

# Report from Session 4: Community Development and Human security-- addressing the gap

This session aimed to identify key lessons and challenges ahead in the field community development and human security, with particular emphasis on addressing various gaps during the transition period.

# 1. Experiences

- A rich body of experience is being accumulated on community development in conflict-affected areas.
- IMO: A case in support activity in Aceh.
- BRAC: “exporting” experiences
- Filipino CSOs: serving a variety of important functions:

## 2-1. Lessons

- Involving local stakeholders and using local resources & capacities.  
“It is imperative.”
- Respecting local culture and institutions.
- Empowerment of communities.
- Women’s empowerment.

## 2-2. Lessons (2)

- Well rounded understanding of why the gaps arose in the first place (through conflict analysis) .
- Should reach CSOs
- In sum: Problems of top-down approach

# 3. Human Security

- **Human Security: a demand side security.**
  - Need to grasp the needs of the people.
    - It will force you to re-think the international setup of support.
- **Human Security: people are equipped with capabilities to manage their society; empowerment is the key.**

# 4. Roles of Various Actors

- NGOs or CSOs' important roles
- International donors: Achievements and encouraging signs
- Media
  - Important, with some reservations: Local government bodies
- Local governments

## 5. Conclusion

- Experiences being accumulated
- Encouraging signs but need to go further.
- Operationalization of the Human Security concept.