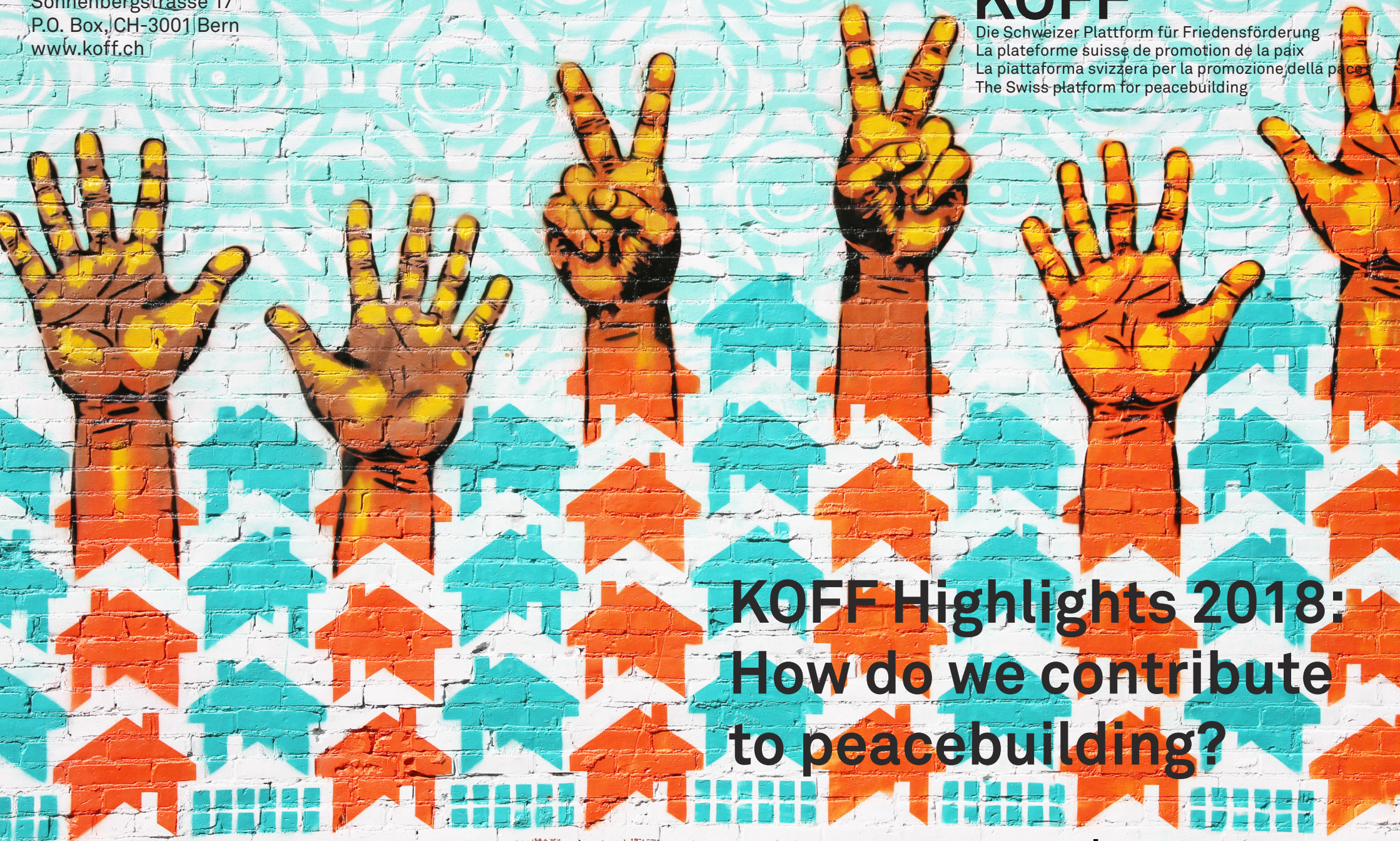


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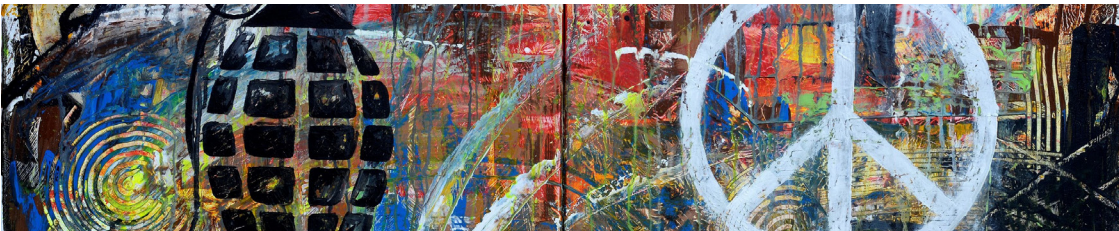


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Founded in 2001, KOFF is a dialogue and exchange platform facilitated by swisspeace connecting Swiss state and non-state actors active in peacebuilding. Its mission is to ensure that Swiss peacebuilding activities are strengthened, relevant, and visible. To do so, KOFF facilitates dialogue and learning processes in Switzerland and abroad and fosters information sharing with a view to develop strategic alternatives, policy recommendations and joint initiatives for peace with its member organizations.

Editorial

Peacebuilding faces major development and peace policy challenges. Global geopolitical dynamics lead to increasing pressure on international law and human rights, as well as to a clear restriction of civil society's freedom to act, including in Switzerland and the rest of Europe. Armed conflicts are becoming increasingly complex, are lasting longer, and are occurring at local, regional, and global levels at the same time, as clearly shown by the examples of Syria or Colombia. Closely linked to this is the notion of fragility, which is characterized by weak and/or illegitimate state institutions, systemic corruption, insufficient economic prospects, and a lack of dialogue and inclusion of diverse voices in public discourse. Other factors include developments and debates about the connections between forced migration, conflict, and peace, new dynamics with regard to climate change and environmental factors as triggers of conflicts and refugee movements, and questions concerning the opportunities, limitations, and risks of technology and digitalization.

In this complex environment, the KOFF member organizations – armed with expertise and commitment – are working on strengthening the relevance



