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Human Security: A Foundational Value for Solidarity & Collaboration

JICA/UNDP Seminar Compounded Crises and Human Security

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1. Human Security in the Age of Compounded Crises

30 years ago when Human Security was born...

- The Cold War between states ended but people were not safe!
- Human security was born as an "innovative perspective"
- Focus placed on people rather than nation

In the economy & society over these 30 years...

- Globalization, informatization and digitalization
- Stronger cross-border connectivity between people, goods, money, information, etc.
- On the other hand...
- Political polarization and social fragmentation
 Climate change, pandemic, etc.

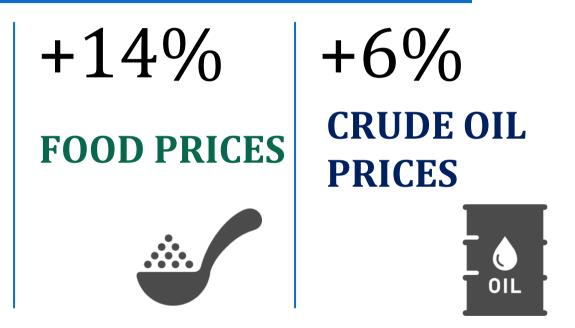
Living in the age of Compounded Crises

- Threats in the 3 layers of systems surrounding us
 - 1. Physical system e.g. natural disasters
 - 2. Living system e.g. infectious diseases
 - 3. Social system



e.g. structural poverty, armed conflicts/geopolitics

Impacts of the Ukraine Crisis



FAO Food Price Index https://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex/en/ UNCTAD Global impact of war in Ukraine: Energy crisis https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/un-gcrg-ukraine-brief-no-3_en.pdf

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Solidarity & Collaboration to cope with crises

Solidarity

Human security – the protection & preservation of people's lives, livelihoods and dignity – is a foundational value that <u>unites a divided world</u>
Collaboration

International community can, and must, <u>work</u> <u>hand in hand</u> under **the banner of human security**

2. Pathways to Human Security

1. <u>Prevent the abuse of power</u>, both internally & internationally

Combined approaches are required: balance of power; cooperation & mutual benefit; dialogue, confirming the value of human security Democratization of global & local governance, & strengthening of people's legal consciousness and rule of law, to collectively check and monitor power

2. <u>Empower the community as well as the people</u>

 Sustainable development has to be indigenous
 Empower the people Build individual capabilities – education is key
 Enhance the resilience of communities & societies Respect & utilize local institutions

3. Human Security is a foundational value for Solidarity & Collaboration

We are all human...

- Let us remember the importance of human security – it is a path from division and conflict to solidarity and collaboration
- Beware of the sense of caution among some people about "universal values"
- Protection & preservation of people's lives, livelihood and dignity is a transcultural value

Role and aim of JICA Ogata Research Institute

In response to the compounded crises,

JICA Ogata Research Institute will strive to...

Conduct theoretical and empirical research on human security and contribute to the practical realization of human security of all the people

Thank you!

