

Chapter 5 Summary

- The SPA is a major change from conflict-sensitive analysis.
- The goal of an SPA is to support the building of Peace Writ Large (as opposed to good development), and it starts with a holistic question: What factors drive a social system's level of peace?
- In order to avoid bad analytical habits and capture complexity without oversimplifying, an SPA focuses attention on the key structural, attitudinal, and transactional factors that affect the level of peace in a society.
- The process of conducting an SPA is as important as the outcome and requires the inclusion of voices that ensure both vertical (across levels of society) and horizontal (across domains and disciplines) integration.
- An SPA is a living process that needs to be updated in light of experience.
- An SPA is not complete without creating a systems map based on an analysis of the key structural, attitudinal, and transactional factors.