Anna Leissing, KOFF Project Manager

and visibility of civil peacebuilding at grassroots level, in political dialogue in Switzerland, and in international processes in numerous contexts. Through strategic networking and ongoing exchange among key actors, the KOFF platform lends weight to this work and creates space for it to find its place in political events beyond the concrete implementation of the project.

In the same spirit, our 2018 Annual Report asks how we as the KOFF platform can contribute to peacebuilding. We received the answers thanks to interviews with representatives of KOFF member organisations, with whom we

have worked closely over the past year. Ruedi Tobler from the Swiss Peace Council takes to the stage first. He reports on how the topic of peace has been incorporated into debates and the civil society's report on the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. Next comes Una Hombrecher from HEKS, who explains to what extent KOFF film evenings can bring discussions on peace policy issues into the public eye and make peacebuilding more visible. Virginie Poyetton from the feminist peace organization cfd answers the question by showing how expertise from civil society flows into peace policy through the joint project on women, peace, and security. Andrea Zellhuber from terre des hommes schweiz provides further answers concerning the relevance of the exchange on the psychosocial dimension in peacebuilding, as does Anna Manconi from Peace Brigades International Switzerland, both of whom contribute to peacebuilding by bringing voices from fragile and conflict-ridden contexts to KOFF roundtables. Carmela Bühler from the Human Security Division's (HSD) Foreign Policy on Migration Section has the closing word. She talks about contributions to peacebuilding by showing why the links between migration, conflict, and peacebuilding need to be examined more closely.

