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Health Systems in (Post-) Conflict Situations, Transitional Justice and Peacebuilding

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Presentation

1. Health in Post Conflict Situations
2. Transitional Justice and Health issues
3. Health as a bridge for Peacebuilding
4. Health Systems for Conflict Transformation
• Health infrastructure as locus of violence
• Health system members as actors of violence
• Discriminatory health politics in the past – people‘s health conditions in the present
Transitional Justice & Health Issues

- **Tribunals**: health as a human right - justiciable!
- **Truth Commissions**: structural dimensions - important forum for survivors
- **Reparations**: health care, trauma healing
- **Lustration**: Medical Personal involved in violence

Health as a Bridge for Peacebuilding

- Health sector considered as an ideal „connector“

- Elements for consideration:
  - Conflict Context
  - Trust building
  - Health has to be considered a basic right for all people
  - Regional distribution of (quality) infrastructures;
  - personnel – patient relationship
  - Link to (gendered) measures of economic & social development („multi-sector approach“)
Health Systems Strengthening for Conflict Transformation

- Link between TJ & health institutions
- Consider „transitional health systems“
- Check on „dividers“ and „connectors“ with respect to health care provision
- (Re-) Build the health system??