



UN Peacebuilding

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UN PEACEBUILDING IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS: MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF CHALLENGES (1990-2010)

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1. Research goals

This research examines peacebuilding practices developed by United Nations peacekeeping operations (1990-2010) in countries where hostilities lied within the state. It seeks to answer which peacebuilding activities empower state institutions in order to prevent the recurrence of conflict. Practices and results of operations that were implemented since the 1990s are discussed with an analysis of case studies which were successful or not. The chosen criterion for measuring success is the absence of conflict recurrence. In-depth evaluations of ONUSAL (1991-1995) in El Salvador and of several peacekeeping operations in Haiti (1995-2000) are being made. Our goal is to identify which variables are necessary and/or sufficient conditions to prevent the recurrence of hostilities.

2. Hypothesis

We believe that the deployment of peacekeeping operations is a necessary condition to provide security for the development of peacebuilding activities. However, the success of these activities is also related to some sufficient conditions, probably internal characteristics that might promote cooperation between UN forces and domestic actors, leading to the recovery of state institutions that would hinder the chances of conflict recurrence.

PKOs (+PB) => no recurrence of conflict (false)
Examples: Haiti, East Timor, Liberia.

PKOs(+PB) + within positive state variables => peace (end of conflict = no recurrence)
Example: El Salvador

PKOs: United Nations peacekeeping operation
PB: peacebuilding mandates
=> causality

3. Methodology

A) Peacebuilding = success

Criterion: where there was no recurrence of conflict = UNSC did not send peacekeeping operations anymore.

Variables: Functional institutions

Cases: El Salvador (ONUSAL), Central African Republic (MINURCA)

B) Peacebuilding = failure

Criterion: where there was recurrence of conflict = UNSC sent other(s) peacekeeping operation(s) with new peacebuilding mandate(s).

Variables: Weak institutions

Cases: Haiti (UNMIH, UNSMIH, UNTMIH, MIPONUH, MINUSTAH), East Timor (UNTAET, UNMISSET, UNMIT), Liberia (UNOMIL, UNMIL).

4. Scheduled date for completion and anticipated results: March/2014

PKOs(+PB) + absence of some variables => recurrence of conflict (PB = failure)

PKOs(+PB) + presence of some variables => peace (PB = success)

5. Final results will be available at:

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