

Peacebuilding Compared Project

Information for Participants

The United Nations is putting foreign troops and police into peacekeeping operations more than in the past. So are other organizations like the African Union. What works in peacekeeping? What are the kinds of interventions that create wars and make things worse for the people? How can international peacebuilding and international law contribute to justice and human development after armed conflict? These are the questions our research team will seek to answer in the *Peacebuilding Compared Project*.

We will search for those answers by talking to people involved in at least 50 armed conflicts, including: peacekeepers, UN officials, country leaders, their judges, journalists, diplomats, police, humanitarian workers, bankers, public officials and ordinary people who have suffered from war. You are one of those people. We want to learn from your experience and your insights. Our research team will undertake to tell the story from all sides of the suffering fairly and well in a book many will read.

What you say will be confidential unless you tell us you want to be identified as the source of that information. Then a copy of your quote can be sent to you to correct if we get anything wrong.

We are not interested in finding out anything of current political or military strategic significance. If you tell us anything like that it will not be written down. We are simply interested in learning lessons from the past, the lessons your personal experience can teach the world.

When we have a draft of what we have written about the successes and failures of peacebuilding in each country, it will be put up on our website. We would like to hear from you with any comments or criticisms you have and we will take your views into account in revising the draft.

Please visit the website at <http://peacebuilding.anu.edu.au/> and learn a lot more about the methods we are following in the project, the ideas we are exploring, the countries involved, and about our backgrounds. Thank-you for your help.

If you have concerns about the way we have done our research, please inform:

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