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The following assessment questions are *mandatory* in relation to projects implemented in conflict areas, post conflict areas and areas where there is an underlying conflict that risk being violent. The questions should be seen as an assessment and analysis of the risks associated with doing development work in conflict areas. For Myanmar, Pakistan, OPT, Egypt, South Sudan, Colombia and Haiti it is compulsory to do a CIA.

The following assessment questions have to apply in conflict areas:

A comprehensive conflict impact assessment is needed in areas of armed conflict and where projects are working directly in the conflict areas with delivery of assistance, development related work or peace building activities. The Church of Sweden uses the Do No Harm approach to such circumstances and, for those partners who need more material on that, a small tool is available upon request. Conflict Impact Assessment – a brief CIA for projects in conflict affected areas: These are some basic questions that all projects dealing with; conflict prevention; peace building; or simply operating in an environment with ongoing conflict, latent conflict or post-conflict communities, should address:

- The relation between the project and the context: do different groups benefit from the project/programme? How do you make sure to be inclusive? How do you make sure you are impartial or neutral in the conflict? How do you handle issues of sensitivity, impartiality and openness in communication and information with stakeholders and target groups/rights holders?
- Is there a risk analysis in the project that is linked to the conflict? What are the main risks identified? How do you plan to handle them?
- What resources are scarce? Does your project/programme include these resources? How do you make sure this will not create a conflict between those who benefit and those who don't?
- How does the project/programme address factors that connects people and supports local peace efforts or local strategies for peace?
- How does your organisation work with inclusiveness of different groups among staff and volunteers?
- Describe if you use any special method or approach to conflict prevention or supporting peace initiatives.