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Abstract

This paper advances the notion of civil non-state actors in peacekeeping and peacebuilding. Using Sierra Leone as cases studies, the paper identifies three kinds of civil non-state actors in war-torn countries: international

organizations (NGOs), community-based NGOs, and ad hoc community organizations. In addition, it argues a critical problem-solving role in peacekeeping and peacebuilding and complement the role of state actors. To civil non-state actors through their dialectical affinity with state actors in the peacekeeping and peacebuilding the notion of non-state actors in peacekeeping and peacebuilding to encompass community-based NGOs and organizations. Moreover, it points to the positive role of civil non-state actors and the wide range of activities peace mediation and post-war reconstruction.

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