



BUREAU OF CONFLICT AND STABILIZATION OPERATIONS

Anticipating, Preventing, and Responding to Conflict

POLITICAL INSTABILITY



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CSO maps country conditions, analyzes local dynamics, assesses risks and threats, offers fact-based solutions to instability problems, and forecasts future zones of instability. An essential tool is the Instability Monitoring Analysis Platform (IMAP), which collects, visualizes, and analyzes data on political instability and conflict trends across the globe. CSO also supports local partners in implementing stabilization programs. CSO's work has contributed to peace-process negotiations, mitigating election violence, atrocity prevention, sanctions assessments, and policy decisions.

Northern Triangle and Mexico: Regional Migration

CSO's data-driven analysis and maps of country conditions in Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras provided the U.S. government with analytical products on regional migration issues. CSO products were shared with the National Security Council, Department of Homeland Security, Southern Command, the intelligence community, and other federal agencies.



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Ukraine: Wielding Facts to Counter Russian Aggression

CSO created a publicly accessible interactive webpage in support of Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Kurt Volker to highlight the multifaceted nature of Russia's aggression against Ukraine and urge for sustained diplomatic pressure and sanctions on Moscow. CSO also awarded a \$3.5 million grant to enhance the monitoring capabilities and safety of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's Special Monitoring Mission and improve the quality of its conflict data.

Yemen: UN-Led Sweden Consultations

CSO stabilization advisors led international working groups in Amman to help develop negotiating points for Special Envoy Martin Griffiths to support talks that led to a localized ceasefire agreement. CSO is also providing \$8 million to support local ceasefires, in collaboration with the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and the U.S. Yemen Affairs Unit.



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Burma: Investigating Atrocities

CSO staff at Embassy Burma provided timely, on-the-ground analysis of conflict dynamics following the August 2017 violence in Rakhine state. CSO's contributions to the Embassy's crisis team helped U.S. policy makers determine that ethnic cleansing against Rohingya populations had taken place.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Conflict Prevention

CSO works to defuse inter-religious tensions in Bosnia and Herzegovina by strengthening the Inter-Religious Council (IRC), which brings together the four major religions in the region. Surveys demonstrate that about 70% of youth who participated in IRC programs positively changed their attitudes towards other religions. This initiative is coordinated with Embassy Bosnia and Herzegovina and Catholic Relief Services.



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