

# Working with Companies on Sustainable Development



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# About The Fund for Peace

## ***501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization***

- Founded 1957; Mission to promote sustainable security
- Practical solutions to prevent conflict and alleviate the conditions that cause conflict
- Major Themes:



**Conflict Early  
Warning and  
Assessment**



**Transnational  
Threats**



**Sustainable  
Development,  
Sustainable Security**



# Work with a Range of Actors



## *Challenges and Solutions*

- Sustainable security and sustainable development are key aims of FfP. These outcomes are only possible when people are served by strong state institutions, have a vibrant civil society, and enjoy economic opportunities.
- FfP believes that the challenges of sustainable development and sustainable security can only be addressed when all sectors work together and local stakeholders are involved in the development and implementation of programs to address the challenges.

# Multi-Sectoral Initiatives



## *FfP's Human Rights & Business Roundtable*

- Launched in 1997, the Roundtable brings together multinational businesses, human rights organizations and other stakeholders to discuss issues of common concern and explore possible solutions to problems in conflict zones in an atmosphere of mutual respect, trust, and confidentiality
- Focus on the Extractive Industry and issues related to sustainable development

# Multi-Sectoral Initiatives

## *Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPs)*

- Established in 2000, the VPs are an initiative by governments, NGOs, and extractive companies
- Provides guidance to companies on maintaining the safety and security of their operations within an operating framework that ensures respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms
  - Conduct a comprehensive assessment of human rights risks associated with security
  - Engage appropriately with public and private security in conflict-prone areas
  - Institute proactive human rights screenings of and trainings for forces
  - Ensure that the use of force is proportional and lawful
  - Develop systems for reporting allegations of human rights abuses
- Participation of host governments is crucial and a major focus of the VPs is to encourage more countries to become active participants in the process

# Mining and Sustainable Development



## *Current and Future*

- Industry has made major progress on the challenges of sustainable development and their operations
- They need the support of governments and civil society to continue to make progress
- There is a legitimate role for all sectors to ensure sustainable development and no one sector can do it alone
- Many mining companies have been bringing the same attention to this issue as they do to Health & Safety
- The Safety Culture of mining companies is a good indication of how they will support initiatives designed to ensure sustainable development



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