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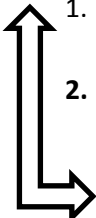
Time: 14:00-15:00

Scribe: Maren

Convenor: Jason

Title: **Conflict Resolution and Gender**

- **Idea:** Many conflicts in communities in migrating groups and informal settlements about gender/water conflict of interest.
- How can we resolve conflicts about water?
- Communities move around with livestock to search for water sources. Women are affected by violence during search for water by bandits
- What are solutions so far?
 - Unsustainable Government borehole drilling
- Competing interest of men and women?
 - Men more focused in livestock
 - Women domestic water needs
- In urban setting: Women have committees to manage water issues to make water distribution system sustainable.
- How do different institutional arrangements influence conflicts?
- Different groups in conflicts, water vendors, governments, as ethnic identified groups, local gangs, users etc
- Who is managing a settlement? Who is the owner? Who owns the water? What policies are in place?

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1. **Rural** > Different tribes compete over water sources and block them for other tribes
 - No control from outside
 2. **Urban:** Control mechanisms like committees, they can report but have no power beyond that
 - Tribes are not friendly to each other, they are armed and even police is too scared to go into conflict
 - Peace building negotiations needed since the conflicts is very deep and not only about water
 - Forces undermine peace agreements
 - Conflict between farmers and migrating tribes
 - Women have same interest work for food and child care
 - They could be willing to negotiate with other tribes women
 - Start in the tribes with a shared vision of men and women for tribe to foster understanding why peace agreements are needed and not just more guns
 - Government fail to solve conflicts, they are often part of problems
 - Flexible arrangements are needed to cater the tradition of moving tribes instead of forcing them into settlements
 - It is important to involve them into the development of such policies and institutional arrangements

- Need to break the vicious circle
 - ✓ Neutral entity to facilitate communications
 - ✓ Traditional mechanisms of conflict resolution and common resources management
- ❖ What is working in this context and how can we learn from successful cases and traditions
- Careful not to rely in traditions and cultural practices that are sexist, not women friendly
 - ✓ Culture evolves and changes
- Distinguish good and not good traditions in terms of women's rights and women's participations and power
- How to deal with populations growth and limited resources
 - ✓ Change of how to use land/water
 - ✓ How to come from conflict to cooperation?
 - ✓ Women not being involved in water projects
 - ✚ Request donors to involve local women in projects design and implementation