



STI for Post-Conflict Recovery in Africa: Integrating Young Arms to Their Societies

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Under the Framework of:

AU Agenda 2063

- **Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa 2024 (STISA-2024)**
- **AU Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) Policy**
- **The African Youth Charter**



Introduction

- Conflict remains the greatest challenge in most of the African Union Member States and has caused devastation in livelihoods, loss of life, property and health.
- The Youth have particularly been caught in the web of consequences of wars and post-wars.
- According to UNICEF fact sheet, It is estimated that over **300,000 children under the age of 18** are involved in more than 30 conflicts worldwide



In Africa

- More than **60,000 children** have been kidnapped by both the armed forces and rebel factions in Uganda.
- **15,000 to 20,000 children** served as child soldiers during the Liberian civil war.
- In Sierra Leone about **5,400 children** were abducted between 1992 and 1996 and forced to fight on both sides



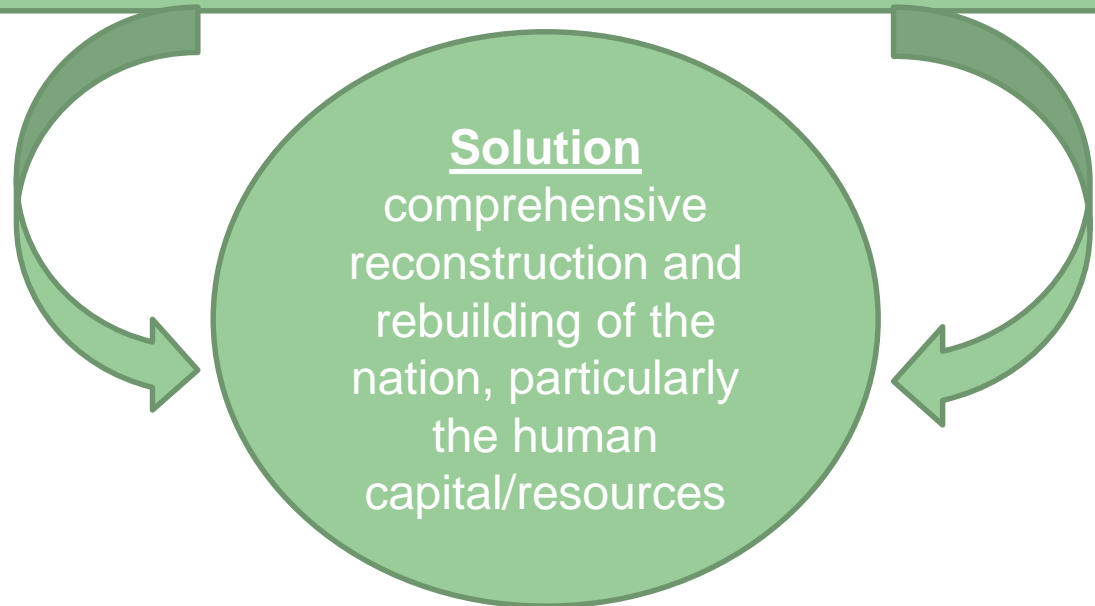
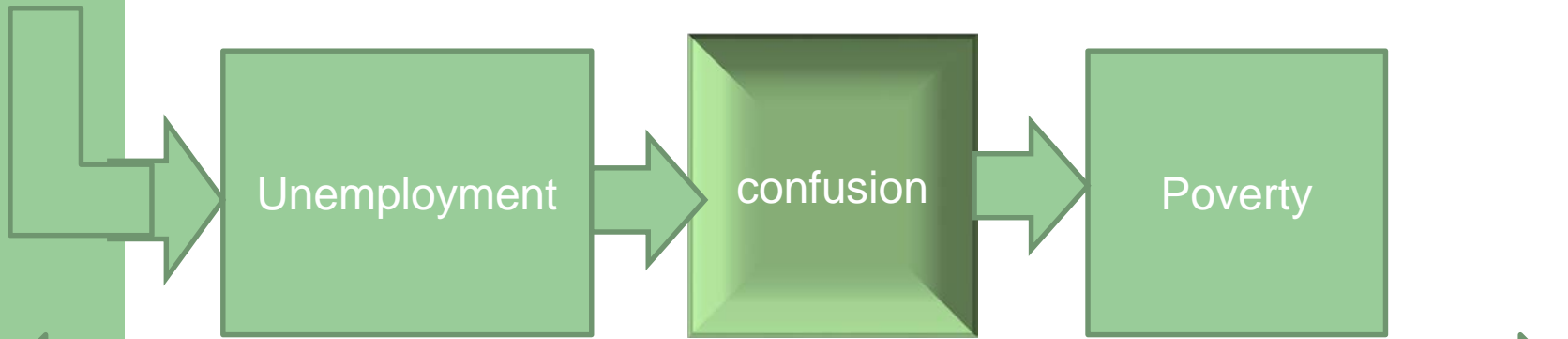
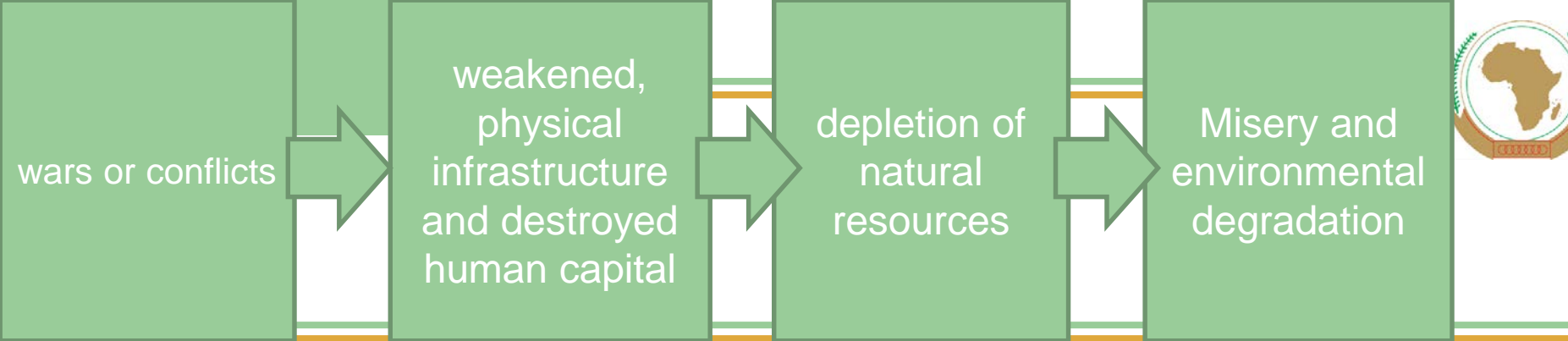
Article 15 and 17 Of The African Youth Charter