The diversity and richness of the contributions make me proud, and I would

like to express my sincere thanks to the KOFF member organizations listed here, as well as to all others, for their perspectives, experiences, and commitment, which have provided the KOFF platform with this wealth of content and inspiring dynamism. At the same time, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the skillful and dedicated work of the KOFF team and express my thanks to Jasmin Widmer and Dayana Hug, who supported us as interns in 2018, as well as to our current employees Amélie Lustenberger, Andrea Grossenbacher, Elizabeth Mesok, and Lara Ehrenzeller.

I look forward to continuing to implement the many inspiring and creative initiatives together with the KOFF member organizations and the team and thus making a key contribution to strong, relevant, and visible peacebuilding in Switzerland.

Anna Leissing,
KOFF Project Manager

Including peace in the debate on sustainable development

Peace is an important basis on which humans can develop. In states of war, human rights are limited and it is almost impossible to make progress if they are not guaranteed. This is why the 2030 Agenda constitutes a very positive achievement: The international community was able to agree on 17

It also offers recommendations for action and complements Switzerland's incomplete official report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. For example, the alternative report recommends that Switzerland inflates the importance of peacebuilding as an overarching foreign policy objective.



The 2030 Agenda press conference, July 2018. Picture from Martin Bichsel

goals, one of which explicitly mentions peace. This is very important, as peace and justice have a strong interrelationship with economic, social, and political developments. If a part of humanity is simply left behind, then this inevitably leads to conflicts. Development must always be considered inclusive if it is to be peaceful. The Alternative Civil Society Report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Switzerland places a strong emphasis on this interaction.

Another recommendation calls for expenditure to be shifted from the military to peacebuilding, including development cooperation, humanitarian aid, and social spending. Together with a greater focus on “security through collaboration” rather than “defense,” this alignment will lead to financial savings and increased security. Ruedi Tobler, President of the Swiss Peace Council, is the main author of the chapter on peace in the Alternative Civil Society Report. He explains that, without KOFF,

the topic of peace could not have been featured so prominently in the report.

Within the framework of the Swiss Peace Council, Ruedi Tobler has long been committed to ensuring that peace is taken into account in policymaking. 2018 was a year full of defensive struggles in this respect: In summer, the Federal Council wanted to relax the dispatch of war material to war-torn countries. A broad alliance of politicians and actors from civil society resisted this planned relaxation, leading to a postponement of the decision. Another front fought was about nuclear weapons: In 2017, 122 states signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Since then, however, there have been increasing signs of a nega-

tive trend reversal and a renaissance of nuclear deterrence or even warfare policy. Although Switzerland approved the treaty in 2017, the Federal Council suddenly backed down in August 2018. Parliament is now putting more pressure on the Federal Council to ensure that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is signed as soon as possible.

Despite this political turbulence, the NGO Report offers a good basis for peacebuilding in the context of sustainable development, and the years to come will show what specific impact it will have.

Text in collaboration with Ruedi Tobler:

Ruedi Tobler is President of the Swiss Peace Council, which is committed to initiatives promoting peace policy. It stands against racism and sexism, advocates fair dealings with the countries of the south, and is dedicated to domestic social policy and a concerted foreign policy. The Swiss Peace Council is also a member organization of KOFF and Ruedi Tobler is a member of the KOFF Advisory Board.

On September 25, 2015, the heads of state and government unanimously adopted the “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” resolution. At its meeting on June 20, 2018, the Federal Council approved Switzerland's country report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In response, the 2030 Agenda platform (a merger of civil society) published its own alternative report on July 3, 2018. The topic of “peace” is included in Development Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda. Ruedi Tobler, together with Anna Leissing, Head of KOFF, and with the help of Markus Heiniger, authored the chapter on “peace” in the report.

