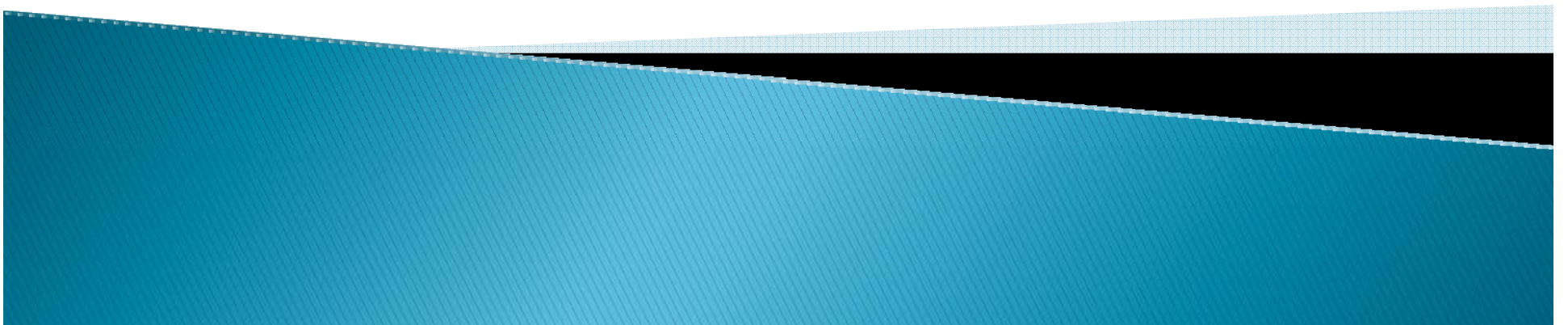# World Vision Tools for Working Fragile Contexts
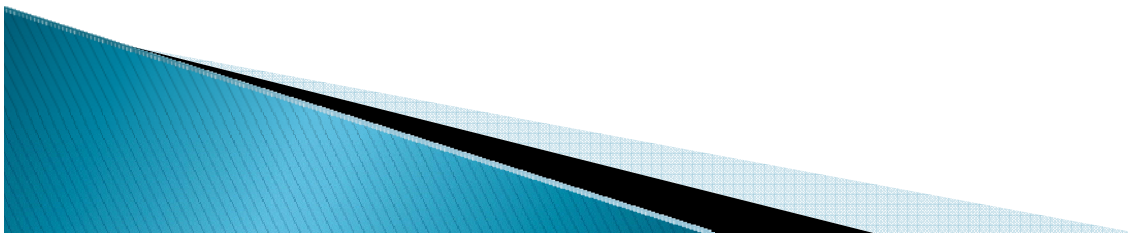
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Context Analysis – Global Level
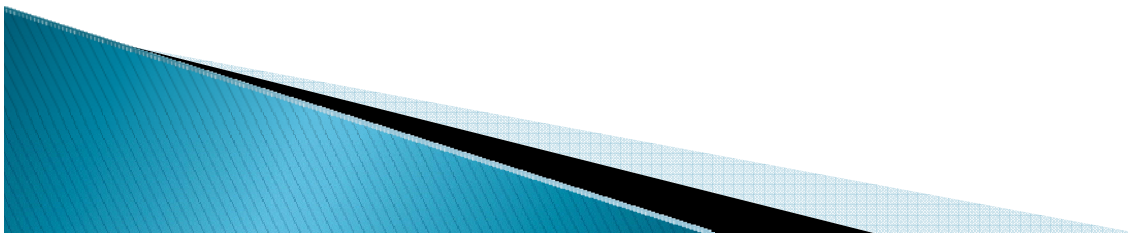
Global Context Analysis - Country by Country
- Focuses on ranking countries according to their human development and human security
- Uses HDI and FSI to group countries into one of six contexts
- Provides guidance with regard to global resource allocation and programming decisions.

