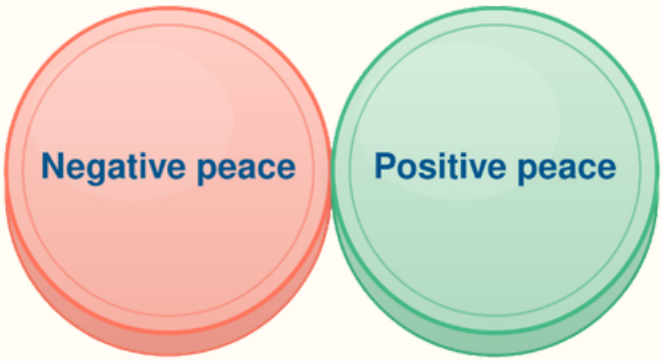
Peace for development: Roadmap for a peace economy

*Peace is essential for development. But **more weapons do not result in more peace.** Therefore, States and companies should invest in a peace economy to leave no one behind and protect planetary health.*

What is peace?

Two dimensions of peace:



Absence of conflicts

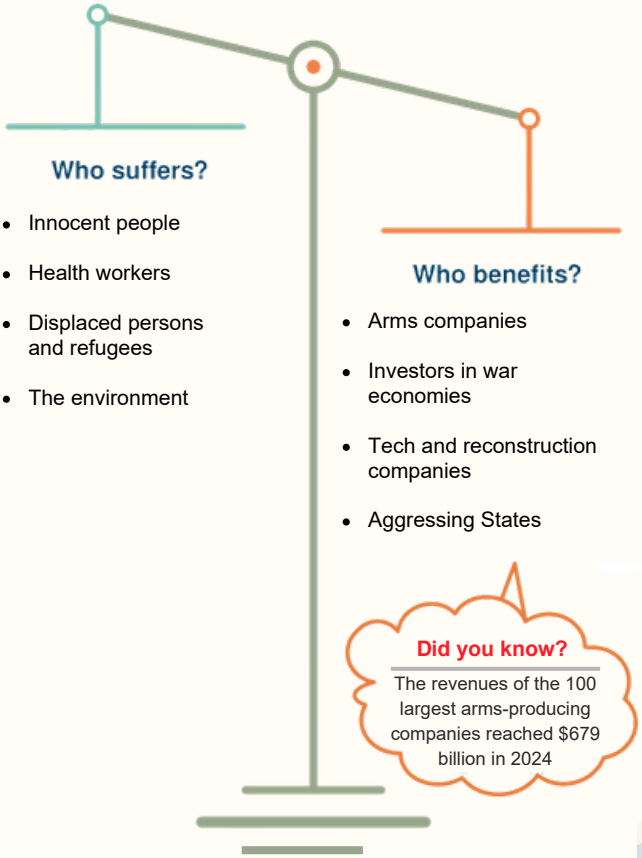
Absence of structural violence; socio-economic justice

Why peace matters?

There is a mutually reinforcing nexus between peace, human rights, development, gender equality and the environment



Cost of conflicts



Who suffers?

- Innocent people
- Health workers
- Displaced persons and refugees
- The environment

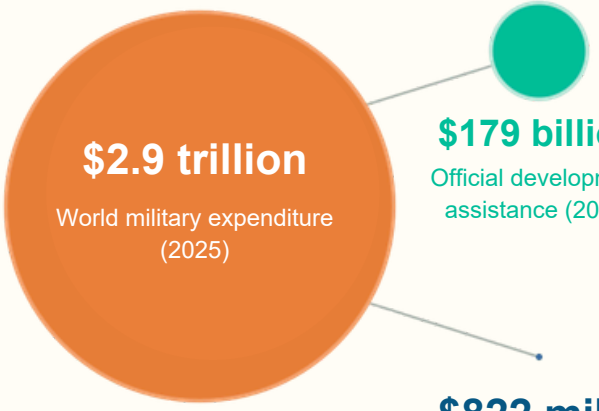
Who benefits?

- Arms companies
- Investors in war economies
- Tech and reconstruction companies
- Aggressing States

Did you know?