Sparking public debate

When KOFF came to HEKS in spring 2018 with an idea for a film evening about land theft in Cambodia, the member organization was quickly on board. The event presented a good opportunity for HEKS to raise public awareness of the issue of land conflicts. And so in June 2018, an interested audience filled the Cinématte's auditorium despite the bright sunshine and a felt temperature of 37 degrees. This shows that issues such as land conflicts are certainly being heard by the public. However, it is normally rather large, scandalous cases that attract attention. For example, if a well-known major corporation expels entire village populations from their land. The causes of land conflicts are often much more subtle, however. Sometimes it is a case of people living in poverty being forced to sell their land because of an illness. Or it may be farmers who have been driven out of their land by an international company and are now driving others out. The topic is complex, and the various causes are usually not linked at first glance. Time is needed in order to explore it in depth. This is exactly why a film evening is attractive – it is able to introduce the audience to a topic in an entertaining and simple way and convey the context. Following this, experts are then in a position to dis-

cuss the topic in greater depth. Unlike lectures or panel discussions, a film format like this attracts not only academics who are already involved with the topic, but also people who simply want to know more. Film events have the power to open up this small circle of professionals.

Raising awareness among the broader public of issues such as land conflicts is important because we can influence them with our behavior. What we buy and where we shop, what we demand from our governments, and how we hold our businesses to account, can exert pressure and bring about change. This is particularly relevant in a country like Cambodia, where civil society cannot express criticism of the government. Public relations work thus represents one of the few strategies able to do anything against land theft at all.

The film, which KOFF screened together with HEKS, is about the simple farmer Binchey, who was driven off his land by a rubber plantation operator. "MIRR" documents how he sets out to find land elsewhere and fails in his mission. The film also shows what effects this loss of land has on the entire village community and the life prospects of this population group, and illustrates the



Picture from the film "Land theft in Cambodia"

importance of land beyond being an economic resource. The causes of conflict in Cambodia vary from region to region. One of the main problems is the land directive, which declared all land to be state land, but which contradicts the customary law in force up until

that point. Another cause is corruption, which manifests itself in the fact that licenses for large estates are granted to government officials without the informed consent of those whose ancestral land it is.

Text in collaboration with Una Hombrecher:

Una Hombrecher is the officer for the topic at HEKS and has expertise in land conflicts and civil society's freedom to act. She participated as an expert in the discussion that was held after the evening at the cinema with the film MIRR by Swiss director Mehdi Sahebi. Land conflicts are one of the central issues addressed by HEKS. The organization specialized in this field after various analyses revealed that conflicts over land and lack of access to land were among the main drivers of conflicts in the HEKS project countries.

Bringing expertise from civil society to peace policy

There are not many organizations that make consistent efforts to advocate feminist peace policy in Switzerland. In order to achieve a visible effect, however, they must coordinate well with each other and work together in synergy. cfd, PeaceWomen Across the Globe, and KOFF are therefore jointly implementing the project “Women, Peace, and Security: Civil Society’s Critical Voice.”

and peace processes, as well as on the protection of women during conflicts. The aim is to demonstrate the concrete significance of Resolution 1325 for women, using scientific findings from studies, among other methods, to do so. A first study was designed in 2018 and focused on the programs centered around preventing violent extremism and its impact on women and civil so-



Shamsia Hassani, Afghan graffiti artist, sprays in Bern. Picture from Lukas Krienbühl, swisspeace

With this project, the three organizations want to educate the public on the contents of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on the participation of women in the prevention of conflicts

ciety. The corresponding field research was prepared in Kenya in 2018. The intention is for the findings from this study to make it possible in future to critically discuss the links between

women, peace, security, and extremism prevention and to back them up with specific examples. Together with the 1325 ambassadors from the Swiss Parliament, the organizations will then bring the main results to the political arena.

Civil society’s commitment to the participation of women in conflict and peace is imperative. Resolution 1325 would probably have never been adopted had it not been for years of intensive lobbying by various civil society organizations and peace activists around the world. Voices from civil society also flew into the development of the fourth Swiss National Action Plan (NAP 1325). As a feminist peace organization, cfd has long been committed to this cause

and is now one of the three organizations to head up the project accompanying the NAP 1325. All partners are offering up their expertise for the project. KOFF’s contribution consists of being responsible for the overall coordination of the project and cooperating with public authorities.