Programming Tool – Assessment

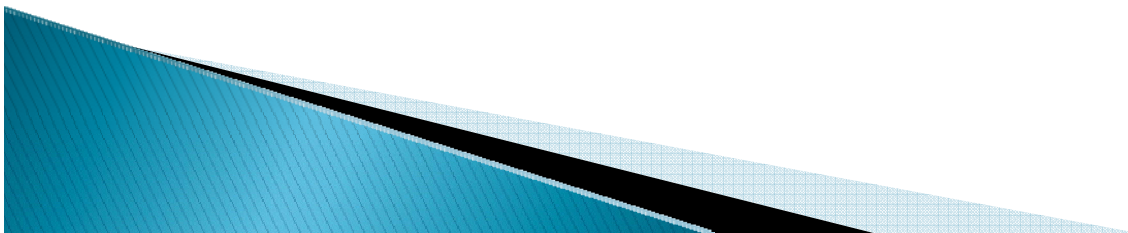Community Owned Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (COVACA)

- Use not limited to fragile states, but particularly important there
- Focuses on identifying vulnerabilities and capacities in order to make better programming decisions
- Process supports community ownership of data collection, analysis and dissemination – WV cannot use or share without community consent.
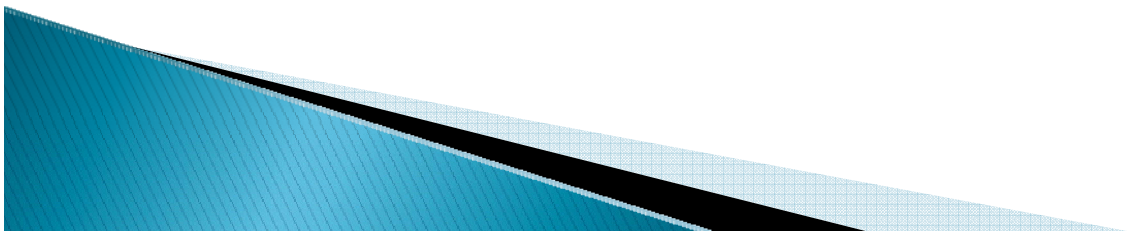
Programming Tools – Planning and Funding

Area Reconstruction Programs
- Integrated programming model being piloted in Sudan, Somalia, Pakistan and Afghanistan
- Meant to provide a more integrated and longer term programming and funding approach to our work in fragile contexts
  - Avoids sectoral silos in programming
  - Will be scaled up as programming model becomes more well defined and thought out.
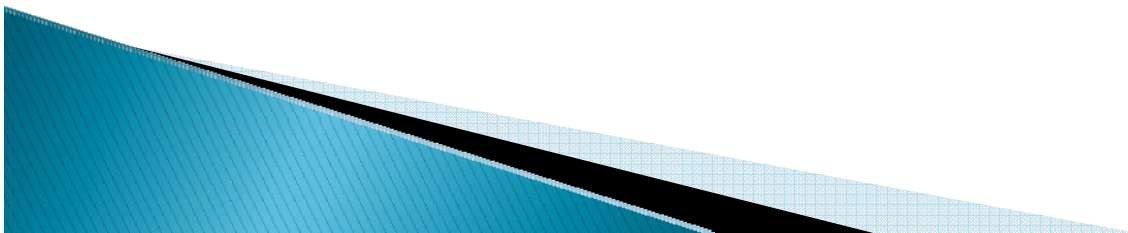
Context Analysis – Country Level

- Making Sense of Turbulent Crises (MSTC)
  - Macro-level analysis of fragile contexts
  - Uses timelines, stakeholder analyses and other tools to map conflict in contexts where we work
  - Participatory in nature – primarily country-based staff, plus key informants from outside WV
  - Findings used to inform programming decisions
  - Analysis can be highly sensitive, so public dissemination is done carefully
  - We are presently piloting "mini-MSTCs"
    - Used to address sub-national (regional) conflict
    - Done rapidly
    - First trial completed in Upper Nile region of Sudan

Context Analysis – Community Level

Local Capacities for Peace/Do No Harm Framework

- Focuses on the impact of aid on conflict, by understanding the connectors and dividers that exist between groups that are in manifest or latent conflict
- Helps identify programming options which seek to either weaken dividers or enhance connectors
- WV was an early adapter of this tool
- Primary analytical tool when we first engaged more seriously with fragile context analysis 10 years ago.
- Used primarily at the community/sub-regional/project level

Fragility and Climate Change

- Increased focus on understanding the impact of climate change on contexts where we work
  - Emphasis is on the community level, with some advocacy at higher levels
- Increased resources to disaster risk reduction at community level
- Piloting projects which support communities in their efforts to adapt to climate change
  - E.g. selling carbon credits