Education for All in Fragile States

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For Decision

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FTI Needs a Strategy in Fragile States

- One third of low-income countries eligible for support are fragile states

- Almost all of these countries are currently, or have been, affected by conflict

- Over 40% of the 67 million children out of school live in low-income conflict-affected countries



Defining “Fragile”

The EFA FTI uses the World Bank definition of fragility:

Those countries and territories that have had:

(i) the ***lowest scores on the average Country Policy and Institutional Performance Assessment (CPIA)***

(ii) the ***presence of a UN and/or regional peace-keeping or peace building mission*** *during the past three years.*



Fragile States

Afghanistan	**Central African Republic**	**Georgia**
Guinea	**Guinea-Bissau**	**Haiti**
Liberia	**Nepal**	**Sao Tome**
Sierra Leone	**Tajikistan**	**Timor Leste**
Togo	**Yemen**	**More to come…**

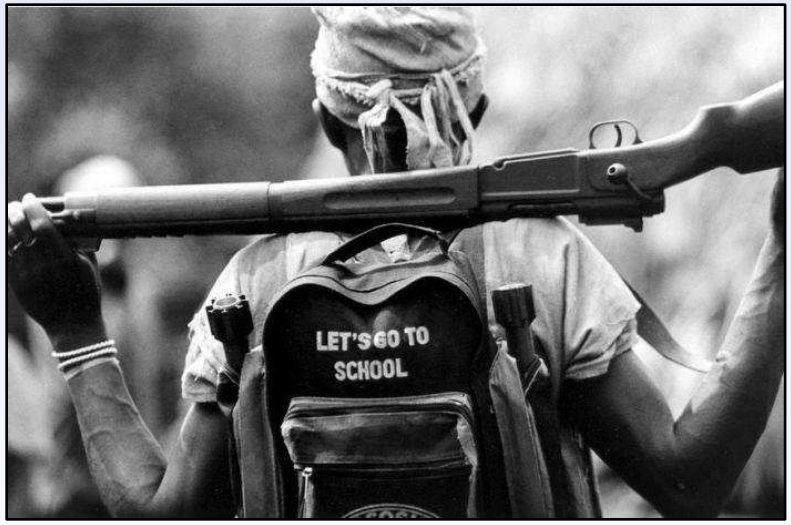
Conflict has Severe Impacts on Infrastructure

- Appropriate spaces for schools/classrooms
- Crowded classrooms
- Teacher and textbook shortages
- Transportation issues



Conflict has Severe Impacts on People

- Former Child Soldiers
- Orphans
- Refugees/returnees
- Demobilized soldiers
- Alienated youth



The Urgency to Work in Fragile States

" A child in a fragile conflict-affected state is more than **twice as likely to be undernourished** as a child in another developing country"

"On average, a country that experienced major violence over the **period from 1981 to 2005 has a poverty rate 21% higher** than a country that saw no violence"

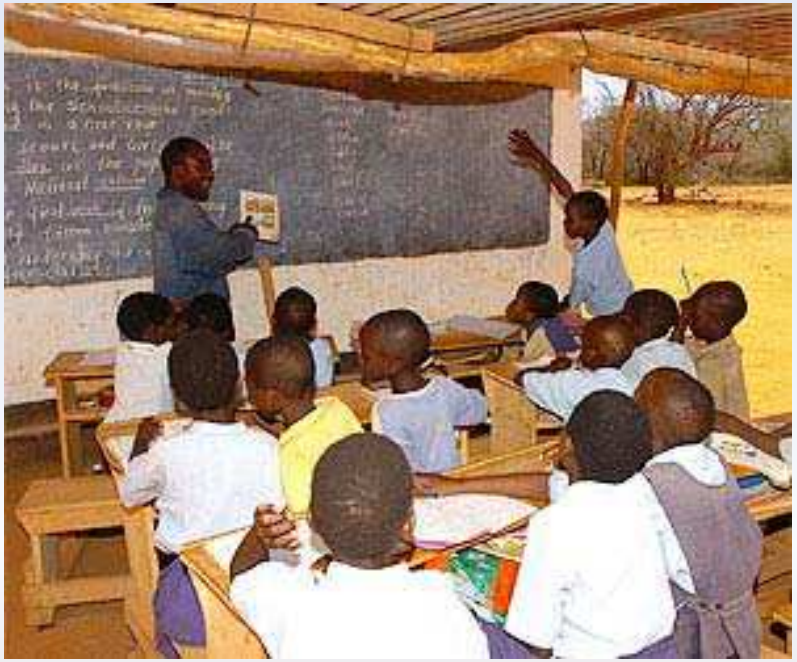
In Chad, **one in five children under 5 die**. The average in SSA is closer to one in ten.