In fall 2018, the project team traveled to Geneva for the official launch of the fourth Swiss NAP. Elizabeth Mesok, Researcher at KOFF/swisspeace, put forward the viewpoints of the project during the panel discussion at the event. The event was met with great interest, but mainly only reached experts. One of the biggest challenges for 2019 will therefore be making the issue known to a wider public.

Text in collaboration with Virginie Poyetton:

Virginie Poyetton is Program Officer for feminist peace policy at cfd, a KOFF member organization. The project accompanying the NAP 1325, in which cfd is involved as a partner, began in April 2018 and will be concluded in March 2022. With Resolution 1325, adopted in 2000, the UN Security Council recognized for the first time the particular role that women play in armed conflict and the need for the equal involvement of women in institutions and processes aimed at preventing, overcoming, and settling conflicts. In November 2018, Switzerland launched its fourth National Action Plan for the implementation of the Resolution. It was drawn up in consultation with Swiss civil society and, among other things, on the basis of findings from the Alternative Civil Society Report.

Discussion about the psychosocial dimension of peacebuilding

The KOFF Intervision Group is made up of experts from twenty different KOFF member organizations. The group meets three times a year to discuss certain issues relating to peace policy as well as the challenges and experiences of daily peacebuilding work. On September 13, 2018, the group exchanged views on the topic of a “psychosocial approach to peacebuilding” – something that the group has been committed to for a long time.

It is all about a holistic understanding of psychological and social processes. Psychosocial methods can help traumatized people to overcome feelings of powerlessness and to become capable of taking action again. From a holistic perspective, dealing with emotional wounds in a society is of utmost importance in peace processes. In unstable and violent contexts, people live in a constant state of fear, making trauma work hugely important.



Trust and listening exercises. Picture from terre des hommes schweiz

The psychosocial approach draws on emotional sensitivities and the social realities of individuals and communities – after all, wars and experiences of violence cause suffering and trauma.

The organizations represented in the Intervision Group already have wide-ranging experience with psychosocial approaches. Possible synergies in training courses on different meth-

ods were discussed. The Intervision Group’s “community of practice” allows the individual organizations to share their methodical toolkits. This stops every organization from having to “re-invent the wheel.” For small organizations in particular, the development of specific expertise is a major investment. The organizations boost their efficiency through targeted cooperation, joint learning processes, and knowledge sharing.

Together, the organizations involved in the Intervision Group analyzed ways of systematically integrating psychosocial aspects into the existing program management tools. The participants agreed that joint efforts were needed in order to accurately depict the impact logic of psychosocial approaches in peacebuilding. Helping to build bridges to academic circles in peace research, KOFF plays an important role in this respect.

terre des hommes schweiz also took part in the Intervision Group. The organization has been using the psychosocial approach in its work for a long time

now, especially in the area of prevention of violence among young people. The work of terre des hommes schweiz is based on several levels: the young people themselves, their direct social environment, and a political level. An important starting point is the active discussion of the history of violence. terre des hommes schweiz also has a longstanding and proven training program in which employees working for partner organizations are trained in the psychosocial method of the solution-oriented approach.

Human rights defenders in fragile contexts are particularly exposed to constant threats and thus high levels of psychological stress. In view of the narrowing scope for action for civil society worldwide, there is a great need for action here. From the perspective of terre des hommes schweiz, it is important that sponsor organizations develop an understanding of how significant psychosocial support is for the sustainability of projects. Working with the KOFF Intervision Group, the organization wants to do its bit by compiling experience and making it accessible.

Text in collaboration with Andrea Zellhuber from terre des hommes schweiz

Bringing voices from fragile and conflict-ridden countries to the table

In 2018, KOFF held several roundtables for the member organizations to exchange views on key regions or topics. On October 2, 2018, this roundtable was devoted to human rights defenders in Kenya, marking the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders. The event was co-organized by Peace Brigades International (PBI).

