluation research in the field
 - Teach methodology to partner organizations



Practitioner Group Outreach

- The *Practitioner Initiative* brings together local organizations working in the field of human security
- Information about the organizations is made available to GSPIA students and others through the Ford Institute website
- Practitioner Workshops are held twice a year
- Goals of the initiative
 - Foster cooperation between organizations, such as Cameroon Football Project & Fields of Growth holding joint fundraisers
 - Create a relationship to foster internship opportunities with these organizations for GSPIA students
 - Help fund human security related programs through the annual Director's Award



New Research Project: Marginalized Peoples

- Current approach reflects dichotomies between:
 - Assimilation and equality
 - Separation and preservation (or multi-culturalism)
- Our Approach:
 - Property rights and social obligations are essential to engaging the debates around marginalized peoples
 - Land-based approach:
 - cultural affiliation
 - mobilization based on common identities
- Compare marginalized peoples mobilization at different levels of property rights:
 - Indigenous communities of the Amazon
 - Roma of Southeastern Europe
 - San of Southern Africa
 - Tuareg of the Sahel region of Africa
 - Pastoral Peoples of Kenya



Research on Major Human Security Issue: Modern Slavery

- Ongoing research (2012)
 - Literature Review Development and Data Set Construction
- Principal Investigator, Dr. Lisa Alfredson
 - Over 300 laws and agreements written since 1815
 - However, 12 million slaves by conservative estimates and around 29 million people by higher estimates.²
- Existing Research
 - Non-Customary practices.
 - Study has focused on some types of slavery that are illegal, hidden, and privatized.
- Goal of research project:
 - Advance understanding of particular neglected populations as slaves, which include major forms of customary slavery
 - Public, normatively accepted, sometimes even legal
 - Focus on:
 - Marital slavery
- Slave child soldiering
 ²ILO. A Global Alliance Against Forced Labor, Global Report Under the Follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 2005; Bales, Kevin. *Disposable People: The New Slavery in the Global Economy*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999.



Publications Strategy

Publication	Requirements	Series Title	Compensation	Competition
Series 1	 Less than 3 pages Editorial or opinion piece On an issue(s) of present importance to the field of human security 	"Voices of Human Security" – Opinion Pieces	NA	By Semester – peer reviewed
Series 2	 5 pages or less Demonstrates a professional understanding of a dilemma and possible policy solutions On an issue(s) of present importance to the field of human security 	"Voices of Human Security" - Briefing Notes	NA	By Semester – peer reviewed



Danielle Loustau-Williams, Research Associate *Publications Strategy*

Publication	Requirements	Series Title	Compensation	Competition
Research Reports	 Length to be negotiated; Ideally less than 10 pages Preference for papers incorporating one of the Working Groups topics into their submission Demonstrates a professional understanding of the dilemma and possible policy solutions On an issue(s) of present importance to the field of human security 		Potential for research funding available	NA – Peer reviewed



Professional Internships with the Ford Institute

Ford Institute hosts student interns, whose work may include:

- Monitoring human security conferences and calls for papers
- Writing lecture summaries and news stories for GSPIA publications
- Assisting professors with research
 - Example from 2013: Marginalized Peoples
 - Example from 2012: Gender, policy, and development in Turkey and the Middle East
- Additional projects, such as:
 - Monitoring and researching grant opportunities
 - Annual report preparation, writing and editing



Field Internships

- Assist with Placement for human security internships:
 - Governmental:
 - United States Mission to the United Nations, United Nations Development Programme, USAID, the Asia Foundation
 - Analytical Services Consulting:
 - Democracy International, Management Systems International, PADCO
 - East Africa NGOs:
 - Bright Kids Children's Home plus Primary School, Entebbe, Uganda
 - PACT in Kenya
 - Kampala Centenary Development Bank, Uganda (Future placement)
 - South Africa NGOs:
 - Africa Institute in South Africa
 - West Africa NGOs:
 - Anticipated opportunities with partner institutions in West Africa



Student Exchange

- Graduate School of Public and Development Management of the University of Witwatersrand (P&DM), Johannesburg, South Africa
 - 3 GSPIA students to take courses and intern each year
 - Sample list of South African NGO internship sites:
 - PlanAct Johannesburg
 - Institute for Democracy in Africa (IDASA)
 - Democracy Development Programme (DDP)
 - Development Action Group (DAG)
 - Eastern Cape NGO Coalition (ECNGOC)
 - Electoral Institute for the Sustainability of Democracy in Africa (EISA)
 - Mvula Trust
 - Project for Conflict Resolution and Development (PCRD)
 - 3 doctoral students from Wits will study in GSPIA's doctoral program to obtain first-year methods training
 - Awarded Certificate of Attendance in Social Science Research
 - Collaborative research opportunities among faculty at both locations



Field-Based Course

- First offered in Summer 2013, as an independent study for 3 credits
- Undergraduate and Graduate course linked to Eastern Africa Internships and the African Studies Swahili Program in Tanzania
 - Focus on Assessment of Sustainability in Human Security and International Development Projects
 - Skills development: Rapid Assessment techniques
 - Interviews, community discussions, transect walks, focus groups, minisurveys, community mapping, secondary data collection, group discussions, and direct observation.

• Course plan:

- Six Hour Workshop in Pittsburgh Prior to Travel (Mid-May)
- 2. Students engage with reading list
- Three-Hour Workshop in Entebbe, Uganda (Banana Village Retreat) (Mid-July) and Karagwe Tanzania (Late July) to prepare for visits to project sites
- 4. Visit 4-5 on-site educational and health facilities over a four-five day period, one day per site.
- 5. Six Hour Workshop in Pittsburgh on Return from East Africa (Late August)



Dr. Louis A. Picard, Director Thank you!

- Questions?
- A copy of this presentation is available at:
 - Ford Institute for Human Security
 - www.fordinstitute.pitt.edu
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 - http://drlouisapicard.wordpress.com/