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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



#### **Post Conflict & Health**

- 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??