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ABSTRACT: This research guide has been compiled by the USAID Knowledge Services Center staff for review by the U.S. Agency for International Development. The guide is a focused selection of resources on transition initiatives.

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Internet Resources on Transition Initiatives

Background on Conflict and Failed States

Development Co-Operation Directorate-Development Assistance Committee (DCD-DAC): Development Effectiveness in Fragile States

http://www.oecd.org/department/0,3355,en_2649_33693550_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

This DAC page of the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) on fragile states' governance, conflict prevention, and reconstruction is a forum which tries to facilitate information, coordination, and cooperation between worldwide development agencies.

Eldis

<http://www.eldis.org>

Eldis is a web portal with publications, links, and information on several development topics, including democracy and governance. Publications from multiple sources are available for free download, and include an extended abstract as well as a link to the institutional publisher of the material.

- **The Conflict and Security User Guide** provides research, toolkits, and manuals on post-conflict reconstruction, refugees and internally displaced persons, rights-based approaches, and security and conflict prevention among others. <http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resourceguides/conflict-and-security>
- **The Participation User Guide** provides research, toolkits, and manuals on citizenship participation, governance, and civil society. <http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/participation>.

International Crisis Group

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm>

The International Crisis Group site provides information on ongoing conflicts. Resources include country/conflict profiles and histories, as well as news alerts in the CrisisWatch section from conflict-prone areas.

Relief Web

<http://www.reliefweb.int>

ReliefWeb, launched in October 1996 and administered by the United Nations (UN) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), is an online portal on humanitarian emergencies and disasters.

Community-Based Approaches, Participation and Decentralization

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Participation in Development

<http://www.fao.org/participation/default.htm>

This FAO site provides a database of methods, approaches and tools, and a virtual library providing information on participation and development. Some

resources discuss participation in conflict settings; however, most resources discuss conflict resolution and participation in regards to agriculture.

Development Gateway

<http://www.developmentgateway.org>

The Development Gateway Foundation's portal provides development information and knowledge-sharing tools worldwide. This portal focuses on providing information, tools, publication and links on effective government, current development projects, knowledge sharing and collaboration, and connecting local partner programs. AiDA, an online directory of international aid activities accessible from this site, provides a quick overview of aid activities throughout the world.

Governance and Social Development Resource Centre (GSDRC)

<http://www.gsdrc.org>

This portal is founded by the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID). It intends to support the knowledge needs of the international development community by providing resources on governance, conflict and social development. The topic guides provide abstracts and links to free and paid downloads of articles, publications, and toolkits.

World Bank Group: Community Driven Development

<http://go.worldbank.org/24K8IHVVS0>

This World Bank site contains resources, links, and information about community-driven and participatory development.

Conflict Management and Peace Initiatives

CRInfo

<http://www.crinfor.org>

This webpage is a free information portal that keeps a keyword-coded catalog of over 20,000 print, web, and organizational resources, as well as event listings and other conflict resolution-related resources.

INCORE: Conflict Data Service

<http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk/services/cds>

This website has a database on worldwide conflicts and conflict-related issues. It also provides information on conflicts in specific countries, interdisciplinary guides, and thematic information. The site also has an online database of peace agreements.

The World Bank: Conflict and Development Unit

<http://go.worldbank.org/4KAFUV68X0>

The World Bank's Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction Unit homepage contains information on the World Bank's work in this area such as poverty

reduction strategy papers from conflict-prone areas, related publications, and post-conflict oriented toolkits.

Civil Society Development, Transparency and Good Governance

Freedom House

<http://www.freedomhouse.org>

Freedom House's website provides four annual surveys: Freedom in the World, Freedom of the Press, Nations in Transit, and Countries at the Crossroads. Other reports and publications are available on the website. The Freedom House website also has interactive maps and charts on freedom of the world and freedom of the press.

The Institute for War and Peace Reporting

<http://www.iwpr.net>

The Institute for War and Peace Reporting site contains publications, toolkits, as well as up-to-date news on conflicts worldwide.

Id21—Good Governance

<http://www.id21.org/zinter/id21zinter.exe?a=l&w=a8>

Id21 is a resource from the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex, United Kingdom. It is a free online resource and library on a number of development topics. This link is to the webpage about governance and democracy.

Reporters without Borders

http://www.rsf.org/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=20

This website provides recent reports by Reporters without Borders as well as maps and statistics about freedom of the press worldwide.

Transparency International (TI)

<http://www.transparency.org>

The TI website contains links to top stories related to corruption from around the world. The page also gives access to TI's corruption measurement tools, including the Corruption Perceptions Index, the Bribe Payers Index, the Global Corruption Barometer, and the National Integrity System Country studies. Several documents, toolkits, and publications are available for free download.

Utstein 4 (U4) Anti-Corruption Resource Center

<http://www.u4.no>

The Utstein 4 (U4) Anti-Corruption Resource Center is a web portal which provides users with links to relevant anti-corruption resources including applied research by U4. A searchable database of projects and initiatives provides anti-corruption information from the six U4 partner agencies: Norad (Norway), DFID (UK), CIDA (Canada), GTZ (Germany), MinBuZa (the Netherlands), and Sida (Sweden). U4 also offers a Help Desk service and provides online as well as in-

country training on anti-corruption measures and strategies for partner agencies and their counterparts.

World Movement for Democracy

<http://www.wmd.org>

This site contains a list of research tools which includes Assembly Reports, a Democracy Research Guide, Democracy Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Guide, Access to Publications, a Funding Database, and e-mail lists.

Judicial/Human Rights Processes

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

<http://www.ohchr.org/english>

The OHCHR site provides links to publications and information on human rights, United Nations organizations dealing with human rights, international law, and judicial processes.

Human Rights Tools

<http://www.humanrightstools.org>

The Human Rights tools portal has an e-library with 300+ selected resources on humanitarian, governance, planning, monitoring, and technology.

United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

<http://www.usip.org>

USIP is an independent, nonpartisan organization funded by the United States Congress and focused on the prevention and resolution of violent international conflicts. The USIP's Margarita S. Studemeister Digital Library has two separate collections of primary source documents: the Peace Agreements Digital Collection and the Truth Commissions Digital Collection. Additionally, the Oral Histories Project on Stability Operations contains primary source information on stability operations worldwide.

Civilian-Military Relations and Reintegrating Ex-Combatants

Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Program

<http://mdrp.org>

This site describes multi-agency effort that supports the demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants in the Great Lakes region. It contains links to news, fact sheets, reports, and documents.

International Labour Organization (ILO)/Crisis

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/crisis/index.htm>

This UN portal offers information resources for crisis victims on the dangers of poverty, marginalization, and conflict while promoting opportunities for employment, reconciliation, and development. The section of the site on Armed Conflict provides tools on reintegration.

United Nations Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Resource Center

<http://www.unddr.org>

This page is a United Nations portal with links to tools, training, events, media, and publications on disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration.

The Children and Armed Conflict Unit, University of Sussex

<http://www.essex.ac.uk/armedcon/default.htm>

This site is a joint project of the Children's Legal Centre and the Human Rights Centre at the University of Sussex. It provides information and resources on children and armed conflict worldwide. It includes a database of relevant international law and documentation, as well as recent world news and links to more information within a variety of subtopics.

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