

## **Social funds, community-driven development, and reconstruction efforts.**

Social funds, community-driven development (CDD) programs includes interventions such as local governance initiatives, and infrastructure projects. Programs like NSP, GoBifo, and Tuungane promoted local governance and economic empowerment, while CERP focused on rapid-response reconstruction.

These interventions had no effect on diplomatic relations and peaceful dispute resolution. While NSP initially increased disputes due to block grant competition, this effect faded over time. Similarly, there was no pooled effect on the nature and scale of violence and atrocities—some interventions had effects in reducing violence, others had no impact, and a few increased conflict casualties.

The programs had large effects on access to justice, rights, and public services, significantly improving education, water, and electricity access. However, governance effects were weak, women's empowerment was limited, and there was no improvement in irrigation, transportation, or health services. Local governance participation increased in some cases, but broader transparency and accountability remained weak.

Civic engagement saw a moderate effect, with increased governance participation, women's inclusion, and electoral engagement, though gains were often temporary. It showed a small effect on economic security, with minor increases in income, expenditures, and asset ownership but no effect on long-term employment or productivity. It also had a small effect on educational security, improving infrastructure but failing to enhance learning outcomes, school attendance, or institutional accountability.

The intervention has no effect on environmental security, with some irrigation and land-use projects leading to unintended degradation. Security perceptions improved slightly, but actual violence and insurgent activity were not reduced.

Overall, while these interventions had large effects on public services and small effects on economic and educational security, their long-term impact on governance, security, and stability remained limited. Sustainable outcomes depended on institutional stability, community involvement, and governance engagement.

**Table 7 - Social funds, community-driven development, and reconstruction efforts.**

Outcome Category	Effect Size	No. of studies	No of Effect size
diplomatic relations & peaceful dispute resolution	0.004	1	2
nature and scale of violence and atrocities	-0.005	8	27
social norms regarding violence and atrocities	-0.001	2	6
feelings of trust & acceptance of diversity	0.037	10	40
sense of belongingness	0.0464	1	1
willingness to participate or help	0.167	11	38
access to justice, rights and public services	0.28	6	30
civic participation	0.171	7	28
government performance	0.043	8	147

economic security	0.028	11	57
educational security	0.07	6	23
food security and nutrition and health security	0.08	8	22
physical security	0.031	3	13
political security	0.028	5	21
economic security	0	1	2
intermediate social cohesion outcomes	0.095	2	35

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