The revenues of the 100 largest arms-producing companies reached $679 billion in 2024

A misplaced priority



Circle areas are proportional to the stated amounts.



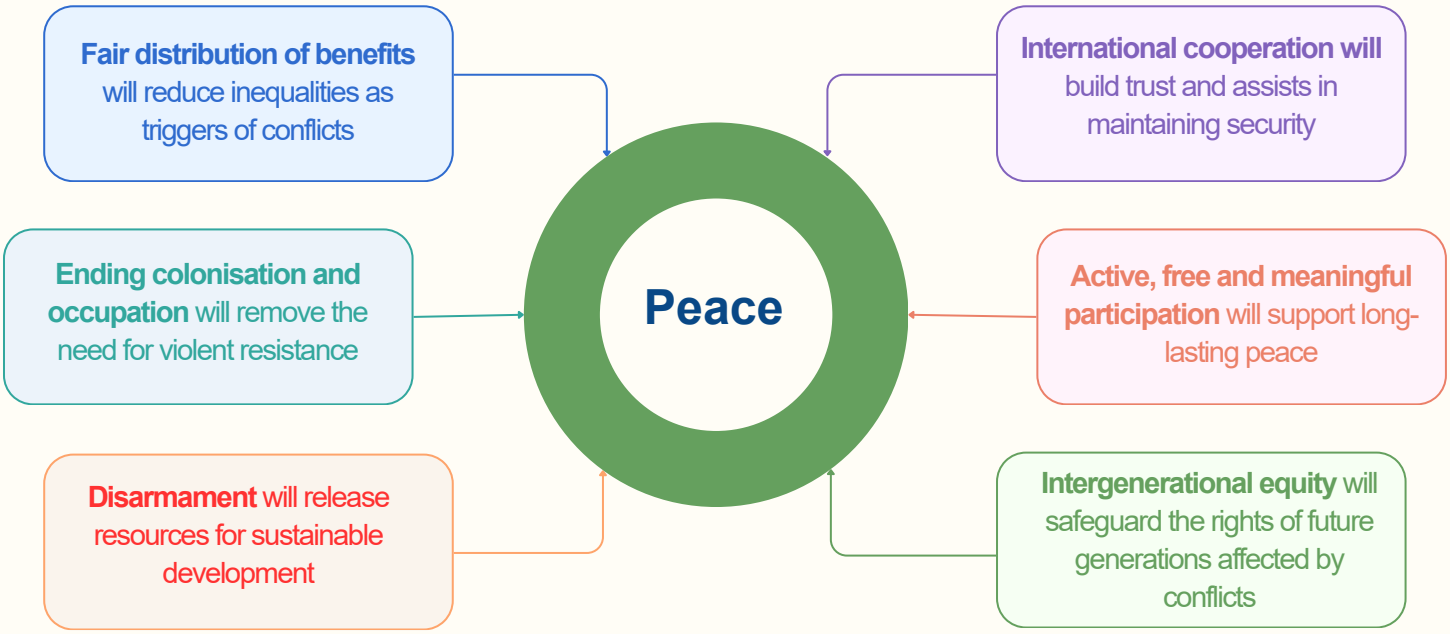
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How can the right to development sustain peace?

Several aspects of the right to development contribute to sustaining peace:



Roadmap for a peace economy

States and other actors should invest in four interrelated and complementary components of a peace economy:

FOUNDATIONAL

Address the root causes and drivers of conflicts

- Invest in dignified life for all
- Reduce inequalities
- Address the political economy of conflicts
- Promote human rights-based good governance

PREVENTIVE

Take proactive measures to prevent the escalation of conflicts

- Strengthen early warning systems and preventive diplomacy
- Reinvigorate disarmament
- Build trust and a culture of peace
- Revitalise multilateralism

INSTITUTIONAL

Create a fair and inclusive institutional architecture to support peace

- Reform the Security Council
- Establish robust dispute settlement mechanisms
- Revitalize the peace architecture
- Enable inclusive participation

DETERRENT

Establish effective mechanisms to hold accountable actors who indulge in unlawful behaviour

- Focus on collective security
- Strengthen accountability for international crimes
- Effective enforcement of international humanitarian law
- Raise costs of illegal use of force

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