"No low-income fragile or conflict-affected country has **yet to achieve a single MDG**"

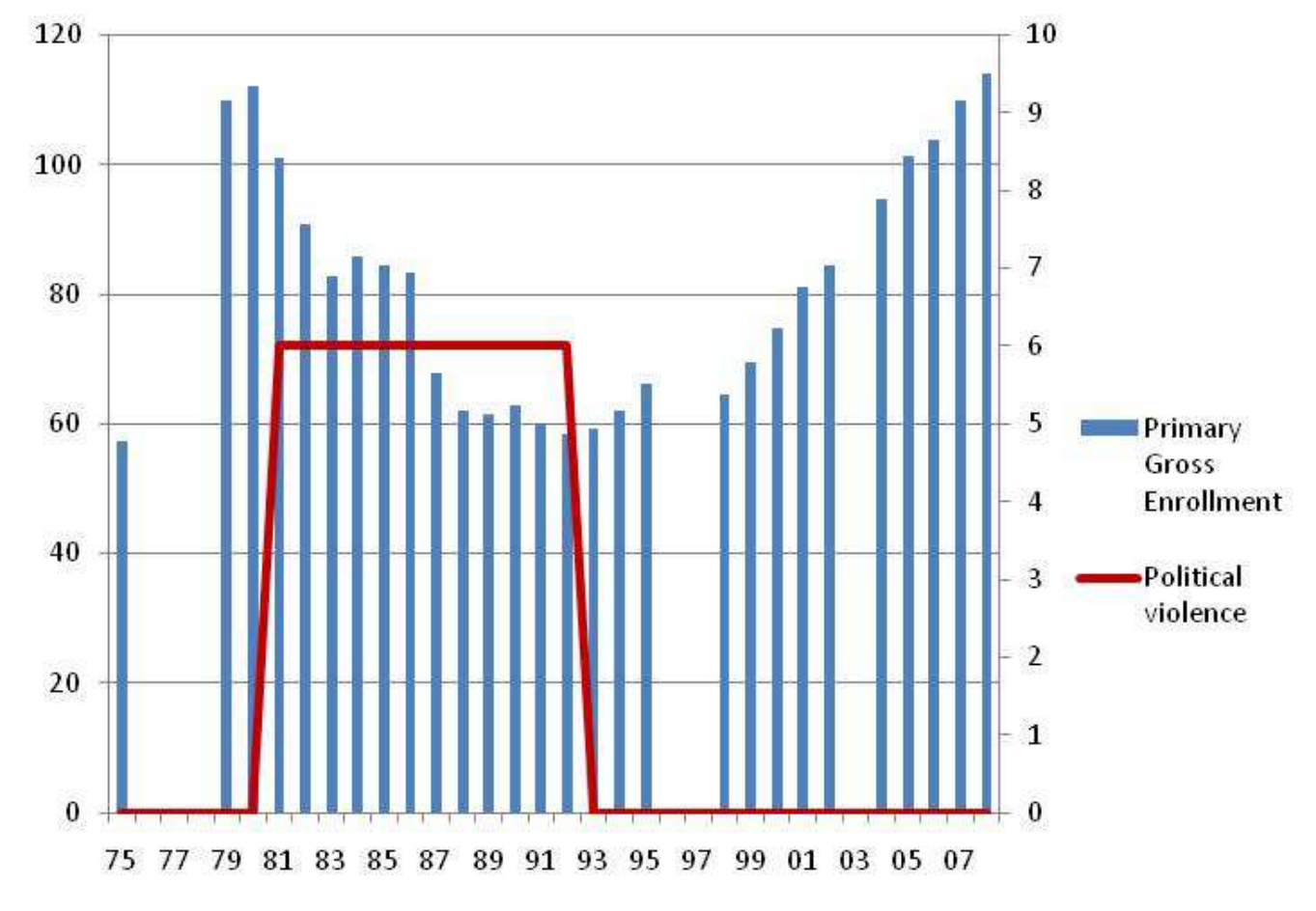
35 of the countries considered **fragile in 1979 are still fragile in 2009**

Despite Challenges, Change is Possible

- Cases from:
  - Mozambique
  - El Salvador
  - Afghanistan
  - Yemen
  - Liberia
  - Sierra Leone



Mozambique


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100
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Primary Gross Enrollment
Political violence

FTI in Fragile States

- Since 2003, FTI has :
  - Allocated US$ 431.3 million
  - Built 4,840 classrooms
  - Provided training to 36,545 teachers
  - Bought 9 million textbooks



- In addition, FTI has:
  - Established Education for All Fund
  - Adopted flexible solutions
  - Adapted FTI processes for interim education plans
  - Prepared tools and guidance to support sector planning

Suggested Strategy for Fragile States-1

- Direct support to children in countries where the central government is not able to provide effective education services
  - E.g. Non-sovereign states on-granting to NGOs via UNICEF



Suggested Strategy for Fragile States-2

- Intensify policy dialogue and up-front engagement
  - Increased engagement through INEE
  - Proactive engagement with local education groups



Suggested Strategy for Fragile States-3

- Greater flexibility in defining good performance
  - Country-specific identification of process targets
  - Agreement on timelines for transition plan around key turning points
- Improved predictability of financing



Suggested Strategy for Fragile States-4

- Provide stepped up financing for EFA FTI-eligible fragile states
  - Adjust needs and performance framework
  - Address issue of withdrawal of bilateral support
  - Encourage consensus on goals for bilateral funding to fragile states



Next Steps

- Complete final document by August 2011
- Needs and performance framework formula (weighted towards fragile states)
- Agree transition plan mechanism for fragile states
- Strengthen role with UNICEF and other partners

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