CONFLICT SENSITIVITY & DO-NO-HARM

CASE STUDY

Construction of a Hydroelectric Dam in the fictional country of Lumeria

Background: Lumeria is a developing country with a diverse population divided among different ethnic and religious groups. The country is rich in natural resources, including a network of large rivers. The government, backed by international investors, has proposed the construction of a hydroelectric dam to address energy shortages and stimulate economic development. However, this project has sparked conflict among local communities, particularly between the majority ethnic group, the Lumians who dominate the government, and the minority group, the Rurians, who are largely concentrated in the area where the dam is to be built. The Rurians are concerned about displacement, loss of livelihoods, and environmental impacts.

Application of Conflict Sensitivity and Do No Harm Framework

- Understanding the context.
- Understanding the interaction between the context and the intervention.
- Using this understanding to minimize harm and maximize benefits.
- Monitoring and adapting.
- Communication and engagement.