In Kenya, the high inclination towards violence among security officials, the widespread corruption, and impunity are the main causes of serious human rights violations. Arbitrary arrests and extrajudicial killings are common occurrences. There are concerns about impunity for gender-based violence and the increasing number of femicides. The pressure on international NGOs is also increasing. Administrative barriers to legal registration in the country are also huge. These are particularly problematic for small NGOs, as the process calls for a great deal of resources at the expense of the local partners.

The organization PBI protects human rights defenders by sending voluntary teams to prevent violence, allowing activists to continue their work and creating scope for non-violent conflict resolution. In Kenya, PBI works mainly with

grassroots human rights defenders in the unofficial settlements of Nairobi. These settlements are home to two million people, who are excluded from access to state services (such as public security) and from actively participating in political processes. PBI's work in Kenya focuses on female activists and extrajudicial killings.

At the KOFF roundtable on “Challenges and Experiences of Human Rights Defenders in Kenya,” Maria Mutuata Mahia-Ini and Stephen Mwangi spoke about their work as human rights activists in Mathare, an unofficial settlement in Nairobi. The young activists reported that, alongside a well-functioning network and physical protection by PBI volunteers, social media serves as an important working tool. Stephen Mwangi stressed that a smartphone can save lives: It allows you to document irregularities, contact friends, and provide the network with live information about your current location. Important news can also be spread via social media platforms. At the same time, however, people under threat do not dare to call Stephen Mwangi and report incidents out of fear of repression. Digital security therefore remains a challenge.



Escort in Nairobi. Picture from PBI Schweiz

International awareness constitutes an important part of the protection of human rights defenders. This is why roundtables and generally discussing the situation of human rights at international level are so important. The Swiss public, but also Swiss authorities and organizations have to be well informed about the situation on the ground. PBI can thus also point out courses of action for the various actors, who in turn exert political or economic pressure on the aggressors.

The roundtables are a good way of discussing the concerns of human rights defenders in an informed circle and

allow the focus to be put on specific topics. Human rights defenders can also take advantage of the participants' expertise and network with new contacts. Working with KOFF is of great importance for PBI because KOFF is a significant party involved in the field of peace and human rights in Switzerland. The platform helps PBI to network with other organizations and the FDFA as well as to exchange knowledge. The *à propos* (the KOFF peacebuilding magazine) is also an important tool for raising awareness of PBI's concerns regarding human rights defenders and peaceful conflict resolution.

Text in collaboration with Anna Manconi from PBI Schweiz

Connecting peace with other realms: migration and peace

Forced migration is often a consequence of a lack of security and armed conflict. Migration and peace are thus

is true, migration should be considered more systematically in peacebuilding than it has been to date and migrants should also be included in relevant processes.



Bus with refugees in Afghanistan. Creative Commons

key components in the concept of human security and are closely inter-linked. At the same time – and this is a topic that has not yet been researched enough – so-called “migration phenomena” such as diasporas or human trafficking can be relevant to the peacebuilding process. The hypothesis is that forced migration is not merely a consequence of armed conflict, but in many cases, it is one of the keys to conflict transformation. Assuming this

to be actively used. Human trafficking primarily occurs in the context of conflicts and state fragility, yet at the same time plays a role in prolonging armed conflicts (as a source of financing) and weakening state and social structures. The active fight against human trafficking in fragile contexts is thus a crucial element on the path to creating crisis-resistant state structures and peaceful societies.

Diasporas and internally displaced persons are often not actively involved in peace processes in their home country or region of origin. In many cases, however, they would have enormous potential to contribute to sustainable peace solutions, which would have

It seems that the major migratory movements of recent years and the search for solutions to the related challenges have given rise to new thinking. Nevertheless, migration is often not strategically included in peacebuilding. With a view to changing this, the Human Security Division’s (HSD) Foreign Policy on Migration Section at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) would like to develop a toolbox within the framework of KOFF.

