

Example of Context Analysis Questions

| 1. What are the key issues in the country? | 2. Who are the main actors on these key issues? | 3. How might our work negatively or positively affect the interests of these actors? | 4. When are HRDs most likely to be attacked (verbally or physically)? |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political control of the country (even more delicate since revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt, and with forthcoming elections) • Polarisation – ruling party and opposition • Land use and distribution • Resource control (minerals etc) • Poverty • Unemployment • Attraction of foreign investment • Violence against opposition and HRDs | <p>President & ruling party</p> <p>Opposition</p> <p>Army</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Foreign states – embassies</p> <p>UN agencies</p> <p>International human rights orgs</p> <p>State-owned media</p> <p>Private media</p> <p>Public opinion</p> <p>Judiciary</p> <p>Religious leaders / groups</p> <p>Business interests</p> | <p>Negative, HRDs seen as opposition and affecting reputation of country regarding investment</p> <p>Positive generally – but some problems in violations by opposition are highlighted by HRDs</p> <p>Negative, HRDs seen as opposition & threat</p> <p>Police – negative – as army</p> <p>eg 1 – negative, long relationship with president and mining interests</p> <p>eg 2 – European – positive, supportive but HRDs can be labelled as being under control of West Regional - supportive but not influential</p> <p>Positive, supportive but cannot be too openly critical</p> <p>Positive, supportive</p> <p>State controlled - negative</p> <p>Fighting for survival but sympathetic</p> <p>Polarised</p> <p>Mixed – some independence</p> <p>Mixed – some support the status quo, some challenge it</p> <p>Business interests – want stability. May be different perceptions of what will achieve that</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prior to, during, post-election • working on a sensitive investigation • requesting information from the authorities on sensitive issues • after publishing challenging materials (eg statements, reports) • when your work is having impact in the region / country / region • after giving sensitive information to international bodies • at key anniversaries • at demonstrations |