Seminar on “Impact Evaluations in Fragile States”
November 16, 2016

The multi-faceted nature of a “fragile state” or “fragility” requires a multidimensional approach – societal and political, as well as economical and environmental - to understand its realities and relationship to violence and conflict. Many development and peacebuilding programmes in fragile states do not undergo rigorous evaluations, which limits their associated scope of impacts.

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is bringing together diverse groups of researchers, evaluators and implementers of development and peacebuilding programmes for active discussions and knowledge-sharing on impact evaluation practices, research methodologies and experiences in policy influence in fragile states.

Seminar Information:
Date: Wednesday, 16 November 2016
Time: 09:15 – 16:00. Coffee will be served from 09:00; lunch included
Location: SIPRI, Signalistgatan 9, 169 72 Solna
Seminar fee: Free
Language: English
Registration: Please confirm your participation no later than Monday, 14th November, by sending an email with your name and affiliation to Winnie Leung, (winnie.leung@sipri.org).

Featured Speakers:
Seminar Programme (Moderated by Anastasia Aladysheva SIPRI)

Morning Session (09:15 – 12:00)

09:15 – 09:30 Introduction – Concept of “Fragile State” and “Fragility” (Gary Milante, SIPRI)

Impact Evaluation Methods and Practice

09:30 – 10:15 Impact Evaluation of Peacebuilding Training for Youth - Kyrgyzstan (Anastasia Aladysheva, SIPRI; Damir Esenaliev, SIPRI; Eleonora Nillesen, UNU-MERIT; Marlene Ginsberg and Shanti Thompson, Legacy International)

10:15 – 10:45 Microcredits to Young Entrepreneurs in Yemen and Financing for Primary Education in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Anders Olofsgård, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE) & Stockholm School of Economics (SSE))

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:30 Evaluation of Building Sustainable Peace: Civil Society Contributions to Security Policies and Safety of People - Mali (Gaudence Nyirabikali SIPRI; Aurélien Tobie, SIPRI; Sten Hagberg, Uppsala University)

11:30 – 12:00 Preparing for Genocide: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Rwanda (Evelina Bonnier, SITE & SSE)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session (13:00 – 16:00)

13:00 – 13:30 Impact Evaluations of Community-Driven Development Programmes in Kyrgyzstan & Burkina Faso (Damir Esenaliev, SIPRI; Anastasia Aladysheva, SIPRI)

Policy Implications and Lessons Learned

13:30 – 14:00 The Evolution of Humanitarian Evaluation (Ian Christoplos, Glemminge Development Research & NIRAS Indevelop)

14:00 – 14:30 Lessons from Conducting Evaluations in Afghanistan and Somalia (Jessica Rothman, NIRAS Indevelop)

14:30 – 14:45 Coffee Break

14:45 – 15:30 Panel Discussion on Challenges and Opportunities (moderated by Gary Milante, SIPRI)

15:30 – 16:00 TBA