

## Chapter 1 Summary

- There is a need to do better at building peace, both for the purposes of reducing the levels and impact of violent conflict and for addressing longer-term costs of state weakness and persistent poverty.
- A key to doing better at building peace is bridging the gap between success at the micro (project) level and the macro level, or what has been termed Peace Writ Large.
- Bridging the micro-macro gap will require interveners to take a more holistic approach.
- We are unlikely to see truly holistic approaches that bridge the micro-macro gap unless we can define a field of peacebuilding that captures the interdependence of diverse practitioners and articulates a common goal toward which they all are working.
- Peace defined as achieving sustainable levels of human development and healthy processes of change is the key to defining a field of peacebuilding that can serve as a uniting rubric for the work of diverse disciplines and organizations.