

CIFP PROJECTS

- The Failed and Fragile States project examines state fragility using a combination of extensive structural data and dynamic events monitoring to provide an overall picture of a country's fragility and trend lines.
- The Governance and Democratic Processes project seeks to increase understanding of democratic processes in a select number of countries. The methodology for the Governance project was based on that of the Fragile States project, using baseline data and event monitoring. In addition, researchers employ questionnaire based surveys that solicit the input of country experts, thus allowing the juxtaposition of quantitative and qualitative assessment.

Both projects are funded by CIDA with the overall goal of providing support to decision-makers engaged in Canadian foreign policy and development.

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Failed and Fragile States

The Fragile States briefs provide a comprehensive analysis of the multi-faceted processes related to state fragility in a given country. The indicators that make up the structural data are divided into six clusters: Governance; Economics; Security and Crime; Human Development; Demography; and Environment. The events monitoring is done using a variety of domestic and international sources and is coded using a database specifically created for the project. Scenario generation based on trend lines is an important part of the analysis.



"Colombia is weak but stable. The Colombian state is able to meet macro-level demands but has difficulty delivering change to individuals on the ground."

-Excerpt from the Colombia Fragile States brief (2007)

CIFP researchers are preparing fragility briefs on the following countries:

- Indonesia
- Colombia
- Philippines
- Haiti
- Cambodia
- Bolivia
- Afghanistan
- Palestinian Territories
- Mozambique
- Nicaragua
- DRC
- Bangladesh
- Pakistan
- Sudan
- Ethiopia
- Sri Lanka
- Honduras
- Zimbabwe
- Uganda

Recent Outreach Activities

- Strategic Foresight and Warning Seminar Series, Zurich — Conference on early warning and early response to conflict — Presentation of research
- Meeting with Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), London — Presentation of research, discussion of potential collaboration
- UBC Conference on Failed and Fragile States, Vancouver — Presentation of research
- Conference on the Vulnerability and Resilience of Small Island Developing States, University of Malta — Presentation of paper, keynote address
- UNU/WIDER Fragile States Conference, Helsinki — Presentation of research
- Meeting with Swiss Development Corporation, Bern — Presentation of research and discussion of potential collaboration
- CIDA-sponsored Open Source for Effective Response Workshop, Ottawa — Presentation of research, exploration of opportunities for open source collaboration on warning, response, and policy evaluation in the areas of conflict prevention and fragile state policy

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Kevin Wyjad, CIFP Researcher

Kevin, Wyjad, a student at NPSIA, spent three months in Ghana doing field research for the CIFP Governance project. Working through an internship with the Parliamentary Centre, he engaged in consultations with a range of experts in-country. In addition, Kevin has also completed fragility briefs for Colombia and Bolivia.



Governance and Democratic Processes



"Insecurity continues to impede development and investment in Haiti."

-Excerpt from the Haiti Governance and Democratic Processes report(2007)

The Governance and Democratic Processes country reports provide detailed analyses of governance related processes in a particular state. The indicators used to gather structural data are divided into six clusters: Rule of Law; Human Rights; Government Transparency and Accountability; Government and Market Efficiency; Democratic Participation; and Political Stability and Violence. Events monitoring information is collected using a variety of domestic and international sources. Where possible, such quantitative sources are complemented by in-country consultations with subject and country experts.

Each country report includes:

- Executive summary with scenario forecasting
- Country profile that examines developments in each of the clusters
- Stakeholder analysis
- Underlying conditions
- Events analysis
- Appendix: History
- Appendix: Map
- Appendix: Methodology

5 country reports were recently completed:

- Haiti
- Ghana
- Nicaragua
- Pakistan
- Guatemala

Upcoming projects include:

- Updated and expanded country reports
- Research methodology documents
- Hand book on governance assessment



Title page of a Governance and Democratic Processes report

Recent Outreach Activities

- Presentation at CIDA—Presentation of research methodology to Canada Corps, Democracy Council
- CIGI '06 – Conference on International Governance Innovation - presentation of research
- Presentation to CIDA Asia Branch—Presentation of governance research project, identification of case study countries
- Presentation to CIDA Governance Core Group—Presentation of governance research project, identification of case study countries
- Presentation to Americas Branch--Presentation of governance research project, identification of case study countries
- Meeting with Swisspeace –presentation of research, discussion of potential collaboration

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Teddy Samy has contributed to the refinement of the CIFP methodology as well as conducting related research on fragility in Small Island States and aid effectiveness.



Did you know?

- CIFP employs over a dozen graduate and PhD students as researchers, thereby contributing to the training of future foreign policy and development decision-makers.
- CIFP methodology goes considerably further than many other agencies with similar aims, integrating a variety of structural, dynamic, and field-based information sources, resulting in analysis based on truly comprehensive, multi-sourced data.

For more information:

To read the reports in their entirety or to find out about other CIFP activities, please contact Stewart Prest, Project Manager, at cifp@carleton.ca.