

Questions for Student Discussion on Afghanistan

Please note:

This is a list of questions that students prepared to discuss with the faculty. Please note all questions listed may not have been asked in the order presented in this document. Also, due to time limitations all questions may not be asked or discussed.

Post-Conflict/Conflict Context

1. When a crisis occurs in populations, chaos results and oftentimes opportunities for selfish profit-making and political self-promotion may occur in parallel. What are some ways to prevent this in the context of community empowerment and social change?
2. What are the particular challenges associated with implementing community-based interventions and aiming to facilitate community empowerment in the post-conflict context?

Government

1. How sustainable are projects or social change when top-down governments are not involved? Can we do without government support? What about the NGO BRAC in the Bangladesh experience?
2. Can “revolution” (i.e. total overhaul of the current health system) occur in a politically stable country (e.g. the US)?

