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Human Security & Maritime Security Nexus:
Opportunities for policy and practice

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Human Security & Maritime Security Nexus?

- Maritime insecurities – causes and consequences
- Symbiotic relationship
- Human security framework in conflict affected environments
- Infrastructure for Peace (I4P) on land and at sea

1994 UNDP Human Development Report

- Human security was defined through two main aspects as '**...first, safety from such chronic threats as hunger, disease and repression. And second, it means protection from sudden and hurtful disruptions in the patterns of daily life – whether in homes, in jobs or in communities**'

HS primary characteristics

- Universal

- Interdependent

- Preventive

- Human-centred

7 Elements of Human Security and Armed Conflict

1. Economic
2. Food
3. Health
4. Environmental
5. Personal
6. Community
7. Political

- Destruction
- Division
- Derailment of development prospects

Implications for Maritime Insecurity

- Governance
- Poverty
- Militarisation
- Displacement
- Regional and international interference

- Piracy
- Exploitation of fish stocks
- Pollution of sea due to toxic dumping
- Human trafficking, terrorism, arms smuggling

Contemporary Reconstruction Barriers

- Legitimacy
- Knowledge – Attitude - Competence
- Relief dependency
- Lack of participation and local ownership
- Lack of Infrastructure for Peace

Infrastructure for Peace (I4P)

- "A network of inderdependent systems, resources, values and skills held by the government, civil society and community institutions that promote dialogue and consultation; prevent conflict and enable peaceful mediation when violence occurs in a society."

Example: Health Infrastructure

- The training of health professionals
- The building of hospitals
- The building of pharmacies
- Building civil society capacity
- Establishing government infrastructure and capacity
- Developing prevention policies
- Building a Global Intern-Government Infrastructure
- Promoting a Culture of Health and healthy living
- Developing a Code of Conduct, as the Hippocratic Oath

Proposal: I4P at Sea and on Land

- **Human Security & Peace Committees** – national, district and local (highly respected people with competence, knowledge and experience) for violence reduction, community building and dialogue

- **National Maritime Security Platform or Forum** – consists of main stakeholders in maritime security for consultation and cooperation

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Proposal: I4P at Sea and on Land

- **Building national capacities for human security** – increase the capacity of peacebuilding and human security institutions of government, departments, maritime security agencies and others, including CSO groups.

- **A Maritime Security Support Unit** – may be established at a ministerial level in order to develop and implement government policy on maritime security.