Micro Analysis - Kachin

China

LAIZA

Thailand
Micro Analysis – Karen

Chang Mai (Karen) Thailand

China Myanmar (Burma)
Preliminary findings: Latent Peace Capacities

**Network analysis**
- relationships between people/groups to be built, strengthened or transformed
- People/groups to be empowered → networks of effective action

**Feedback loop mapping**
- issues that sustain the conflict and must be addressed if peace agreements are to be durable
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Pluralistic Government

Bridging perspectives on the meaning of “peace”

Coalitions of minority ethnic groups to increase bargaining power

Returning exiles/intellectuals/freed political prisoners joining the political process and civil society
What does peace mean to you?

1. Peace is freedom. Freedom is a birthright. Total freedom should be the answer to the peace problem.

2. Peace is living together with mutual and respect, understanding and justice. If we have those first, then we can have peace.

3. Only justice guarantees lasting peace. Sometimes people think you achieve peace when we don’t have violence, but we have to fight for peace as well.

4. Peace means living together in brotherhood, harmony, equal opportunity. We have to live with each other as a family but we have to give the ethnics their sovereignty. [emphasis added]

5. Peace is stability and security and an opportunity for our country to develop.

6. Peace is an end to our history of fighting, territorial integrity, protection of our sovereignty, and inclusion of all of our people in one country.
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An active civil society and populace to enter politics, to demand human rights, constitutional change and fair, comprehensive (and thus durable) peace agreements.
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YOUNG PEOPLE

Shalom
Communities of Shalom, Drew University
One last point: IDPs in Kachin
What now?

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http://ac4.ei.columbia.edu/ac4-supported-initiatives/dynamical-systems-theory-application-group/
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Questions?