



# Education and Conflict in Fragile States: Challenges and Opportunities

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## WHY WE FOCUS ON EDUCATION

Education is the Foundation for the Future:

- Education as route way to jobs, with better pay
- Education equips citizens to lay the foundations for their country's rebuilding, public and private sector

Capitalizing on the Youth Bulge:

- Large % of their populations are under 30
- View this as an opportunity, not a challenge





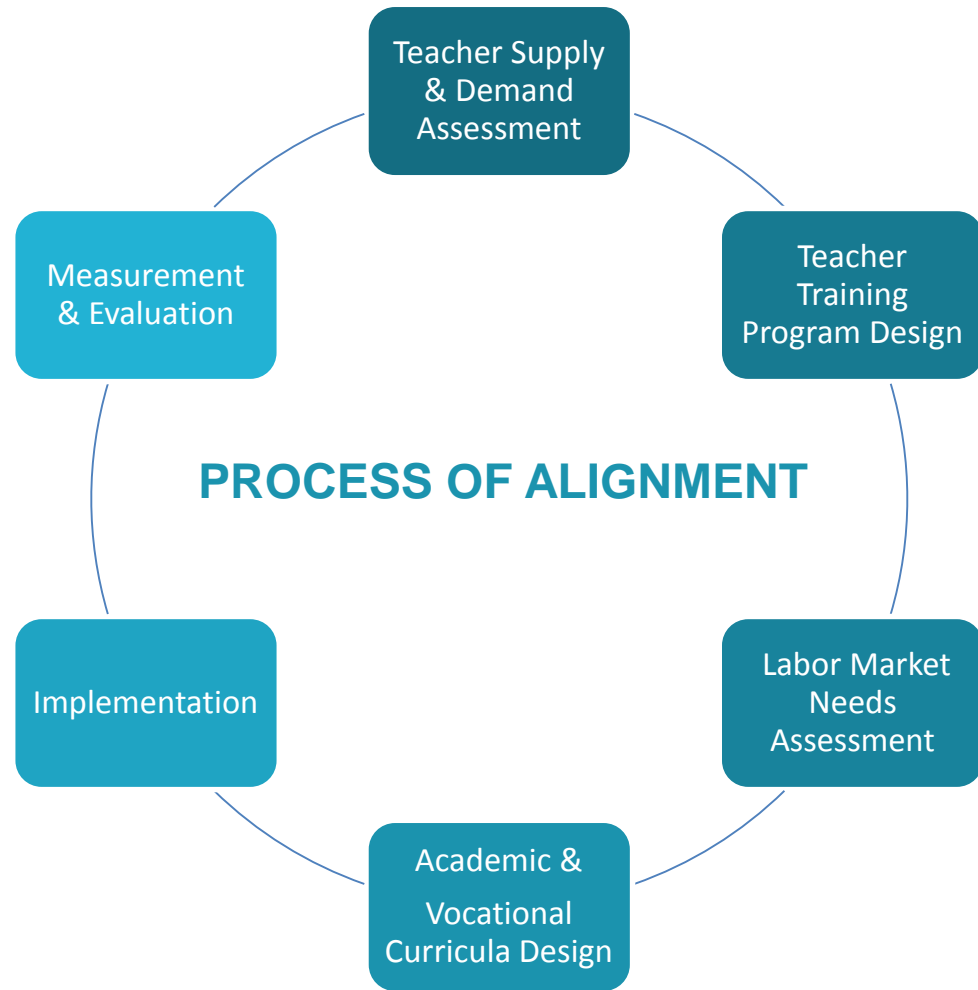
## PARTICULAR CHALLENGES in FRAGILE STATES

- Ensuring access to all students
- Understanding post-traumatic needs
- Weak institutions and systems of governance:
  - Across the system: Supplying teachers, quality of training, accountability in public resources, performance metrics, rewards for schools, logistics and supply chain management, infrastructure
- Aligning education to the needs of industry and government:
  - Our neglect of secondary, vocational and tertiary education
  - Lack of alignment between education and the labor market



## OPPORTUNITIES

- If human capital is aligned to growth potential, a base for peace and prosperity can be established
- We have the opportunity to achieve global and societal consensus on the centrality of education, while expanding the focus on MDGs to include the idea of “Education to Jobs”
- Opportunities to expand access to education from technology
- Opportunities to learn from how countries have built their education systems after conflict and disruption



## DILEMMAS

- Balancing short-term delivery with long-term system building
- Working with government, or around government with civil society
- Need long-term vision and policy frameworks to strengthen systems





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