- The right of youth to gainful employment,
- The right to protection from economic exploitation and the important role of youth in promoting peace and non-violence were underscored.
- The Charter also called for the development of macroeconomic policies on job creation for youth; promoting entrepreneurship; strengthen the capacity of youth and their organizations in peace building, conflict prevention and resolution; and mobilizing youth for reconstruction of the areas devastated by war.



Priority for Youth

To ensure these, the youth must be given skills through mentorship, apprenticeship and where possible for those who can still go to school be given education; this will unleash the potentials of the youth to build peaceful and secured Africa as one of the aspirations under Agenda 2063.





The Five core principles of The AU Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) Policy,

1. African leadership;
2. National and local ownership;
3. Inclusiveness;
4. Equity and non-discrimination;
5. Cooperation and cohesion; and
6. Capacity building for sustainability
STI capacity building



The African Union Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA)2024

- **STISA 2024** recognizes peace and harmony as an integral part of economic recovery and prosperity in Africa included **Live together-build the society And Wealth Creation** as part of its six priority areas.
- It seeks to empower youth from post conflict areas by harnessing their innate skills and use of basic scientific/technological skills to solve pressing development/environmental challenges in their respective communities

Main Idea of the STI for Youth Project

- To build the capacities of youth in post-conflict countries in Africa through the use of STI for self-development and community prosperity.
- To establish micro businesses and/or similar institutions that are based on Technology-transfer, Adoption and diffusion in post conflict Member States
- To expose community to Environment Friendly Technologies in different endeavours



Overall Objective of the Project

- To build the individual experience and capacities of Young Arms to utilize basic technologies for their economic sustainability, integration and community development.

Specific Objective of the Project

- 1 .Providing hands on experience of technologies that are needed in the post conflict areas
- 2 .Introducing the participants to business skills and availing opportunities and mechanisms for wealth creation and integration.
- 3 .Drying out sources of recruitment for future conflicts
- 4 .Creating jobs and community development



Expected Results

- Young Arms are contributing to the community reconstruction and development; and are fully reconciled and integrated to the society;
- Expanded job market size in local communities and opportunities for wealth creation;
- Sources of recruitment for future conflict are dried out and more secured community; and
- Community well informed and utilizing basic technologies that are needed for better life and environmental friendly.



Thank you