Human Security
Towards the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Human Security is already accepted as a UN concept by the UNGA.

Why Human Security?

◆ Human Security is a **simple yet comprehensive** principle.
◆ Human Security can provide a backbone (**a guiding principle**) in tackling the current and emerging challenges.

What is Human Security?

Freedom from Fear
Freedom from Want
Freedom to Live in Dignity

◆ Human Security **focuses on individuals**.
◆ Through their **protection** and **empowerment**, HS enables individuals to **fully develop their human potentials**.
◆ **UNGA Resolution A/66/290** adopted by consensus on September 10, 2012:
  • HS is **distinct from the responsibility to protect** (R2P).
  • HS is **based on national ownership**. **Governments retain the primary role and responsibility** for their citizens.
  • HS calls for **people-centered**, **comprehensive**, **context-specific** and **prevention-oriented** responses.

How is Human Security relevant?

◆ Some of the major challenges for **the post-2015 development framework** include:
  (1) Eradicating extreme poverty
  (2) Tackling growing inequality
  (3) Quality growth and jobs
  (4) Sustainability & resilience
  (5) Health, education, etc...

⇔ State-centric or macro-level approach only can overlook these priorities.

◆ They **ALL require**:
  • Reaching out to **individuals**, especially **the most vulnerable**
  • Both **protection** and **empowerment** of individuals, including **women** and **the youth**
  • **Holistic approach** (for an individual, there is no "silo" approach)
  • **Active participation** by individuals fully exercising their potentials to build a better community and country

➡ **A call for Human Security**