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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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To:	Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA)
Subject:	Aid delivery in politically complex settings - presentation by NYU and Chatham House

Following the COHAFA meeting of 12 January, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by the Center on International Cooperation at NYU and Chatham House – Royal Institute of International Affairs⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

¹ Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 936796623531-41.

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Staying Engaged: Aid delivery in politically estranged situations

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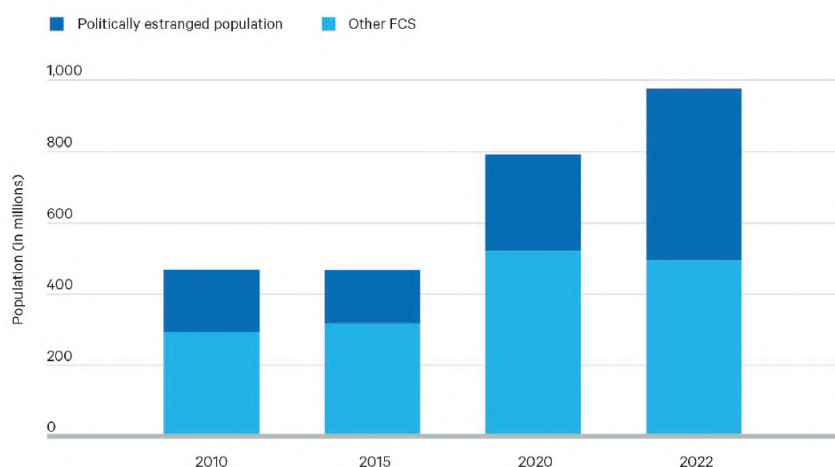
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Context

- Increase in politically estranged situations:
 - Unconstitutional regimes (e.g. Afghanistan, Mali, Myanmar).
 - Transitional situations & authorities (e.g. Haiti, Sudan)
 - Contested electoral situations where donors don't recognize party claiming victory or prohibit engagement (e.g. Venezuela, Gaza)
 - States under comprehensive international sanctions with UN investigations underway (e.g. Syria, Eritrea)
- 'Standard' development approaches and instruments difficult to apply & in some cases prohibited.

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Growing in scale...



479.9 million
people - 49.2%-
of people living in
FCS

Almost **1 in 2**
of current FCS

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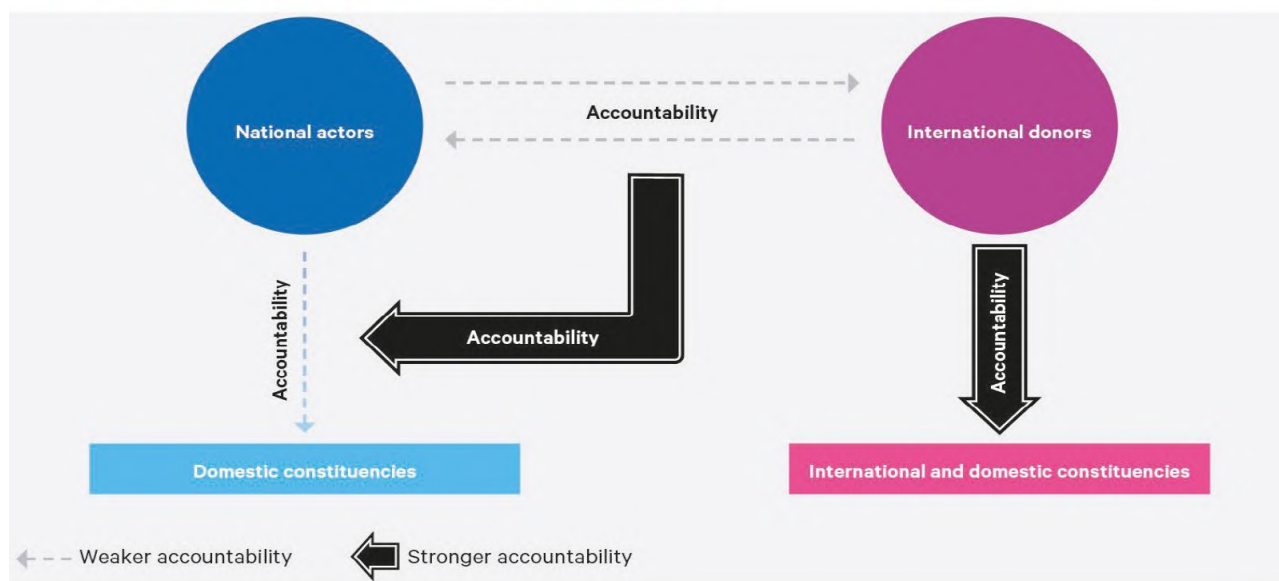
Objectives

Identify ways for national & multilateral development donors to:

- Meet urgent needs, prevent further social and economic disruption, increase resilience & take advantage of peacebuilding opportunities.
- Avoid legitimizing unlawful regimes or fuelling further conflict, human rights abuses or large-scale corruption.
- *Policy & practical* adaptations required

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How accountabilities shift



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Redefine basic services

Basic services	Basic services in politically estranged situations
Health Education Water & sanitation Camp management Cash assistance/Social protection	Health Education Water & sanitation Camp management Cash assistance/ Social protection Livelihoods and dispute resolution Utilities Payment systems & currency exchange

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Build domestic support

Targeted outreach:

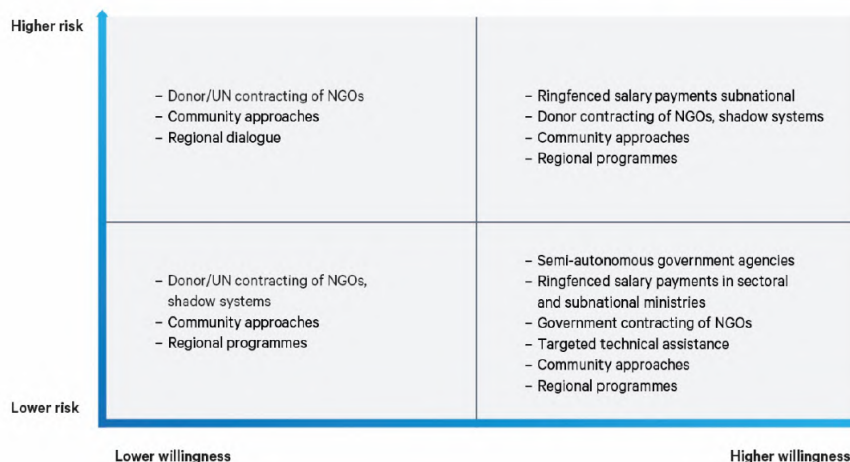
- Parliamentary bodies/committees – expert briefings, including from UN & in-country officials
- Diaspora groups – regular dialogue
- Mainstream & social media – sustained coverage.

Understand & respond to key concerns:

- Scale of need, spillover risks, geopolitical competition, value for money
- Demonstrate risks of legitimizing abusive regimes & corruption can be addressed through effective aid modalities

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Draw on a menu of delivery modalities to channel aid effectively & manage risk



- Shared upfront understanding for decision-making & risk management
- Political economy & conflict analysis critical for design & implementation

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Scope for enhanced humanitarian-development interface in:

- Basic services definition & instruments to deliver them
- Political economy analysis & humanitarian needs assessments
- Accountability to affected populations & community-driven development
- Humanitarian principles & political & programme conditions
- Development & humanitarian issues as an entry point for dialogue in highly estranged situations
- Longer-term merits of current practice in development-humanitarian budgets

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