In spring 2018, KOFF was commissioned by the HSD to prepare and publish a study on the nexus between migration and peace. In June 2018, KOFF member organizations had their first comprehensive exchange on this topic. Over the next 18 months, the HSD’s

Foreign Policy on Migration Section plans to work with KOFF/swisspeace to develop a toolbox and hopefully some handy proposals for considering the issue of migration in peacebuilding. Carmela Bühler, Deputy Head of the HSD’s Foreign Policy on Migration Section, believes that this context plays to KOFF’s strengths. She goes on to say: “The KOFF platform unites the key players in the Swiss peacebuilding scene who bring with them diverse experiences from a range of geographical contexts. The platform, combined with the expertise of actors from the field of migration, offers an excellent basis for discussing and breaking down the links between peace and migration in practice.”

Text in collaboration with Carmela Bühler, Foreign Policy on Migration Section:

Carmela Bühler is Deputy Head of the Human Security Division’s (HSD) Foreign Policy on Migration Section at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). The Section advocates a human rights-based and orderly international migration system and helps shape Switzerland’s foreign migration policy. The Section is already implementing activities in its priority contexts in that regard. For example, it funds the training of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) on human trafficking.

News from communication

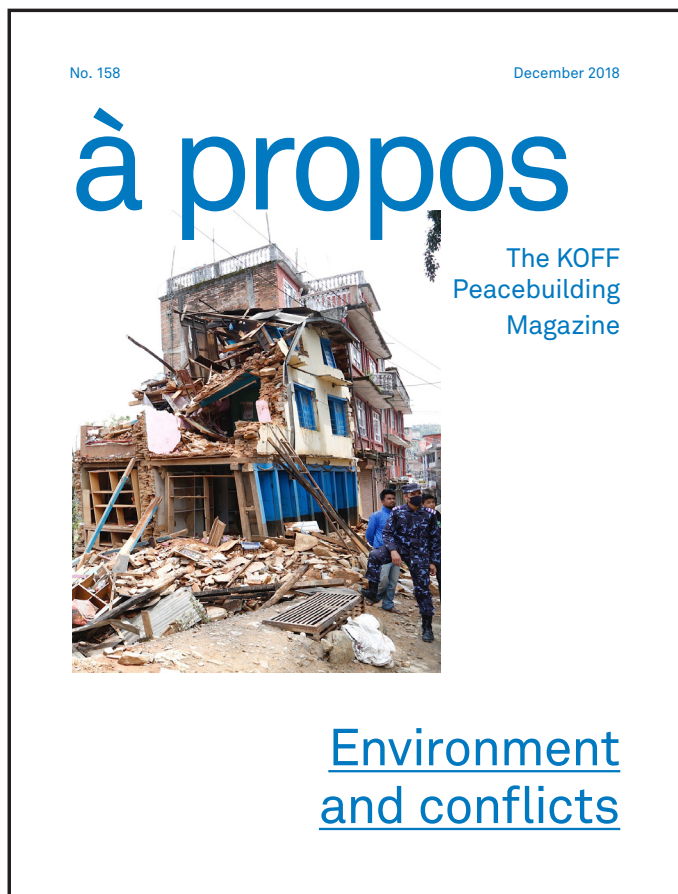
A “Member News” page was launched on the KOFF website in 2018, allowing KOFF members to announce their news on the KOFF website. The entire website was updated and spruced up using the means available – i.e. without having to acquire a new CMS.

As every year, KOFF published five issues of the peacebuilding magazine *à propos* in 2018. It covered the following topics: the psychosocial approach, the OSCE region, the elections in Cambodia, voluntary work, and the environment – issues all relating to peacebuilding

and conflicts. The magazine continues to enjoy relatively high popularity: the average number of clicks on the day a new issue was published was 1,630.

A desk study on the peace-migration nexus was also developed and pub-

lished within the framework of KOFF. The study has been discussed on several occasions and the topic remains a relevant one for KOFF.



The KOFF peacebuilding magazine december 2018

Head office KOFF

Annual figures 2018

	Accounts 2018	Budget 2018
Income		
Contribution swisspeace	197'763.57	204'000.00
Membership fees	17'300.00	22'000.00
Other income	2'203.05	
TOTAL	217'266.62	226'000.00
Expenses		
Personal costs	136'305.54	138'830.00
Activities	29'737.97	28'300.00
Organisation & members	3'838.40	10'300.00
Direct costs (ZEWO)	24'110.47	28'000.00
Indirect costs	23'274.24	20'570.00
TOTAL	217'266.62	226'000.00

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- Amélie Lustenberger: Communications

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List of KOFF activities 2018

- **January**
 - **Anna Leissing** takes over **KOFF project management** from Sidonia Gabriel
 - Contribution to the **Basel Peace Forum**
 - **KOFF Advisory Board** meeting
- **February**
 - **Andrea Grossenbacher** starts as Junior Program Officer
 - **Jasmine Widmer** starts as an intern
- **March**
 - Participation in the Annual Meeting of the **European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)**
 - à propos N°154 «**The psychosocial approach in peacebuilding**»
 - Participation in the consultation of civil society on the new **Swiss Action Plan for the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 (NAP 1325)**
- **April**
 - **Elizabeth Mesok** starts as Senior Researcher
 - Intervision Group: **Psychosocial Approach in Peacebuilding**
 - Start of the implementation of the **civil society project NAP 1325**
 - Participation in the Annual Meeting of the **Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS)**
 - Participation in the General Assembly of the **Agenda 2030 Platform**
 - Participation in the **Interdepartmental Working Group 1325 (IDAG 1325)**
- **May**
 - Roundtable: **Honduras**
 - KOFF member meeting on the **Agenda 2030**
 - **NAP 1325** Advisory Group meeting
- **June**
 - Conception of two sessions at the **Peacebuilding Forum of FriEnt** in Berlin
 - Film evening - **Land theft in Cambodia**
 - à propos N°155 «**OSCE region – new and old challenges faced by civil society**»
 - Workshop on the **Nexus of Migration and Peace**
 - Master Class – a practitioners' workshop on the **psychosocial aspects in dealing with the past**
 - Publication: **Desk-Study: Peace-Migration Nexus**

- **July**
 - Publication of the **alternative report on the implementation of Agenda 2030**
 - Roundtable: **Media in Gaza**
- **August**
 - **NAP 1325** meeting
 - à propos N°156 «**Cambodia: elections and violence**»
 - **Dayana Hug** starts as an intern
 - Roundtable on **Central America with the Swiss Ambassador**
 - **NAP 1325** Advisory Group meeting
- **September**
 - Intervision Group: **ICTs and the Psychosocial Approach to Peacebuilding**
 - Input at the **Peace Symposium of the Foundation Integral Peacebuilding** in Kiental
- **October**
 - Roundtable: **Challenges and Experiences: Human Rights Defenders in Kenya**
 - à propos N°157 «**Peacebuilding between professionalization and voluntary engagement**»
 - Launch “**KOFF Member News**” and update of the **website**
 - Roundtable: **Reflections on ongoing peacemaking in South Sudan**
 - Participation in the meeting of **IDAG 1325**
 - Exchange at SDC with Bishop Ramazzini on the **human rights situation in Guatemala**
- **November**
 - Input and media work on the launch of the **new Swiss NAP 1325**
 - Mandate for terre des hommes Switzerland on **conflict sensitivity in Nicaragua**
- **December**
 - à propos N°158 «**Environment and conflicts**»
 - **KOFF Advisory Board** meeting
 - Film Evening - **Peace Initiative in Israel/Palestine**



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